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Workers In The Vineyard Of Jesus – The Conditions For Calling And Election

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Proclaiming Jesus' teaching of love is urgently needed....

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y Gospel shall be spread throughout the world.... I gave this instruction to My disciples while I still lived on earth, and I give My disciples of the last days the same instruction today, for it has become more necessary than ever to convey to people My Gospel, the Gospel of love, which is unfamiliar or no longer taken seriously by everyone, even though it is well known. People have distanced themselves from Me because they no longer live in love, thus I cannot be with them either. And a life without love will result in certain death for you.... Hence it has become imperative that people be informed, that My teaching of love is proclaimed to them again, that the danger they are in is brought home to them if they fail to live according to My commandments of love, and what they will achieve if they shape themselves into love....

My teaching of love has to be proclaimed to all nations of this earth, and therefore I send My disciples into the world again.... The teaching material I give to them and which they shall distribute is exquisite, so that people can once again be taught in the same way which I preached on earth as the man Jesus in order to bring salvation to people from their lifeless and constrained condition.

More than ever it has become necessary to emphasise the divine teaching of love, for it is observed far too little. What should be normal for people such as loving each other like brothers and doing for each other what is customary amongst brothers is no longer known to them, everyone just thinks of himself, and everyone regards his fellow human being as his enemy rather than his brother.... There is no community which unites with love, unselfish neighbourly love has almost disappeared but selfish love has grown ever stronger, and therefore people are at great risk of delivering themselves to death and having to linger in this sleep of death for eternities again.... but which they can escape if only love is kindled and practised in their hearts once more. For this reason I repeatedly prioritise love, I Myself constantly preach love; the essence of My Word, which is transmitted to you directly from above, only ever consists of love which motivates Me to help you, and which has to be practised by you, too, if you want to remedy your soul's hardship, if you want to wake up to life and not ever lose this life again.

And I awaken servants for Myself everywhere.... disciples, which I instruct again as during the time of My life on earth, disciples, to whom I proclaim My pure Gospel with the instruction to pass it on, because I know that people have to be informed of the Gospel of love, of their earthly task to deliver themselves from their bondage and darkness through unselfish love. For although people know My commandments of love they nevertheless speak of them thoughtlessly, they don't consider them in their hearts and act accordingly....

And therefore their attention needs to be drawn to them again, time and again they have to be spoken to and stimulated to act with love, they have to be told that they can only become blessed through love because only through love can they come closer to and establish the unity with Me, which has to take place without fail in order to be happy. And thus there is no other mission more urgent than this: to proclaim My teaching of love or to revive it again with reference to the One Who suffered for love and died on the cross. For all people have to be informed of Him Who exemplified to them a life of love, Who was motivated by love to endure utmost suffering and an excruciating death in order to save humanity from the night of death....

People shall only be taught to look after their fellow human beings with unselfish love, to approach them like brothers and to treat them like brothers.... Only that guarantees their own salvation, but a

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heartless way of life inevitably drives people into My adversary's hands, who is devoid of all love. Yet until the very last day of this earth My messengers will still preach love, until the last day they, as My disciples of the end time, will proclaim the Gospel of love, for only the person who accepts it will escape the end and experience My love and mercy to the same extent as he has practised it himself....

Amen

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Willingness and life in love

"Many are called, few are chosen...."

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et yourselves be counted among My disciples whom I train for their last activity on this earth. Again I choose fighters for Myself, I choose disciples for Myself to whom I can proclaim My gospel so that they will carry it out into the world. The end time has dawned, the time of harvest is coming, and much work is still to be done which I entrust to My disciples, to those who follow Me and allow themselves to be taught by Me of their own free will. These disciples of the end time have the same mission as My first disciples, whom I chose Myself according to their inner value, i.e., whom I recognized as willing and able to love and to whom I was therefore also able to send My spirit which continued to instruct them when I no longer lived on this earth. Every person is capable of love, but whether he is willing to love is determined by himself. The ability to love is My gift, the willingness to love is his merit.... And thus many are called but only a few are chosen.... These words of Mine are to be understood as I have explained them, that all people are able if only they want to, but that the willing are also the chosen ones whom I shower with grace. Nothing else shall My words mean, and never that I only grant grace to a few to belong to My own, while I deny it to the others. All people are called but not the devil's servants, for since I gave everyone the ability to develop love within himself, everyone can also shape himself into a receptacle for the spirit, and thus he is also chosen, yet this shaping of his soul is the work of free will. And if he does not use his ability to love his soul will never change and be suitable as a receptacle for the spirit. Then he certainly belongs to the called but not to the chosen, then not My will but only his will is decisive, then he is not a disciple of Mine, he does not follow Me and is not suitable for work at the end of time. What could you humans accomplish if you used your abilities properly.... My first disciples were full of the spirit when they went out into the world, they all developed their ability to love, they were all devoted to Me and followed My will in everything, and I chose them, I assigned their activity to them, I sent them out into the world so that they should report what they had partly received from Me on earth and partly received from My spirit. And they carried out My mission and taught.... they conveyed the pure truth to people, for their pure, loving nature prevented every misconception and misinterpretation. And as long as they spoke My teaching was pure and unadulterated. But it did not remain so, for people who came after them and in whom My spirit was not yet able to take effect presumed to have the same teaching authority, and the pure teaching was disfigured.... The disciples of the end time are chosen by Me again and are bearers of the pure truth according to their willingness to love. They, too, are to pass on the unadulterated truth to people and must therefore be enlightened by My spirit if they want to carry out their teaching ministry for people's blessing. The willingness to love makes them suitable disciples, whereas the ability to love does not yet guarantee their suitability for the teaching ministry. In order to be able to teach, they must first call knowledge their own; but the transmission of this knowledge is the result of a life of love without compulsion. You are all called, but who shapes himself in such a way that I can choose him, that I can pour out My spirit upon him, which guarantees purest truth? But I bless My disciples of the last days, for I only dwell with them in spirit, whereas My first disciples constantly had Me close to them, whereas I was constantly present to them and consequently it had to be easier for them to believe in Me than for the disciples of the last days, who have to awaken faith in Me within themselves and let it grow and who therefore find it far more difficult to believe and accept every word as truth. However, I will constantly stand by their side, even if not physically; yet I will always stay with them in spirit until the end, for I Myself have chosen them because I have recognized them and have known about their willingness to love since eternity....

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Representative of christian doctrine must live in love....

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very representative of the christian doctrine must live according to it himself, otherwise he will have little success with his fellow human beings. Christian doctrine preaches love, therefore its representative must also live in love in order to first find followers, because a good example encourages imitation. But then he must also teach the truth, and he can only receive this truth through love, i.e. he himself must be active in love in order to be instructed by God in the truth. Only then can he pass it on and proclaim His teaching in the world as a true representative of Christ. The christian teaching of love thus contains the truth within itself, it is the only path that leads to truth and thus to knowledge, for man will never ever reach wisdom, the spiritual knowledge that corresponds to truth, by any other path than through love. Only love leads him into this knowledge, and therefore love has to be taught first; and therefore the teaching of Christ is the teaching proclaimed to people by God, and therefore it can never be portrayed as man's work, for it contains divine wisdom which no human teaching can exhibit. It is very simple and understandable for every human being, it is also acceptable and not difficult to follow for the one who is of good will. And he will also soon become knowledgeable as soon as he lives in love, as christian teaching demands. And this is how you recognize Christ's teaching, that love is only ever preached, that the human being is admonished to be gentle, peaceful, patient and merciful, that love for his neighbour must therefore always prevail if the human being wants to lead a God-pleasing way of life. And as soon as he makes this effort, he stands in the light, i.e. in the knowledge of the pure truth. Therefore, if a representative of Christ on earth wants to stand up for His teaching he first has to live a life of love in order to provide his fellow human beings with the evidence that only love leads to wisdom and that then the human being will have fullest knowledge and everything that happens in the world will be understandable to him, because he will be able to recognize cause and effect and because he knows that a life without love has a destructive effect but that love sustains everything and therefore cannot be eliminated. Christ's representative on earth will always provide the evidence that he is wise as soon as he lives His teaching himself, and then he will also be able to present it to his fellow human beings such that it appears acceptable to them, and then it will meet with approval and spread, for then it will speak for itself. Therefore, only people who live a life of love themselves can be considered as Christ's representatives on earth, otherwise they are just dead words which don't go to the fellow human being's heart and therefore don't inspire activity of love either. In that case, however, no knowledge can be attained, people are far removed from the truth, they may well be christians in word but not in deed, and then those people will also lack the profound knowledge which can only be born from love alone....

Amen

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Exemplary life of love of God's servants on earth....

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In times of the most blatant lack of love, people must be particularly influenced by an exemplary life of love so that they recognise their faults and weaknesses, so that they take it as an example when their neighbour approaches them with a request. No human being is spared suffering and hardship, everyone will be dependent on the help of others, and then everyone should also prove himself, the will to love in him should be stimulated and come into effect. A good example can bring more blessings than just words of instruction, a good example often wins over a hard heart. And you, who voluntarily work for Me, you know about the effect of a life of love, you have become receivers of strength and light and can therefore be active in love in an earthly and spiritual way.... You can give at any time, even though spiritual gifts are not valued as much by fellow human beings who do not live in love themselves. Yet the distribution of earthly goods, help in daily life, is also particularly

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significant in your work for My kingdom. For where you distribute such you will also find open hearts for the spiritual gifts and awaken reciprocal love. The great lack of love can only be controlled in such a way that My Own are recognisable through their work of love, that they obviously step out of the framework of the general public, that their way of life stimulates fellow human beings to think and to imitate them. For love is a power which never remains ineffective. My emanation of power comes to light in the working of love, and thus I Myself work where love is practised, and where I work, success can never fail to materialise. The awakening of the slightest degree of reciprocal love is already a success which cannot be valued highly enough, for then the human being already unites with Me and, through the smallest work of love, extricates himself of My adversary, whose sharpest counter-weapon is love. He cannot withstand love, and continued working in love completely drives him away. If a person now begins to change, if he gives up unkindness and endeavours to do the smallest of labours of love, he will noticeably feel the release from the power to which he has been in bondage until then. If he pays attention to this and continues on the path of love he will also feel freer and drawn towards God, he will then unconsciously strive towards Me. For the knowledge of his beginning and his destiny will not yet earn him the feeling of God's presence, but loving activity lets him sense what was previously hidden from him, and therefore it is extremely important to kindle the spark of love in the fellow human being so that he himself feels the feeling of God-connectedness within himself and seeks to increase it. And if he does not do so on his own accord it should be demonstrated to him by good example, and if his heart is not yet completely hardened an act of love shown to him will not remain without effect, and then one more soul will be won for My kingdom, which otherwise would inevitably be lost forever.

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

Action-love.... good example....

B.D. No. **8343**

November 30th 1962

ou shall proclaim My teaching on earth, which only teaches (demands) love love for Me and I for your neighbour.... And thus you must also live a life of love yourselves, otherwise you will not find faith with your fellow human beings if you yourselves act differently than you preach.... But if you give them a good example they will also try to live a life of love in accordance with it, and then they will also experience the effect of a life of love on themselves.... The blessing will not fail to materialise then either, and they will be allowed to constantly receive much in the way of light and strength, in wisdom and spiritual strength supply.... But first they have to let love flare up within themselves, and you should help them to do so through your teachings and your own life of love.... Very often the words are quoted: Love God above all else and your neighbour as yourself.... But they always remain just words, these commandments of love are not lived out, and therefore only a few know about the blessing that a right life of love entails. Love is the divine, which glows in the human being as the tiniest spark and has to be made to flare up by the human being himself.... Love is light and strength in itself, and thus a loving person must emerge from the state of darkness and weakness.... And this must be recognizable by rich knowledge and strong faith.... The human being must come to recognize the truth and also be allowed to connect with Me as the eternal love through his life of love and thus also receive strength, the influx of which results in **every** connection with Me. However, the person who is satisfied with empty words, who does not live out love and thus sets a leading example for his fellow human beings, will not be able to achieve any of this. For a good example is often more successful than words can achieve. And if you humans keep telling yourselves that every form is worthless before Me, then you will also make an effort to live a right life of love, and the blessing will not fail to materialise, you will be happy about the effect yourselves, for since you now enter a state of realisation the meaning of your earthly life will also become clear to you and you will now live consciously.... The love within you will become ever stronger, because strength constantly flows to you from Me which you use again for loving activity. But what is meant by true love? You should regard all your fellow human beings as brothers who all have the same father and for

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whose return the father longs.... You should help these brothers in every need and danger, you should try to make them happy, give them joy, distribute gifts they need; you should protect them from all harm.... you should do everything you wish for **the one** you love with all your heart, for this love is within you and only needs to be kindled.... You should also know that every person is in danger of getting lost who does not find the path to Me, and therefore you should help him onto the right path, you should illuminate his path with a bright light which shines brightly for you again through loving activity and which you should let shine out into the darkness of night so that your brothers will also recognize the path which leads back to the father.... You should think of your neighbour more than of yourselves, for truly, I Myself will then know how to protect you if you lovingly take care of your neighbour who is too weak to help himself. Nor will you ever need to fear that you will have to live in want yourselves because you first thought of your neighbour who was in need.... For as you measure out, so will it be measured out to you, and thus you also banish your own need when you take care of your neighbour.... And you can believe it, your fellow human beings will also take an example from such a life of love, and then their spiritual state will also be brightened.... they will be accessible to the truth and also be able to understand everything they are told about their destiny on earth, for love will break through all shells, people's hearts will become light, they can now also be instructed about all spiritual correlations, about their beginning and their final goal.... They will understand and want to share their knowledge with their fellow human beings again, because they themselves are delighted by the knowledge and now love impels them to also let others participate in the light which enlightens their hearts. For the right proclamation of My teaching of love also includes a love of action, it includes a way of life in unselfish neighbourly love which will also cause fellow human beings to fulfil the commandments of love for God and neighbour....

Amen

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Love and dedication needed for vineyard work....

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I ou are all called to redeeming cooperation on earth, yet you must fulfil prerequisites so that you ■ will be chosen to serve Me and can be instructed by Me as to what you should do.... You must first be filled with love for your fellow human being whom you want to help out of spiritual adversity.... For if you cultivate love within yourselves you will also recognize the degree of spiritual hardship in which people live.... And then you will also be willing to help.... You also have to be in close contact with Me which, however, is already guaranteed by the love within you or I would not be able to assign you your task. And you must firmly believe that all people have a task to fulfil and, in realisation of this, also instruct your fellow human beings.... And there are not many people who have recognized the meaning and purpose of their earthly life and would also like to lead their fellow human beings to the same realisation, because love has grown cold, because every person only thinks of himself, thus he still has a strong selfish love which he should overcome during his earthly existence. This is why I keep recruiting co-workers on earth, for this work can only be done by people, because I cannot influence people supersensibly due to their free will test.... But I know every individual person's heart, I know his state of maturity, his spiritual condition, his will and his love, and truly, I choose the right servants for My vineyard.... And thus they can work for Me to the greatest blessing if only they are willing to serve Me in all freedom of will and in love, for then I will take over the guidance and the human being need not fear to undertake anything which contradicts My will.... I only want full devotion to Me from those who are willing to serve Me, then I can choose them, for full devotion to Me guarantees that the human being is full of love and willing to help, and then he can also work beneficially amongst his fellow human beings.... If people would only concern themselves with the fulfilment of the commandments of love, then the great spiritual hardship would not be.... There would be no such spiritual low that would cause the dissolution of the work of creation on earth..... Yet My commandments of love are only little respected, self-love predominates, everyone is his own neighbour, and people stifle the divine spark within themselves, the spark of love which I

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placed in every person's heart, and they remain enslaved by My adversary from whose power they should liberate themselves in earthly life. And these people can only ever be helped by a fellow human being who recognizes the spiritual adversity and wants to remedy it. And this person will also always find My support, because I don't want to let any soul go astray and the salvation of just one soul is a great gain for Me.... because it is eternally released from My adversary's control. And therefore I bless every person who serves Me with utmost unselfishness, who only cares about his fellow human being's salvation and whom I therefore endow with strength and light as My co-worker, which he shall pass on again to those who dwell powerlessly in darkness, who need help to find their way out of deepest spiritual hardship.... And I instil the right thoughts into all those who want to serve Me and also guide them to the people on whom redemptive work is to be done.... However, it is by no means a spiritual coercion which I exert on you but I direct your thoughts which you voluntarily move within yourselves again.... and driven by the love within you.... now also carry out what is My will, because My will also fulfils a loving heart.... Therefore the first thing is love, and no person can ever be a faithful servant and diligent co-worker to Me who does not have love...., by which alone you can recognize God's true servants.... For even such people call themselves 'servants of God' who are completely without love, and these will never be able to achieve spiritual success, for their speeches are dead even if they are based on My word, but they lack life because their spirit itself is not alive, which only love can awaken to life. Time and again love is placed in the foreground by Me, and anyone who has love cannot go astray, for he is united with Me through love and has fulfilled his actual purpose of earthly life, and therefore it is also your most urgent task to stimulate your fellow human beings into a life of love, and then you will also be successfully active in My vineyard and do redemptive work according to My will....

Amen

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Living faith

Strong faith.... tool of God....

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You will still often find yourselves in adversity but you need never despair, for if you don't abandon Me I will never abandon you either. There is still no standstill but a constant decline, for people do not find their way to Me except for a few who recognize Me and are united with Me. And to these I call: Bear the adversity of the time for the sake of others who do not yet know that their souls are in danger. Because of them the adversity which also affects you and makes you despondent cannot yet be ended. But you always have a helper by your side and every disaster will pass you by if you believe and take refuge in Me in your adversity. And I will guide you through all dangers, but you must stand firm and remain strong in faith, for you shall be an example to others, a support on which they can lift themselves up when they are pressed to the ground by suffering. Stay strong and be My helpers on earth, for I need you to prove the strength of faith to your fellow human beings, to point them to Me, to teach them to raise their hands to Me in supplication and to approach Me for help. You should instruct them in My stead, because I cannot speak to them Myself in order not to force them into faith.... You shall speak for Me, and you can only do so if you are profoundly devout yourselves and don't let anything make you waver in your faith. You will always have the opportunity to work for Me, you will always encounter needy, desperate people whom you can help onto the right path.... and whom you should draw to Me and My working, to My love which, for the sake of erring souls, lets great adversity come upon people.... They shall become believers through you, they shall recognize by your calmness and inner peace what strength lies in the right faith, and they shall seek to gain this faith.... But you must first be strong in faith yourselves or you will not be able to stand up for it with conviction. And therefore persevere in prayer for the strength of faith, take refuge in Me in every adversity of body and soul and recognize My help if I avert the adversity from you.... I want to make strong instruments out of you for the coming time, and thus I must place you in situations where you are to prove your faith in Me.... where you intimately pray to Me and visibly find an answer.... For I need you, I need people on earth who are so deeply permeated by their faith in Me that they no longer shy away from any danger, that they feel Me as present everywhere and cannot be shaken by anything. For they shall fight for Me in the coming time, and this requires courage and strength which they can only gain through profound faith. You humans don't know what you are capable of through profound faith... how mighty and powerful you can be if this faith is inherent in you.... And therefore no earthly adversity shall frighten you, for your faith can banish it at any time.... Ask Me and wait for My help in the firm confidence that I will help you, and let go of all worries, for I will take care of you if you entrust yourselves to Me with complete faith. For if you carry Me in your heart through your will, which is for Me, you are My children, and I will not abandon them forever.... and I will protect them in every adversity of body and soul....

Amen

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Power of living faith.... presence of God....

B.D. No. **6650**

September 21st 1956

The world will still make great demands on you which you should be able to cope with. And you must spiritually acquire the strength to do so, for there are also **spiritual** attacks which indeed come from the world but precisely for that reason require much strength to resist. I want to prepare you for this time, I want to strengthen your faith, but this can only ever happen if I impose tests of

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faith on you, the passing of which results in an ever stronger faith. Again and again I tell you that I need faithful servants on earth, and again and again I recruit new servants because much work is still to be done before the end. But all these servants must have strong faith because otherwise they are unfit to work in My vineyard. And therefore they must be unusually loving and thereby increase their strength of faith, for they can only speak vividly for Me and My name if they themselves are alive in their faith.... They must serve their fellow human beings as an example of the strength a living faith produces and how only this living faith can be won.... The working of love is indispensable in order to attain strong faith, and the working of love is stimulated by fellow human beings' adversity and suffering.... which therefore cannot be eliminated and can bring much blessing. But I also have other means to let you humans mature into a strong faith, after all, it is only a matter of feeling Me present, of coming so close to Me that you then trustingly present all your needs and worries to Me and ask Me for help, which will then also become yours.... You must look for My closeness and commune with Me ever more often.... for then even doubts which still exist will give way to the certainty that I will help you. And then you will no longer let go of Me. It is My presence which gives you security, and for this reason I would like you to call upon Me through heartfelt prayer.... For the closer you draw close to Me the easier I can influence you so that you will feel Me and then also firmly believe. And you will need such faith in the coming time.... and this alone is the reason why you will be able to stand firm. The world can still push you away from Me, that is, you feel two realms, as it were, and cannot unite them, the spiritual kingdom will be displaced as soon as the world approaches you. And this separation must be removed by you.... You must feel just as connected to Me in the world and know that I am present to you, only then will you also have power in the world and your vineyard work will be successful.... Then you will not fear the world which threatens you because you will **know that I am at your side....** This alone I want to achieve, and therefore I try everything to draw you so firmly to Me that this bond can no longer be loosened by worldly impressions or worldly demands on you. And illnesses and suffering, hardship and worries also serve this purpose, because they can result in this intimate bond with Me and then an over-strong faith is certain gain.... "Come to Me when you are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest...." - "Ask, and it shall be given you; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Always remember these words and take the path to Me, and know that I am your father and also want to be loved by you, His children, as a father. And a loving father does not leave his children in adversity as soon as he can help them.... And you will not doubt that I can help you, that I want to help you is proven again and again by My words which betray love for you, and love is always ready to help....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

God in Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. **6098** November 4th 1954

I truly want to be your teacher and advisor and guide you on the path to perfection.... But your will has to accept and acknowledge Me as your guide and teacher, otherwise My instructions will remain without effect and you will not take a step forward in your development. If I now meet you in Jesus Christ.... to Whom you must completely profess in your heart.... then the right path is shown to you at the same time, for only through Jesus Christ is the path leading to the aim. It is impossible to establish a connection with **God** without acknowledging Jesus Christ, because I Myself can only be sought and found in **Him** and there is no other God apart from Jesus Christ. And therein lies the great adversity on earth, that people reject Me, as it were, that they don't want to know and believe that the eternal deity.... the all-fulfilling strength.... manifested itself in Jesus Christ.... but now also wants to be acknowledged.... that I Myself in Jesus Christ confront them when faith in Me is demanded of them. And you will always be instructed in this sense when you are taught the **truth**. Every **other** portrayal of Me, of your task, of the eternal deity does **not** correspond to the truth.... And yet, other representations are far more likely to be believed.... And that is why humanity takes the wrong path, it does not take the path via Golgotha, it does not take the path which I, as the human being Jesus,

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initiated upwards.... it does not take the path of love.... otherwise it would recognize and acknowledge Jesus Christ as the 'embodied' eternal love.

Belief in a creating power alone is not enough, for such a Power **cannot** be denied by a thinking human being.... But the fact that this creating power made Itself imaginable to you in Jesus Christ.... that It and He are therefore **one** and that therefore the human being **must** unite with **Jesus Christ** if he wants to unite with God, this must be assumed to be true and established, otherwise the human being lacks faith in Me, even though he does not deny a 'God'. I call for faith in Jesus Christ, which only demonstrates a **true** faith.... a faith which was awakened to life through love; for anyone who convincingly acknowledges Jesus Christ as God's son, in Whom I embodied Myself, has also already kindled the love within himself which imparted the light of realization, the strength of conviction to him.... but without which one cannot speak of true faith....

But I am not satisfied with blind faith.... And therefore I instruct you Myself and offer Myself to you as a guide so that you will be guided correctly in your thinking and through truth also gain full understanding for the mystery of God's incarnation in Jesus Christ. **Proper** instruction will give you light, and you will also accept it.... And only **I Myself** can give you this instruction on condition that you allow yourselves to be taught by Me.... that you ask the 'eternal deity', Whom you acknowledge within yourselves, for clarification, for right thinking and for right guidance. I will truly comply with this request and always be ready to introduce you to the truth, so that you can believe with full conviction and become blessed through this faith....

Amen

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Vocation to vineyard work....

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nyone who feels called to do vineyard work for Me should regard this as the most urgent work, even if it apparently results in an earthly disadvantage for him. For only then will he provide the evidence that he is called by Me, that he feels responsible towards Me and that he listens to My inner instructions. And My instruction will never be to treat the work for Me and My kingdom indifferently and to give priority to earthly work, because I know how necessary it is that spiritual knowledge is conveyed to fellow human beings which serves them for the salvation of their souls and because I know that the world always pushes itself into the foreground and that the souls are constantly in danger of falling prey to it. Only one thing is important in earthly life: to help the soul ascend. And for this it needs My word, a nourishment which gives it strength to cover its ascent. I Myself cannot always provide fellow human beings **directly** with nourishment for the soul, I usually have to do this through willing servants who are more likely to find the way to people's hearts. These have to do vineyard work, they have to plough up and cultivate the field as My faithful servants and thus supply good seed to the soil which they have previously cultivated.... And this work is truly the most urgent, if only because not many servants make themselves available to Me and because therefore much work has to be done by each individual in order to nevertheless be able to gather abundant fruit at harvest time.... But fellow human beings seldom appreciate vineyard work.... the work for Me and My kingdom.... because they rarely appreciate it properly, for they only consider that important which brings earthly success, and they usually lack understanding for spiritual work. But it is so important that I bless every faithful servant and this blessing is also earthly evident, that I give him what he needs for his earthly way of life and he need not suffer any hardship because he is a good servant to Me and because I, as a good father of the house, truly take better care of My own than the world will ever be able to provide for a person. For worldly goods do not last, and no human being knows whether he will still be able to enjoy these goods the next day.... But I also provide for people in such a way that their earthly life is secured, and I also distribute goods to them which last and cannot be taken away from the human being when he leaves this life. And My servants should be satisfied with this assurance, but they should know that their services cannot be dispensed with because I have to make use of them due to people's freedom of will. They should only know that there is great spiritual hardship amongst humanity or that vast stretches of land lie fallow and therefore labourers are needed to cultivate this land on behalf of their lord.... And even if fellow human beings cannot muster any understanding for the fact that a person places spiritual work in the foreground.... but it proves his calling to serve Me and My kingdom. For as long as spiritual work does not take precedence over every other activity, it is not yet possible to speak of a 'calling', for anyone who 'feels called' by Me to cooperate has heard My direct address within himself and this is also sufficient for him to fully commit himself to the work I now assign to him. And he need not fear that he will not be able to survive on earth, for I will give him everything as I have promised. For I am truly one lord, and I alone determine and grant.... I sustain the whole of creation and all creatures, and I will also know how to sustain the one who offers himself to Me for eager cooperation in order to control the great spiritual adversity. And truly, this work will also be blessed and have an effect on earth and in the spiritual kingdom....

Amen

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Suitability for spiritual work - dedication of the world....

hose who feel called to work for Me by hearing My spirit's utterance as a spoken or mentally conveyed word must continue to be eagerly active and not lose themselves to the world. Nevertheless, the world is still their environment, i.e., as long as they stay on earth the world also approaches them with its demands. But it can be overcome if the heart frees itself from desires and wishes of any kind. The love that develops in every human being can be directed rightly or wrongly. If it belongs to the world then it is a wrong love which has to be fought against if the human being wants to be in contact with Me and thus active for Me. Thus the love directed towards Me is the right one, and this love must fill a person who wants to work as My servant for Me and My kingdom. There must only be room for Me in his heart, thus no concession can be made to the world, and that is what is difficult for the human being and why only rarely is someone suitable for spiritual work, for a service which requires unconditional devotion from the world. Therefore I have to choose My workers for Myself, I have to train their ability to tear the love for the world out of their heart, however, not compulsorily, but I have to try to change his will so that he surrenders to Me and is no longer turned towards the world. And thus the world's goods must be presented to him as worthless and impermanent, which is only possible if they leave him unsatisfied so that he no longer desires them. If a person has a very worldly attitude he lacks spiritual contact with Me, and then he will also never be able to accomplish spiritual work. But it often takes a long time before a person has recognized the worthlessness of the world, and therefore workers will rarely be found who offer their services to Me of their own free will. For the world approaches people again and again and seeks to capture their thoughts. And it will always mean a battle which, however, has to be carried out for the sake of the soul's salvation, and this battle always has to end with the defeat of My adversary who is the prince of this world and against whom this battle is therefore waged. No matter in which form this battle takes place, the success will always be a spiritual maturing, but the cause is worldly desires and their fulfilment. Therefore, consider every disappointment, every failure, every suffering through material losses as a means to overcome desires and cravings, and surrender to it without complaint, for it helps you to overcome everything that hinders you from being a good and eager servant in My vineyard.... it helps you to free your heart and prepare it to receive Me, Who truly offers you something that surpasses worldly pleasures. Give up the world and exchange Me for it, and you will gain the most delicious if I Myself am within you and bestow spiritual wealth upon you, which is truly refreshment for your soul and cannot be compared to what the world offers you. Serve Me diligently and make yourselves worthy of the privilege of having been accepted as labourers for My kingdom.... Use your service diligently, so that one day you will be rewarded as faithful servants and be blessed....

Amen

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Sacrificing time for God and spiritual work....

B.D. No. 4829

February 4th 1950

Offer Me your time, remember that it is I Who gives it to you and Who demands of you that you not only remember the world but also Him. Anyone who wants to serve Me must be willing to sacrifice everything for Me, and thus he must also always be ready for Me, i.e. he must want to be active as My servant for Me at all times if I require his services. Thus he has to put everything else aside when it concerns working for Me, when he feels that I want to speak to him or send people in his way to whom I want to make Myself known. Before every work for the world, before every earthly activity, he should direct his thoughts towards Me, and if his striving towards Me is serious then he feels the inner urge within himself for a work which is My will to accomplish. But he must want to hear My instructions, he must come to Me before every earthly activity so that I will bless it for him. If I now require him to do work for Me and My kingdom, then I instruct him to do it and he willingly complies with this instruction, i.e. he does what he feels inwardly urged to do. Thus the first condition is that a person wants to serve Me. Anyone who claims a lack of time has no serious will to work for

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Me, for he will always find time for what makes him happy if he seriously wants it. Anyone who desires to hear Me must not be deprived of this gift of grace, and as soon as I recognize his desire for My word I will always find ways and means to express Myself to him.... I give him the time as soon as I recognize his serious desire for dialogue with Me. The people of the world cannot and will not understand that I am lord over time and that I distribute it as I will.... that I can shorten or lengthen time, that I can make the human being efficient, but also that I let time pass uselessly through obstacles or the failure of all work if it is My will. How can you humans then complain about a lack of time if you shorten it yourselves because you don't invoke My blessing? What you sacrifice to Me I give back to you a hundredfold, and again and again I tell you that I spiritually and earthly bless every sacrifice that is brought to Me by blessing its work and it will truly achieve more and also gather spiritual treasures which are inaccessible to the only earthly creator. But anyone who only sees the world, who only devotes all his strength and time to it, will only have achieved little in the end, for he will lose what he possesses on earth and nothing can replace the lost time which he certainly believes to have used, which is why he withheld it from Me and acquired nothing for eternity....

Amen

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Vineyard work requires postponement of wishes....

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November 12th 1957

ou must be willing to give everything if you want to be true servants to Me, if you want to serve ⚠ Me with the zeal which your work in My vineyard requires. You don't know how necessary your activity is in the last days before the end, but again and again I have to emphasize that everything has to be done in order to still bring help where salvation is possible. The work for Me and My kingdom requires self-conquest, that is, a putting aside of earthly desires and pleasures, because all time for it is lost and yet you humans don't have much time left until the end. For this does not only mean the end of this earth but also the hour of death, which can happen to every person sooner than he thinks. And it is extremely difficult to achieve in the kingdom of the beyond what the human being can still easily achieve on earth: the bond with Me through a living faith.... As soon as you, as My servants, can only achieve the one success that people seriously consider their death and the life of their soul after their death, as soon as you can only motivate them to establish the right relationship with Me, as soon as you can only awaken or revive their faith in Me, then great work will have been successfully accomplished and the further development in the kingdom of the beyond will no longer be doubtful when the human being is unexpectedly called away from earth. And thus in order to be able to accomplish this work you need strength and love for your fellow human beings, for you have to take care of them with patience and perseverance, which often requires you to put your own wishes aside. You cannot proclaim My gospel enough, you cannot scatter enough of the seed, and you should seize every opportunity where this is possible for you. For you don't know when each individual will be called away from earth, and therefore you should carry out the work of love on everyone I lead you into the path to impart spiritual good to him. Only diligent vineyard work can succeed in opening hearts for My word, for only living 'representatives of God' are able to stir human hearts and cause them to seriously reflect. For the dead proclaimers of the word will have little success, for they are lukewarm, useless servants who lack the right seriousness because they themselves lack living faith. The spiritual adversity has to be recognized and it has to be tackled with a firm will to remedy it..... And you, who have freely offered yourselves to Me for service, you know about this adversity and also have the opportunity and the means to remedy it, for you possess My word and can pass this on.... You can enlighten your fellow human beings and also point out their actual earthly task to them, you can also impart knowledge to them which can make them thoughtful and determine their will to hand themselves over to Me.... And then you will truly have achieved great success, and you will have been efficient servants to Me, for then you will have done a work of redemption and the soul will already be able to pass over into the kingdom of the beyond with a certain degree of freedom when the hour of death has come. And you can still bring salvation to many a soul through diligent vineyard work, but

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you must not become lukewarm and indifferent, for there is not much time left for all of you. But anyone who is willing to give everything will also receive an abundance of strength in order to be able to carry out this redemptive work. He will always find it easier to detach himself from the world, from earthly pleasures and desires, the more eagerly he devotes himself to the work for Me and My kingdom.... And in the end only this work will make him happy, because it will provide him with spiritual strength which he will use again and again according to My will for the salvation of those who are in greatest danger of losing their spiritual and earthly lives....

Amen

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Garaging will to God's will

Fulfilment of the mission requires total commitment....

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he gifts of grace flow to you abundantly and therefore you should also work diligently with them, The gifts of grace flow to you abundancy and increase you should as it is My will. And I will always place My will into your hearts who are willing to serve Me. Then you will act as it is good for your and your fellow human beings' salvation. But so that you feel My will in you, you must completely hand yourselves over to Me, no will of your own may determine you but you must let Me rule in everything, and then everything will approach you such that you only ever need to act according to your feelings and it will be right. Hence it is a prerequisite for an activity blessed by Me that you always unite with Me in thought, through prayer and activity of love, and that you only start any work after you have established this bond. Every day must begin and end with devotion to Me; you must always approach Me for advice and help, you may not do any work which you have not first commended to Me and My blessing. Only then will the abundant treasure of grace flowing to you become a blessing for you and your fellow human beings in your hands, even if it seems as if you have little success. As soon as I possess you, My servants, completely, I Myself work through you, and My work will truly not be done in vain. The complete surrender of your will to My will is what I must demand of you again and again, for the slightest self-will is an opportunity for My adversary to intrude into your thoughts. Therefore, every day of your life should be a single thought of Me, then everything will also be settled earthly, for your father truly knows how He considers His children, and it is His children who completely surrender to Him. My only ever concern is that you humans attain life and don't sink back into your dead state through your own fault, I only ever want to keep you alive, and therefore you must always hand yourselves over to the one Who is life Itself from eternity.... Then sinking back into the state of death is impossible, for then the strength of life will constantly flow to you and you will then also use it according to My will. I want to possess you completely.... But you must want the same, you must push towards Me of your own free will. Then I will also always be by your side, I will advise and guide you, and My will will determine your actions. I must be able to work in you unhindered, but you only allow this when your heart and your senses are continuously turned towards Me. You must constantly strive for unity with Me and nothing may hold you back from it.... you will only be able to fulfil your mission on earth when I Myself can speak in and through you. I certainly make a request of you which seems unrealizable to you, yet the closer you come to Me the stronger your desire for a heartfelt bond with Me will become. Initially, however, it will cost you an effort to put everything aside for My sake, to leave the world completely behind and only ever turn your eyes towards Me, but soon your eyes will only long for the light from above, while the world will sink into grey mist, into darkness. Pay attention to My words, seek Me unwaveringly and do not detach yourselves from Me when you have found Me, for only the heartfelt desire for Me will lead you to the aim, to complete unification.... Moreover, your earthly path will also be easier for you, for you will constantly be able to draw strength from Me, and you will be guided by Me on all paths. But the loner will go astray because his own will is still too much influenced by My adversary. But as soon as you fully subordinate your will to Mine I will have the right and the power to influence you, and then you will also be certain of success.... then every thought, every word and every deed will be blessed, for then you will only ever think, want and act as it is My will....

Amen

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Opposing a strong will to the adversary of God....

nly a strong will is able to assert itself when it is necessary to carry out a mission for the kingdom of God and is opposed from all sides. Then the weak person will slacken in his activity, whereas a strong will does not let itself be deterred and pursues and achieves its aim straightforwardly. Every activity for the kingdom of God will incur the opposition of God's adversary, and his endeavour will constantly be to prevent the activity for God or make it impossible. And thus a servant of God will constantly be confronted by opponents amongst his fellow human beings who try to convince him of the uselessness of his work for the kingdom of God in order to stifle the impulse for eager activity in him. These are the people who are strongly influenced by God's adversary and listen to his mental whisperings. But God's adversary is an enemy of truth, and therefore he will always fight the truth, he will ensure that God's servants are constantly harassed by fellow human beings, that they portray spiritual work as unimportant and also cast doubts into the hearts of those representatives of divine teaching. He will be at work wherever there is the possibility of winning souls for the kingdom of God, and only where the servant of God has a strong will to oppose him, where he does not allow himself to be distracted by opposition of any kind, that is where success will also be recorded. Then he will not let up, and his bond with God will also strengthen his will to work for Him. God's adversary works with cunning and force, and where he does not achieve anything with God's representative due to doubts he tries to prevent people from accepting the divine word, he tries to steer them into a different channel so that they ignore the precious gift or turn away from Him. But he constantly scatters weeds among the divine seeds, he tries to undermine and suppress the truth through false teachings. And again, the servant of God must offer him resistance by virtue of his will, he must use his spiritual knowledge and refute every objection if it is possible for him. He must not grow weary but keep the great spiritual adversity in mind which has moved God to obviously come to people's aid and now be a faithful servant to Him who eagerly works for his lord in order to fulfil His will. For the adversity is great, and a good labourer in the vineyard of the lord can accomplish much work, and he will also become victorious over the enemy of souls if only he appeals to God for strong will and for help in his own spiritual adversity....

Amen

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Vineyard work.... subordinating the will....

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'he vineyard work is so versatile that all who are willing to do so can enter My service, for I ▲ assign the activity to everyone according to his ability, and everyone will be able to carry it out, although great eagerness to work is required. Yet there are only a few who are willing to work for Me, and their degree of maturity is so different that not everyone can do the same work and that I therefore train servants for Myself in order to be able to distribute the work such that it is successful for Me and My kingdom. The vineyard work has become extremely urgent, for the time of harvest is approaching and therefore I still need many servants who want to serve Me with love. But where will I find such? Serving Me is not particularly appealing to the people of this world, for apparently there is no advantage to be gained from it; moreover, this work also requires tremendous self-conquest.... The human being must serve, i.e. put his own will aside and let the lord's will alone prevail.... I make this demand of everyone who wants to work as My servant in My vineyard. He must completely submit himself to Me and only do what I demand of him. Yet people are self-willed and cannot subordinate themselves, and therefore they are also not suitable for a service which requires complete devotion of will. For only one works, and He is I, because I alone know what is good and right.... Therefore My servants must submit themselves to Me and only ever carry out My will. I don't want them to work arbitrarily without having obtained My instruction, I want them to listen to what I tell them and then eagerly work according to My will. Thus I want to instruct them first, only then shall they appear in My name and carry out vineyard work, i.e. work the field, the human hearts, to receive the good seed,

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My divine word, so that the harvest will be rich and I can praise My servants if they have brought Me a great harvest. Whoever wants to work for Me shall accept the instructions from Me, thus open his heart and ear so that I can speak to him. But anyone who tackles the work without being instructed by Me will not have much success, for he does not work for Me but for himself.... He only works for the sake of the reward he is given, and this will be meagre and only paid for the time on earth.... So he probably also volunteered for vineyard work but did not wait to see whether I would employ him as suitable for it. He worked because every job pays its wages, yet not out of love and loyalty to the lord, Whom he serves. And I do not value this work as work for Me and My kingdom. I certainly pay the wages, i.e. I maintain My servant as long as he works for Me, but beyond that he no longer deserves anything, for his wages are gone because he only thought of himself, but I need servants who want to serve Me out of love for Me and their neighbour, who carefully look after My vineyard and don't allow anything to get lost in it, who therefore are and will remain faithful servants to Me for all eternity. Anyone who wants to work for Me must completely submit to Me and only be the executor of My will, I must be able to take possession of him and work through him without finding resistance. Then he will be My hand which becomes active, then he will work in My stead, then he will be My right representative and work in the vineyard according to My will. And then he will also have much success, he will increase My kingdom, he will win many souls for Me and his activity will be blessed....

Amen

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Assuming the will entails right thinking....

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February 19th 1965

'he will to serve Me relieves you of all responsibility, because what you now do, that is My will, A as soon as it is about the vineyard work, as soon as you undertake something to serve the spreading of My word. You must always consider the one thing that you have set yourselves this task, that you made it your life task and that I therefore direct all your steps and your thoughts so as it is right, that you therefore do not need to fear to act wrongly, because everything what you do for Me and My kingdom, that is also for a blessing, and whether it also appears to you at times as the opposite. Always just consider yourselves as My tools, which I will always use there where they are expedient, and which make nothing out of themselves, but can always only carry out what the master hand determines them for. Because I still have everything in control, and whether you also possess free will, which I will not touch, but this will already belongs to Me, and therefore I can now use it according to My will. You will never be able to act differently than it is My will. Whatever you undertake, your thoughts will be directed by Me, because own thinking then switches off as soon as you have handed yourselves over to Me that I can lead and guide you. And the obligation to spread the truth will approach you more and more strongly.... Because the end commands this, and the time becomes shorter and shorter, which is still at your disposal. And enormous steps still have to be taken in order to open people's hearts for the truth.... Much work still lies ahead of you, but I always stand behind you as your master and assign the work to you.... and even if it sometimes seems as if the ways are inaccessible, which you are to walk.... Again and again I find an occasion to also convey truth to those, whom I still want to seize. But only very small is the flock, which I still can win for Me, but it is to be found in all layers. Individuals can be found everywhere whom I will count to My small flock, who are deeply impressed by the truth and want to escape from error. Therefore only ever let yourselves be guided, and don't fear that the guidance could come from the opposite side, for since I already possess your will My adversary can no longer have an effect on you.... For you yourselves have withdrawn his power over you; you have handed yourselves over to Me, and you will now truly act as it is My will....

Amen

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Intimate connection with Jesus Christ

Heartfelt prayer.... God's help....

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lways rely on My help if you are in spiritual or earthly need; I am always ready when you call Me. And stay with the thought that I prepare you for the time of your activity for Me. This thought will be an explanation for you in all situations of life, for great demands will be placed on you which you can only fulfil with My help and therefore you must always seek contact with Me.... And you must learn to always turn your thoughts towards Me, even though you are moving in the hustle and bustle of the world, when you are approached by incentives of all kinds or hardship and oppression. You must learn to concentrate so that your soul can lift itself up into the spiritual kingdom for a short time in order to fetch strength again and again. You must learn to say a short heartfelt prayer at any time which, rising from your heart, will always reach My ears. The earthly world must never become stronger than the spiritual kingdom, you must educate yourselves to this if you want to consciously serve Me and be active for Me. For this reason you will also be confronted by temptations of all kinds which you must withstand, which must not push you away from Me. With Me you will be able to cope with everything, but without Me the world will tie you to itself again and you will succumb to it. But anyone who commends himself to Me at all times need not fear becoming a victim of the world, for I hold My protective fatherly hand over him and every temptation will only serve to strengthen his will. But again and again I admonish you through My word to seek refuge with Me and in the spiritual kingdom, where you will always be granted help in earthly and spiritual adversity if only you believe, for I will not leave My servants on earth in adversity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Silent prayer.... Public confession....

B.D. No. **6012** July 30th 1954

Lyour heart is pleasing to Me and will reach My ear.... Hence, I only look into a person's heart and disregard the words spoken by the mouth if the heart is not involved. If you are able to completely withdraw from the world in order to enter into heartfelt dialogue with Me, then you are already praising Me without words through your willingness to make contact with Me, then you are sending Me in thoughts a silent prayer, true worship, which will be a great blessing for your soul, for the connection with Me lets you gain strength and grace which is experienced by the soul as help for its maturation. This sincere form of prayer is the true prayer which is pleasing to Me, for then you have voluntarily approached Me so closely that the strength of My love can touch you, drawing you ever more affectionately towards Me. If you want to speak to Me then the spoken word is truly unnecessary, for this can easily intend to hide or pretend something, which I certainly recognise but which need not be evident to another person who allows himself to be easily deceived and then will use the same form of prayer himself....

Step into your closet if you want to pray.... Withdraw into complete silence, you will be able to find Me there far easier and communicate with Me like a child with its Father.... And you will tell Me everything without fear and in childlike trust.... And your requests will be granted to you because then your prayers will reach My ear.... For I have promised you this with the Words 'Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest'.... Thus I will keep My promise with anyone who comes to Me, and this more evidently so the more trustingly he approaches Me, the more

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intimately he unites with Me and entrusts himself to Me in silent conversation. The spoken language is intended for your communication amongst yourselves.... But I don't need words for I know everything, I look into your heart and read your thoughts, and thus you cannot deceive Me no matter how beautiful your words are.... just as no words are needed if you want to exalt and praise Me.... because a silent expression of thankfulness, a humble call upon Me, a life following My will, a faith brought alive through love will truly please Me and include praise and thanks as well.

Yet you shall confess Me to your fellow human beings with your mouth.... Where it concerns your attitude towards the faith you shall confess Me freely and openly and not fear the consequences of your courage of conviction.... For this confession shall in turn be an incentive for your fellow human beings whose faith is still weak, and at the same time it demonstrates that you support the truth, that you don't want to give an outward impression which does not concur with your inner thinking, with your conviction. You shall always be true and put Me and My name above all else if this confession is demanded of you....

But whatever you want to tell Me can be presented to Me by you silently and in secret, for I want to hear the voice of your heart and not just words spoken by the mouth without the involvement of the heart. And such prayers are tremendously powerful if they are sent to Me in unison.... if people come together imploring Me to grant a particular request.... if they all appeal for the same, if they send the same plea to Me, and even if it is just a short call.... I will hear it and grant it if they pray to Me in spirit and in truth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Dialogue with the Father.... His Word from above....

B.D. No. **7441** October 30th 1959

You must withdraw into solitude if you want to speak to Me.... I merely require you to withdraw from the world and into your closet and then turn your thoughts to Me alone.... so that you mentally detach yourselves from the world and all its requirements, so that you give no room in your heart to anything but Me and so that you approach Me in a childlike manner in order to hear Me and My Words. I want a prayer in spirit and in truth.... which necessitates that you completely detach yourselves from all worldly thoughts, it necessitates listening within, a silent dialogue with your Father and an attentive ear within for what answer your Father might give you. Your words will not remain without reply, if only you listen for it.... if you truly desire a dialogue, so that you address Me and subsequently wait for what I have to say to you in response.... This private dialogue with My child is exceedingly pleasing to Me, after all, the child is opening its heart to Me so that I can provide it with an answer which is intended only for the benefit of its soul. Yet I can never do this in the midst of the world, when the human being is distracted in every way from heartfelt thoughts of his eternal Father.... He can certainly send a quick prayer up to Me even in the midst of the world, and he will be well advised if he tries as often as possible to send a short thought to Me and thereby remains in constant contact with Me.... But a right prayer in spirit and in truth, when he may distinctly receive My Fatherly love, can only take place in the closet of his heart, in silent retreat and the heartfelt devotion of the child to its Father.... Then peace will enter the person's heart and he can hold a heartto-heart talk with the Father.... and he will never regret spending any spare time in such silent dialogue, because I very gladly speak with My child and it will draw much benefit for its soul from every conversation.

Detaching himself from the world will often be difficult for a person, My adversary will hinder him from doing so in every possible way, time and again he will try to disturb or prevent it.... But the human being's will should be stronger and resist My adversary.... Then the person will receive strength and be able to accomplish his intention: to unite with Me in heartfelt prayer and to hear the Father's Words. Only an intimate bond like this will enable you humans to hear My Word from above through a fellow human being.... only a union in spirit and in truth makes it possible for My spirit to pour itself

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into an opened vessel.... And therefore, great blessings rest in this beginning, this intention of becoming receptive to Me and of allowing My flow of grace to pour into oneself. For countless souls participate in the transmission of My Word which also desire to hear the Father's voice and with heartfelt longing are waiting to be addressed by the Father.... You should all withdraw into solitude and listen.... And you may truly hear your Father's voice, it will sound to you like pleasing music, for that which comes from Me can only grant you happiness and blessing, that which comes from Me has to touch your souls like exquisite nourishment for which you long and which you will receive without limitation as soon as you desire it. Send a prayer up in spirit and in truth.... Lift your thoughts to Me and listen. And I will speak to you like a father speaks to his child, and your soul will cheer and rejoice at every Word that comes forth from the mouth of God....

Amen

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Listen to the "inner voice"

Called servants of God.... office on earth....

B.D. No. **3601**

November 13th 1945

nyone who believes himself to be called to carry out a mission from God must also hear the divine voice within himself, otherwise he cannot proclaim the divine will as His representative. This is a condition which cannot be disregarded, for a servant of God must first know his lord's will himself and thus receive His expression directly. Understandably, people first have to fulfil the conditions which presuppose hearing God's voice within themselves.... The human being must live a life of love, he must be deeply religious and thus firmly convinced that God Himself speaks audibly to people, and he must consciously listen to the voice of God within himself.... Without fulfilling these conditions God's spirit will never make itself known and thus the human being will also not be called to present His will to his fellow human beings on God's behalf. The human being can indeed speak to his fellow human beings about spiritual things in good will to instruct them, however, there is no guarantee that he will instruct people truthfully. He first has to work on himself with the firm will to be accepted as God's servant until, by fulfilling all conditions, he is called by God for an office on earth which is extremely important and therefore can only be administered by people who are completely devoted to God. And this person must absolutely hear the voice of the spirit within him.... He must be so obviously introduced to truth, to the right spiritual knowledge, that his extraordinary mission, his calling by God Himself, can no longer be doubted. He must have brought himself into a state that he, as a servant, can receive all assignments directly from his lord, that he only functions as a mediator between God and people. And the change into this state must be the result of the strong will to serve God, to fulfil His will himself and to help fellow human beings in greatest spiritual adversity. No earthly interests whatsoever are allowed to have a say, they must be completely eliminated.... Thus the human being has to adjust himself completely spiritually if he wants to enter God's service and be active for Him and His kingdom. Through him God also appoints helpers on earth who are likewise active in His will. For God's will can now be made known to them through the former, and they will be in truth because it will be conveyed to them purely and unadulterated through God's servant.... And anyone who strictly adheres to the word of God thus imparted to him will be accepted as a labourer in the vineyard of the lord, and his activity on earth will likewise be a blessed one, he, too, will be considered a servant of God as long as he adheres to the word which is conveyed to him by God Himself through a called servant. But anyone who does not acknowledge this word, who does not have a direct recipient of divine truth as a teacher, if he cannot hear the inner voice himself, can never be active as a servant of God on earth either.... He will never be able to be a guide or teacher for his fellow human beings but, like them, a person in need of guidance who first has to be given the right knowledge if he wants to walk the right path on earth. Only then will a person be able to work for God and on His behalf on earth, for only then will he represent the pure truth, only then will he be in direct contact with God and be able to hear God's voice through His spirit within himself. But he will never arrive at the truth, at the right knowledge, by any other means, and he can never believe himself called by God to spread His word as long as he is not introduced to the truth himself, for His disciples are only those who are instructed by Himself or receive His direct instructions through a mediator, and these alone He sends into the world to instruct people.... And anyone who believes them, who allows himself to be taught by them, will stand in truth and therefore be blessed, for truth leads to God, Who Himself is the eternal truth....

Amen

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Instruction by God Himself.... Audible Word.... Jesus' disciples....

January 11th 1947

Your knowledge can be increased in all directions if you entrust yourselves unto Me as a student and want to be instructed by Me. In that case you can ask any question and you will receive an answer. However, you will have to listen within or you will be unable to hear the answer. How this listening has to take place is not known to you because you don't practise it and therefore you don't hear My voice, although it speaks to you. First you have to withdraw into seclusion, that is, you must detach yourselves from the world such that your thoughts can unimpededly consider the problem you want to solve. In addition, you must make contact with Me through heartfelt prayer so that I Am present with you, so that you can therefore communicate with Me and speak to Me like a child to its father, like a brother to a brother or a friend to a friend without any inhibition. And then you will need to think about the problem that bothers you.... And a light will shine within you, you will have thoughts which seem acceptable to you, which you are inwardly convinced are right and which are indeed right because you have entered into union with Me and thereby entitled Me to direct your thoughts onto the right path.

However, you can also hear My voice directly within you, but this process needs to be practised, for it requires patience and complete seclusion from the environment, i.e., your thoughts must be able to completely detach themselves from everything around you. Then you will be able to hear gently spoken Words, mentally or even audibly, depending on your degree of maturity and receptivity. The audible Word puts an end to every doubt, and once you have reached this state of audibly hearing My voice in you, you will be the happiest people on earth, for then no more question will exist for you which would remain unanswered for you, then you will be able to speak to Me and receive the answer no matter where you are, then My voice will be louder than the voice of the world and will always and forever drown it out. And this audible Word was heard by My disciples on earth, and thus I was able to instruct them personally and answer their every question after My ascension to heaven. I was with them in spirit and will also be with you humans in spirit until the end. And therefore you should endeavour to reach a state of maturity of soul on earth, so that you will be able to perceive My voice audibly in you, and you should practise receiving My Word, you should mentally remain in constant contact with Me and leave the answer to all questions to Me, you should listen within and you will receive an answer, the eternal Teacher Himself will instruct you as He has promised, that He will guide you into all truth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The ability to hear God's voice.... Conditions....

B.D. No. **4462**

October 16th 1948

You are only able to hear the voice of the spirit if all your thoughts and intentions apply to Me alone, if you thus completely detach your thoughts from the earthly world. This does not imply that you should not perform your earthly duties or totally withdraw into solitude. For this does not correspond to My will, but in the midst of the bustle of the world you should look for the opportunity, and you will indeed find it, where your soul disassociates itself from the world, where you can briefly detach yourselves from all earthly thoughts, hence where your soul lifts itself into spheres which are unrelated to Earth, where I Am the focal point of your thoughts, feelings and inclinations, where it looks for and wishes to speak to Me. Everyone can establish such short contacts with Me if he wants to, he can even turn his thoughts towards Me for a few minutes during his earthly work, and I will pay attention to every thought and impart My Word to him; and if a person mentally remains for a longer time in My kingdom, if he takes the time to hold an inner conversation with Me and pays attention to the thoughts flowing to him as a reply, he will develop the ability to hear My voice, and it will soon sound to him like a gentle but clearly pronounced Word in his heart. You all can develop this ability within yourselves; however, it requires complete detachment from the world.... Nothing externally

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must affect the human being if he clearly wants to hear the voice inside. For this reason it also takes considerable strength of will to withdraw from the outer world and not to allow any part of this world take effect upon oneself.... I must be desired and be able to completely permeate his heart, otherwise I cannot be present to him and he will not be able to hear Me either. No-one can serve two masters.... When I speak everything else must be silent, and anyone who shall possess My love, which manifests itself in the Word, must also grant Me his love and willingly detach himself from all worldly matters, for My gift is precious and must also be appropriately appreciated

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Voice of the spirit is truth.... Jesus Christ's teaching.... Inner voice....

B.D. No. **4775** November 7th 1949

What you are told by the voice of the spirit has to be acknowledged as spiritual truth, for the spirit does not err but, as part of God, knows everything and also informs the soul of what it needs to know. Therefore, if you let the voice of the spirit speak in you, you will hear God Himself, albeit always providing that you desire to hear God. Only your desire for God decides whether you may hear His voice. God, however, loves His children, and anyone who longs for Him is His child, thus He will also communicate with those who want to hear Him. Therefore a person, who is serious about receiving the truth, will truly not ask God in vain.... God will reveal Himself to him, but He will do so in different ways because people often lack the knowledge and faith that God Himself will speak to people. Consequently, they do not listen carefully to His voice within, and thus God will bring His Word in other ways to them so that the person may partake of the truth, which is always upheld in His Word. But only in His Word should you humans search for truth.

Take notice of what Jesus taught during the time of His earthly life and accept it as God's Word, for the voice of God spoke through Jesus, the spirit of God was working through Him, and therefore everything He taught was purest truth. Hence you should always keep to His sacred Word; you should accept it in your heart as God's Word through which He wants to guide you into truth, if you sincerely appeal to Him for truth. He will give it to you, He will always convey it to you in the manner you are receptive to.... yet you will also always be able to listen inwardly for the divine voice, and if you practise this in the firm belief that He will reveal Himself to you as His children, you will soon hear His tender and soft voice inside yourselves. You will catch yourselves holding quiet conversations with your Heavenly Father, and then you should regard it as His Word, as His voice, which speaks to you Words of love and wisdom. And you may always believe these Words, since the will and desire for truth and the conscious endeavour for God also ensure the working of His spirit, and you will receive the truth from God Himself, Who is eternal truth....

Amen

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Desire for truth and spirit of God's work

"Many are called, but few are chosen...."

B.D. No. **5604** February 17th 1953

any are called, but few are chosen. You have all been given the task of forming yourselves into La vessel of My spirit, and you would all be able to do so if your will strove for it. But the fact that you do **not** all reach the aim is due to yourselves, precisely due to your will, which is free and not directed or determined by Me to do what is right. Only a few take their earthly task seriously, they shape their heart according to My will and therefore can also let My spirit become effective in them. And thus these are the ones who are chosen among the many called ones.... But to have been chosen by Me means to have to fulfil a task which can only be carried out by a person who allows My working of the spirit. He shall represent Me and My name before the world, he shall proclaim My word, the divine teaching of love, which reveals My will to people. No person can administer such an office on earth who does not belong to My chosen ones, for the proclamation of the gospel requires knowledge which corresponds to the truth. Such knowledge cannot be gained through study, for mental knowledge is not sufficient for the spreading of My gospel, instead, the spirit from Me must first bring mental knowledge to life, otherwise it will only remain pure worldly knowledge, even though it has spiritual content. Therefore, every preacher of My word must also have been chosen by Me for his ministry, and he must prove this.... He must be able to demonstrate a gift of the spirit, the working of My spirit in him must be obvious. This means that he has abilities which he did not acquire but which were given to him by Me as evidence of My working of the spirit in him. One such ability is also the interpretation of the word which testifies of Me.... the interpretation of the scriptures which are regarded as My word.... No matter how long a study makes the human being capable of grasping and explaining the spiritual meaning of My word. For intellectual knowledge cannot replace what My spirit announces to the human being. My spirit, however, cannot work where the prerequisites for it are not given. But where My spirit is active, intellectual knowledge is not necessary, there I Myself instruct the human being and place the spiritual truth into his heart in a highly comprehensible way so that he is full of knowledge and realization....

(17.2.1953) And therefore it is also a futile effort to want to draw wisdom from the scriptures as long as My spirit cannot work. And thus it can also be explained why the interpretation of My word is so often wrong, why only the literal meaning is interpreted but not the spiritual meaning, which I placed in all My words I spoke on earth. For the human being's intellect interprets the literal sense, the spiritual sense is interpreted by the spirit from Me, if it can work in the human being. And what intellectual work is required for this.... while the spirit from Me clearly and understandably explains My word without the intellect having to become active. And yet, the human being naturally reproduces this explanation as if it were his intellectual result, yet the profound wisdom of what he says, the interpretations which are understandable to all, testify to the working of the spirit, yet again only to those who are of good will and **want** to be **taught correctly....** whereas an intellectual interpretation is not a satisfactory explanation to fellow human beings and cannot convince them. The spirit alone gives brightness, the spirit conveys truth, and the spirit alone appeals to the heart, whereas the intellect again only appeals to the intellect and finds no echo in the heart.

But My spirit will always be able to be effective where love is.... a love which is always willing to give, which wants to help and redeem, a love which knows no other desire than to alleviate hardship, be it spiritual or earthly. Where the giving, completely selfless love is evident, truth can also always be found there, because I am where love is, because every work of love attracts Me Myself and the person who lives in love is intimately united with Me.... And where I am My spirit is active, where I

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am is truth, where I am I express Myself through the spirit, and that also means light, knowledge.... it means possessing knowledge which corresponds to the truth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Chosen servants of God.... Truth....

B.D. No. **3785** May 30th 1946

nyone who feels called to work for Me and to be active in My name on earth must always and constantly allow himself to be drawn and guided by Me, he must allow Me to speak to him through the voice of his heart, he must listen to what this voice reveals to him and obey what his heart urges him to do. Whoever feels called must constantly maintain the connection with Me, he must unconditionally submit himself to My will without resistance. Only then can I work through him, only then is he in truth My servant, the servant who conscientiously carries out the work for his Lord. But he will feel called by Me through the desire to inform people of My Word, of My will...., he will feel compelled to inform his fellow human beings of the meaning and purpose of earthly life, he will feel compelled to admonish and warn them, for he himself, if he is called by Me to work for My kingdom, is on this earth in the knowledge of the pure truth and he will always want to spread this truth. The calling by Me is the result of a spiritual maturity which enables the person to receive the pure truth from Me, and thus a person can never be called by Me who has not first been taught by the spirit within himself. Intellectually, he can also receive knowledge, but this does not enable him to spread the truth because he himself does not fully recognise the truth of what he has received as knowledge. Yet the realisation of the pure truth is necessary before he can pass it on to his fellow human beings. And only My spirit conveys this realisation to him.... The human being must be born again in spirit, only then will he have the right understanding and realisation of the pure truth, only then will he be taught by Me Myself and be able to work as My servant on earth. The inner desire to serve Me will also result in his being called by Me, for I accept everyone who offers himself to work for My kingdom on earth and shape him according to his spiritual maturity. And if he completely devotes himself to Me he will comply with the slightest urging of the heart and thus always fulfil My will as soon as I need him to work for Me. And therefore he has to detach himself from the world, he has to see the highest bliss in the connection with Me and disregard everything earthly as far as possible; he will hear the voice of the spirit the brighter and clearer within himself, and the more joyfully he will follow this voice, and then he will be a suitable labourer for My kingdom on this earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

Outpouring of the spirit presupposes redemption....

B.D. No. **6548** May 16th 1956

Again and again I pour out My Spirit into the hearts of those who open themselves to Me, who have prepared their hearts for Me so that I can make My dwelling in them, who love Me and want to have proof of My love for them.... I pour out My Spirit on all flesh.... Yet the redemption through Jesus Christ must have preceded that you are now delivered from My adversary, that you have the strength and the will to shape yourselves into a receptacle for My spirit, and I Myself can now also work in you. The working of My spirit is impossible in an unredeemed state, for it requires a certain degree of maturity of your soul which, however, you will never be able to achieve without the help of the divine Redeemer, which is why you must avail yourselves of the graces of His act of Salvation, which at the same time means that you hand yourselves over to Him and appeal to Him that He may also have died for you so that you will be released from the burden of sin which still binds you to My adversary.... But if you are freed from him, then I can also take possession of you, then I can make My power of love flow into you again, as once before you fell, and then I can also pour out My Spirit upon you.... I can speak to you and give you full understanding for everything, I can brighten your

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thinking, I can impart strength to you in abundance so that you can perform works of love.... I can disclose knowledge to you which enables you to instruct your fellow human beings, I can initiate you into My eternal plan of Salvation and give you knowledge of what lies ahead of you.... I can train you to be capable labourers in My vineyard and assign you tasks which serve the salvation of your fellow human beings.... Thus I can speak to you directly and you can now constantly keep up contact with Me, I can be constantly present in you.... And I gave you this promise when I walked on earth, that I will stay with you until the end.... I may have left you physically, I have ascended to heaven, but I have sent you the one I promised you: My spirit, the Comforter, which always reminds you of Me, which teaches you again, as once, and which, above all, presents the significance of My act of Salvation to you, because this is the most important thing in your earthly life, that you acknowledge Him, Jesus Christ, Who died for you on the cross, Who was only a shell for Me in which I incarnated Myself, because I wanted to redeem you from sin and death. Anyone who is not enlightened by My spirit will not grasp the profound significance of the act of Salvation either. But there will always be people into whom I can pour out My spirit, and therefore Jesus' death on the cross will always be emphasised.... never will His act of Salvation fall into oblivion, because My spirit keeps on announcing it anew in order to point Him out to people, Who alone is your Redeemer and to Whom they must hand themselves over in order to be released from a power which otherwise keeps you captive eternally.... I will stay with you until the end of the world.... How else can it be understood than that I dwell with you in spirit, that I Myself am present to you and reveal Myself to you? And all of you can prepare your hearts for Me as a dwelling place, all of you could serve Me as a receptacle of My spirit, for I want to pour out My spirit on all flesh which makes itself worthy to receive Me Myself....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

"Many are called, few are chosen...."

B.D. No. **7093** April 15th 1958

Many are called, but few are chosen...." However, you should not take these words as if I only grant special graces to some, as if I arbitrarily choose My servants and co-workers on this earth. Rather, it is up to you to prepare yourselves in such a way that I can now choose you for an activity which requires certain prerequisites which not everyone can carry out if he does not shape his nature accordingly. And many could do it... therefore many are called.... But only a few do it, only a few take the transformation of their nature so seriously that I can therefore also **choose** them to serve Me. But again, this election on My part has to precede it, the human being cannot 'call' himself, nor can he be called by a fellow human being to be a true servant of God.... which is why not all who pretend to be such on earth are to be regarded as 'My servants' either. In order to enter My service conditions have to be fulfilled first which allow the working of My spirit. And My spirit, in turn, can only become effective if the human being, through diligent soul work, prepares himself to become a vessel into which My spirit can now constantly flow. And this soul work consists of the transformation of his being.... in the transformation of his selfish love into unselfish neighbourly love.... because I can only work in a person through My spirit who lives a life of love and therefore can also understand the language of eternal love which now expresses itself through the spirit. It is certainly not possible to deny love to all people who pretend to be My servants.... who have made all earthly preparations in order to take up a profession which is officially regarded as 'pastoral care'. But these people first have to try to free themselves from acquired knowledge, they first have to establish such an intimate bond with Me that this bond will also result in My election to serve Me.... And they must believe that I will give them an answer to every question they ask.... They must therefore consciously listen for an answer and thus make it possible that I now teach them directly, in whatever form this may take.... These bonds with Me, however, are not established through formal prayers or through the performance of ceremonial acts.... but they require a childlike devotion to the father, thus also a childlike faith which also grows out of their life of love. Only then will the calling also come from My

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side, for then he will be guided and instructed by My spirit, only then will the knowledge he received through study come alive in him, or else he will be regarded as completely ignorant by My spirit.... by Myself.... into knowledge which corresponds to the truth. And only then can he be a suitable servant for Me on earth, a servant who stands up for Me and My name before the world. And since you humans are all able to develop love within yourselves, you are therefore also all called.... But I can only choose those who have made themselves suitable of their own free will. But no-one may count himself as one of My servants to whom 'working of the spirit' is alien.... who does not believe that I reveal Myself to people in the word, who denies that I directly address My children on earth.... who therefore does not understand what 'gifts of the spirit' are either, who doubts every working of the spirit because his nature or attitude makes it impossible for My spirit to express itself in him. And this shortcoming can be observed in general, especially on the part of those who call themselves My representatives on earth all 'direct activity of God through His spirit' is denied, and every 'chosen one' is opposed and fought against. And this, too, is a sign of the end time, that only a few people are still of enlightened spirit but that many claim to have been appointed by Me for the office they administer on earth. Yet they can never speak to their fellow human beings in My stead because they do not give Me the opportunity to express Myself through them. Rather, they speak their own words and this will remain without effect or only have a damaging effect, for where I cannot speak My adversary speaks, even if he apparently uses divine words. All these servants are only servants of the world who sought and found honour, fame or an earthly secure existence but to whom the kingdom of God has not yet come close.... who are no closer to their God and creator than countless of their fellow human beings, otherwise they would strive for inner enlightenment with all their might and now also establish contact with Me, which could then also be followed by the calling on My part. Precisely the outpouring of the spirit is still an incomprehensible concept to people and this is the sign that they have not yet awakened their spirit within themselves through love. But in order to be a suitable servant for Me this awakening of the spirit must have preceded, for only then can he receive the instructions from Me, only then can and will he do the work for which I need him.... Only then will he be chosen by Me for a mission which is extremely urgent and which therefore also requires the right co-workers on earth in order to be carried out for the blessing of people who need help in spiritual adversity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The spirit of God must be able to work.... Servants....

B.D. No. **7983** September 3rd 1961

accept all those who offer themselves to Me for service, because I still need many labourers in My Livineyard, because there is great spiritual need and because I can only ever address those through you humans who are not yet in the right relationship with Me... because they only ever have to be addressed through human mouths through which I can then express Myself. But you must know one thing, that the labourers in My vineyard have to fulfil completely different tasks, that I assign each individual his activity and that this activity will always concern his fellow human being's salvation of soul, thus it should stimulate or awaken faith and love and determine his fellow human beings to work on their souls themselves.... Thus every person who strives spiritually himself and wants to induce his fellow human being to lead the same way of life will also be allowed to feel like a vineyard labourer, for he will always be active in My will and be concerned about his fellow human being's salvation of soul, and he will always be allowed to be certain of My blessing that I will support him in his endeavour, that I will place the right thoughts into his heart and that he will therefore now also speak according to My will, even if this happens in the form of conversations or debates in the spiritual sphere.... For I will always acknowledge and bless a person's good will to work for Me and My kingdom, to serve Me and to bring souls to Me. Thus the person's innermost will is always decisive as to whether I accept him as a servant in My vineyard.... And I recognize this, even if it is hidden from his fellow human being.... And in accordance with it I will now also distribute My instructions which every one of My servants feels in his heart, which move him mentally and which he will then also

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carry out because he feels inwardly urged to do so. And you humans can believe that I have many such silent vineyard labourers who often achieve greater success than those you regard as 'servants of God' and who are more outwardly prominent and pose as My representatives on earth and whose vineyard work is obvious but does not result in great spiritual success. As soon as they are in heartfelt contact with Me they will also be guided by My spirit and do the right vineyard work for Me, but this heartfelt **bond** with Me will always be the **decisive factor**, never the external position of a person who is considered a vineyard labourer. For this intimate bond allows My working of the spirit and My spirit **must** be able to work if the right vineyard work is to be done. And now you will also understand that a certain degree of maturity is a prerequisite in order to be able to accept a person as a servant in My vineyard, for he must be able to hear My **instructions** within himself in order to also be able to carry them out. Yet anyone who voluntarily offers himself to Me for service has also already reached this degree of maturity or he would not be inwardly impelled to serve Me.... And so now I can place him in the place where he can work successfully.... I need all of you, for the spiritual need is great. But you should pay attention to My instructions and not approach work which has not been assigned to you. You should let yourselves be guided by Me, for as soon as there is still a degree of ambition or wanting to stand out in you, you are not yet doing Me a proper service.... Then you can even endanger a work, because you can also be rejected in the right realization of an unspirit which then seeks to express itself.... Those people who want to be true servants to Me must be extremely humble and completely subordinate to My will, for only then will they follow My guidance and only then will they also successfully work in the vineyard. For then I Myself can work in them, and then My working can also take on such forms that they achieve extraordinary things, that they are quite obviously recognizable as My labourers in the vineyard.... And then they can also fulfil spiritual missions which will result in greatest blessings.... Then they will be active as My rightful representatives on earth through whom I can then also obviously work....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Difference between the 'working of the spirit' and 'psychic' receptions....

B.D. No. **8416** February 19th 1963

ou should always bear in mind that the truth is intended to be distributed everywhere, therefore I must convey it to earth in all places, and this is always possible as soon as a person fulfils the requirements which the 'working of My spirit' in a person are based on. First, the willingness to be of service to Me has to motivate a person to enter into heartfelt contact with Me, and he will indeed be accepted as a labourer in My vineyard, since he is living a life of love otherwise he would not offer himself to Me as a co-worker. Hence, love is likewise the precondition that I can choose him as a suitable vessel into which My spirit can pour. Another requirement is the strong and living faith that I speak to My child as a Father, when it desires Me to speak.... And a further indispensable prerequisite is that he is permeated with the desire to be taught the absolute truth and that he therefore turns to the Eternal Truth Itself in order to receive it.... Now you will say that you humans are meeting every one of these requirements and that I should therefore be able to give My Word directly to many people.... Consequently, you will also gullibly accept messages from the spiritual world although they cannot be rated as the 'working of the divine spirit'. For many people have an overwhelming urge to make contact with the supernatural world, and since all of you humans are surrounded by inhabitants of the world beyond, you will surely find it understandable that they will also make use of every opportunity to make contact with you in order to express themselves to you.

It is indeed difficult for you to recognise the difference between such communications from the spirit world and the genuine 'working of My spirit'.... Yet the one thing I want you to consider is that I merely want to assist **your soul** to become perfect on earth.... and that therefore the contents of My imparted spiritual knowledge through the working of the spirit will be the Gospel of love.... furthermore, that you, in order to find redemption on earth from your original sin, need to receive the knowledge about Jesus Christ and His act of Salvation.... about the cause and spiritual reason for His

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mission.... and about My human manifestation in Him.... And you need to be enlightened by Me about your origin and your goal and about My eternal plan of Salvation, through which I will one day reach the goal I set for Myself when I created you.... This extensive knowledge can only be conveyed to you through the 'working of My spirit' in you, and therefore only those people can claim to be true Wordrecipients whom I have initiated Myself either directly or through My messengers of light, through perfect beings in the spiritual kingdom which absorb the light ray of My love and forward it on My instruction. And thus everyone believing himself to receive My Word should first seriously question whether he received this knowledge from Me, whether he can state with conviction that he was 'initiated' by Me into the truth, into a knowledge which was previously still unknown to him.... The information about My plan of Salvation can only be conveyed to people by Me directly, for anyone who only accepts it intellectually from other people will not understand it, even if it corresponds to the truth, because it requires spiritual enlightenment in order to comprehend it.... And I certainly convey this knowledge to earth in a clear and fully understandable way in all countries on earth, and it will totally concur, because only pure truth can come forth from Me and this will never contradict itself.... And the recipients of such extensive knowledge should do everything in their power and try to distribute it.

And this can always be used as a guideline for proclamations from the supernatural world, for as soon as they fail to impart to people the profound knowledge of My eternal plan of Salvation they do not originate from Me but are expressions of those spirits which are not yet entitled to teach because they are not yet permeated by the light which they should forward on My instructions. It is particularly important to know in which way such messages are conveyed to a person, whether he, in a fully conscious state, mentally or audibly hears clear Words or whether a spiritual being speaks through the mouth of a person in a psychic state, who surrendered his will and is therefore unable to test which spirit takes possession of him. This examination must always be carried out first, for although truthful messages can be received in a psychic state too, such momentous and extensive knowledge which provides complete clarification about My eternal plan of Salvation will never be conveyed to people in this way.... Then partial truths may well be imparted but to the same extent misguided teachings can also slip in, such as the wrong description of the Deity in Jesus, Whose correct portrayal is, however, of **utmost importance**. And as soon as people are taught wrongly, especially in this respect, they still live in error and every error has a disastrous effect on the human being's soul. I don't keep clarifying this time and again for no reason, because Jesus Christ's act of Salvation and My human manifestation must be fully understood by you humans.... For the purpose of your existence on earth is that you will be free from all guilt when you pass into the kingdom of the beyond. And only if you possess a truthful explanation about this act of Salvation by Jesus Christ will you consciously take the path to the cross, you, who once denied Me your acknowledgement, will consciously acknowledge Me again of your own free will....

But precisely as long as this problem of My human manifestation is not yet solved by you, you will still live in spiritual darkness.... And if you are now being taught by those in the spiritual realm which are instructed by **Me** to teach you and to convey My Word to you, then these beings of light will first of all provide this significant knowledge, and thereby you will also recognise the working of My spirit in you.... Then you will not need to be afraid of being used by other spiritual forces, which certainly will also disguise themselves and claim to be your guides and yet do not have the knowledge themselves as to be able to enlighten you. However, you humans don't know how My adversary influences people as well as the still immature beings in the beyond, and you don't know that he will try everything in his power in order to undermine the pure truth and to make people believe that they know the truth. Their skilful disguise will cause much harm, because people allow themselves to be used and are far too gullible themselves.... For they lack the right judgment, and they confuse the transmission from the supernatural spheres with the 'working of My spirit', which irrefutably grants truth to those who are instructed by Me to spread the **truth** throughout the world. And you should accept this truth and comply with My will, you should not just be listeners but doers, and then you will no longer need to doubt and question but know that you possess the truth....

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Amen

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Invitation to participate in the vineyard of Jesus

God requires many labourers in the time before the end....

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November 25th 1951

will take all of you who are willing into My service, for I require many co-workers during the last days before the end who shall do redeeming work. If you declare your willingness to Me then your destiny will also proceed according to your will, that is, you will always have the opportunity to work for Me and My kingdom according to My will. You will feel My instruction in your heart and, once you have offered your service to Me, will sensitively represent Me to your fellow human beings, you will feel inwardly impelled to speak on behalf of Me and My name and proclaim My teaching to all those who cross your path, with whom you will be able to have spiritual discussions and who require your help, or I would not send them on your way. The work for Me and My kingdom need not be externally recognisable as missionary work, it can be carried out in everyday life, unobtrusively and yet beneficially, for precisely **those** people shall be won over who have no religious connections whatsoever, who are not affiliated to any church organisations or still belong to them as a mere formality. My Gospel shall especially be made accessible to these people, and this is far more effective during an exchange of ideas where everyone can express their own point of view.

Once people are stimulated to think about it success is more likely to be expected, this is why My representatives, My labourers on earth who want to serve Me, must be convinced of Me and My teaching themselves, so that they will also be able to speak with conviction to their fellow human beings. Anyone who has accepted the truth himself is also permeated by it, and he is a suitable coworker in the last days before the end, for he will always and forever feel urged to offer the truth where it is missing. This is why you won't need any particular instructions from Me, because I will tell you through your heart what you ought to do and this heartfelt expression will be felt as your own will, as an inner urge.... Therefore act according to your inner impulse once you have informed Me that you want to work for Me and My kingdom. I accept all of you and give you My blessing for this work, because the immense spiritual hardship necessitates much help and this has to be brought through a human mouth if fellow human beings are to keep their free will but nevertheless be shown a way which leads out of the great hardship. I bless every good will which applies to your fellow human beings' souls and help you to accomplish it....

Amen

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God's call for workers in the vineyard....

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To be active in My kingdom is the most beautiful task for all of you who still live on earth, because it results in an eternal reward and because then you will be My co-workers and thus carry out an activity which corresponds to My will. As soon as you decide to work spiritually your earthly life will be steered into a path where you will obviously recognize My guidance. You will find entrance into spiritual circles or form such yourselves, you will be brought together with people who cultivate other than just earthly thoughts, you will be introduced to spiritual knowledge so that you will also be able to carry out your activity on earth, and you will visibly experience My blessing in spiritual as well as earthly work because you will now not create and work alone but with Me. No one shall believe that he is **not** needed for the work in My vineyard.... I ask every individual whether he wants to serve Me, whether he wants to take care of the hardship of erring souls and be active with My support for their salvation.... I give every individual the promise that I will bless his work, and for every individual who

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wants to serve Me I have already prepared his field of work where he can work according to his strength for his own and his fellow human beings' blessing. And I need everyone.... The work to remedy the spiritual hardship is so extremely important and urgent that I repeatedly request your help, because it can only be done by people who, in union with Me and in My will, want to bring the gospel to their fellow human beings, who take care of their spiritual hardship, who revive their faith or want to strengthen a still weak faith, who encourage their fellow human beings to establish a living bond with Me and give them an example of the blessing of a person's intimate bond with Me. I need all of you who believe in Me.... For countless people go through life without faith in Me, and every one of them needs a fellow human being who helps him to believe again. I Myself can certainly influence such unbelieving people indirectly but not directly, yet I take pity on their adversity and, in order to help them, I want to put them in contact with you and send you abundant working material with which you can now be effectively and beneficially active if you are willing to serve Me and bring help to your fellow human beings. The time is approaching its end and therefore I still need many workers beforehand and therefore call upon all of you urgently: Remember your brothers and sisters on earth who have not yet entered your path, who only walk the paths of the world and can never reach their aim on this path.... Remember those who are without faith and try to make the power of your faith effective in them.... pray for them and always include them more in your thoughts so that they will feel the strength of your love and also listen to you without resistance when you bring them My word.... so that they will think and can now also be influenced from above.... Do the preliminary work which has to be done by people on earth so that the forces of light can then intervene and in turn try to influence those who are still far away, who only see the world and want to deny a spiritual kingdom, to come to faith.... You can contribute much to this as soon as you consciously offer yourselves to Me for service.... For then I will direct all your steps and provide you with everything you need to work for Me and My kingdom.... I will give you light and strength Myself so that you will also be able to distribute My word again, which is light and strength for everyone who listens to it, receives it with his heart and makes an effort to live it out. For this one has now also been won for My kingdom, he will not be lost when the last end has come....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Vocation of the vineyard workers.... "servants of God"....

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eing in My service obliges.... Anyone who wants to serve Me must also willingly carry out what I instruct him to do, and he may not arbitrarily make provisions for others which I did not instruct him to do. This is to be understood as My chosen ones getting rid of their task and entrusting it to others whom I have not appointed Myself. For I want to and will work through people who are of awakened spirit, but I cannot work through those whose spirit is still buried in matter, who are not yet suitable to render Me proper service because they still belong to another lord. And thus you must understand that the calling to work in the vineyard has to come forth from Me Myself, even though the will to be called by Me has to exist first. But you humans can never.... and whether you are also servants called by Me... use your fellow human beings for work in My vineyard.... Thus you can never choose servants for Me but I Myself have to prepare them for Me if they are to do right work for Me. But you can constantly let Me speak through you so that My call can also reach the ears of those who are willing to serve Me. For they must offer themselves to Me for service, because I don't force anyone to do this work for Me and My kingdom. Therefore, if you spread My word, if you ensure that I can address many people through you, then you have already done the work I assign to you, and then your work will also be a blessing. But if you want to employ servants yourselves, if you want to induce them to preach the gospel, to proclaim the word of God to their fellow human beings, it can very easily be a mistake, for you don't know whether and to what extent they are suitable for missionary work, and therefore you can only refer them to Me Myself, you can advise them to place themselves at My disposal, and only then will I accept a servant and make him suitable for his service

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for Me Myself. The person's inner attitude towards Me, the servant towards his master, is decisive as to whether and how he fulfils his service. And I can see whether I can rely on My servant.... You will only understand all this when you look at the countless organizations and their structure.... when you consider the many 'servants of God' who all claim to be My representatives but were only ever placed where they are by people, but very few of them were appointed by Me Myself because they had certain requirements which I must demand from a servant who serves Me in the right way. They all certainly preach the word of God but as long as they were not chosen by Me Myself I cannot speak through them either.... and again, I cannot choose them for the work in My vineyard as long as I recognize that their spirit is still unawakened, that their bond with Me still lacks inwardness, that they are still too far away from Me to be able to hear Me Myself and My voice. A true servant who is full of spirit can certainly also recognize a brother's spiritual qualities and induce him to offer himself to Me for service, but the latter must now also do so himself, and only then can and will I also accept this servant and train him for his work, and he will then also always carry out My assignment and be a true labourer for Me again whose services I bless. But no human being is ever entitled to employ a fellow human being for My service; I Myself make the contract with every one of My servants, because only I know who is suitable for it.... The work for Me and My kingdom is of such great importance that I truly also choose the right workers for it, for as soon as a servant is not suitable for it he can cause more harm than good. And it is not just about the well-being of the human being on earth but about the salvation of the soul in eternity.... And therefore I also bless everyone who willingly offers himself to Me for service, who acknowledges Me as his lord, Whose instructions he faithfully endeavours to comply with.... For only this person will work successfully because I guide him and always supply him with strength as required....

Amen

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"Many are called, few only are chosen...."

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any are called, only a few are chosen.... These words are only intended to make you realize that IVII set certain requirements in order to be able to choose you for a mission, but that you could fulfil all these requirements if this were your earnest will.... I certainly don't exclude any person if he is willing to serve Me; I accept everyone, for you are all called to beatitude, and thus you are also all called to take the path which leads to beatitude. But now it depends on you yourselves in which state you place yourselves, whether and how you prepare yourselves in order to also be suitable servants for Me, whom I can then use where it is necessary in order to carry out successful redemptive work.... You must have attained a certain degree of maturity, you must prepare yourselves such that I can 'choose' you for the mission for which I need you.... For such a mission first requires a constant bond with Me so that I can inform you of My will, so that I can assign you the work you should do. And this constant bond can only be established through constant activity in love.... for "he who abides in love abides in Me and I in him...." And this love must result in your spirit being awakened, which in turn means that the spiritual spark in you unites with the eternal father-spirit and that it can now instruct you.... that it ignites the light of realization in you and that you will then also clearly and distinctly recognize My will, which you will then always be willing to carry out. Then I can give you a mission according to your ability to hear Me Myself through the voice of the spirit. And therefore those missions will also be of different kinds, because every person can awaken the abilities slumbering in him and thus there is a difference in these abilities, just as the degree of maturity of those who want to serve Me is different. And understandably I now also choose people for special missions who have already developed special abilities within themselves which, however, do not depend on their physical condition but on their spiritual maturity.... Many are called, only a few are chosen.... This is why many people can also have the same will to be addressed by Me, but not all can receive the same kind of address because the spirit in them has not yet penetrated so far and because I cannot distribute the same spiritual knowledge to those whose degree of maturity does not yet allow

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for penetration into the deepest knowledge. Yet I alone can judge this, and I will never disappoint My servants who offer themselves to Me for vineyard work.... I will distribute to all and place them in the place where their work is needed, for all people are also different in their desire and their receptivity.... and they will also be considered accordingly. For this reason you should all feel 'called' and diligently strive for Me to 'choose' you, but you should also know that you then also have to fulfil the demands I place on you, for as soon as I take care of you with a mission it also signifies a task for you which you should faithfully fulfil if you want to prove yourselves worthy of Me making use of your services. And again, such a mission also obliges you.... but you will accomplish blessed work if only you have the will to serve Me, if you always eagerly endeavour to be active for Me and My kingdom and to proclaim My name throughout the world....

Amen

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