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'God breathed a living soul into him....'

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My eternal plan of Salvation intends to bring about the deification of your souls, which indeed had once been divine and perfect beings yet they forfeited this perfection of their own free will.... You humans should know that I did not externalise you from Me as imperfectly as you are now, that I undeniably created the human form, but the soul, which animates this human form, had already spent an infinitely long time of changing its voluntarily fashioned, completely wrong state to such an extent that it was able to dwell in the human form in order to attain complete deification again. You must know that I did not **create** you imperfectly to then demand of you as human beings to perfect yourselves.... because nothing imperfect can emerge from Me.... Once you are in possession of this

knowledge you will also consider your earthly existence from a different point of view.... You will realise that it is not an end in itself but the means to an end.... However, as long as you are lacking this knowledge you justifiably believe that you may use your earthly life purely for the sake of improving your physical well-being.... You believe that you may use your energy of life purely physically, even if you aspire to the goal that every individual person should improve himself ethically in order to achieve a better human race.... But you don't understand the **spiritual** task of the individual yet.... The human being himself is not the final goal, the existence as a human being is merely the final opportunity on this earth to reach the highest goal. And the teaching that I 'created man so that he should love Me, be of service to Me, in order to thereby enter Heaven' is only justified if the human existence is looked upon as a limited stage for the soul which once became imperfect, otherwise this teaching will lead to wrong ideas, such as the one that something 'imperfect'.... the soul.... was joined to the human being at birth, that thus something **imperfect** was brought to life by **Me**.... This not only confuses the image of My nature, which is supremely perfect, but also people's train of thought, who do not grasp their actual task on earth and will therefore be increasingly more worldly orientated because a wrong concept is being developed in them.

Although through love for Me and selfless service the human being could indeed be able to attain the right realisation and subsequently beatitude.... it will nevertheless prevent love being kindled towards a Being which uses its creative strength for the emergence of **imperfect** creations; and even selfless **service** lacks the right motivation if people are unaware of the perfect spirits' former apostasy from Me, which consisted of the fact that they wanted to rule with arrogance.... hence they discarded the principle of love.... Their imperfection was caused by the beings themselves.... However, the fact **that** you are imperfect as a human being cannot be doubted, and therefore you must first try to ascertain the **reason** for your imperfection and not be satisfied with the explanation that I created you the way you are on earth now.... But the latter is endorsed by all those who portray the act of creation of the human being such that a 'soul' is 'created' at the same time for this human being.... which they deem they can justify on account of the Words 'God breathed a living soul into him....' The fact that this living soul is a formerly fallen original spirit is not known to them.... but this knowledge could be discovered by every individual person if only he seriously questioned the meaning and purpose of earthly life and his task on earth. And even a misguided teaching could make a person question, if only he wanted to gain clarification.... And especially the teachers who guide people should first attain clarification themselves, which they can receive at any time by merely turning to Me Myself if slight doubts, which **everyone can feel arise within himself** during **deliberation**, would make them turn to the right source, where purest trust will refresh anyone who desires it. The reason why there is so much darkness amongst people that misguided teachings were able to spread is due to people's indifference towards the truth, for it is available and within reach for everyone who seriously desires the truth. Yet only a few try to penetrate My eternal plan of Salvation.... but for them everything is obvious and they are brightly enlightened because the Light of eternity Itself kindles it in all those who want to escape the darkness....

Amen

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What is the soul....

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There is still a complete lack of clarity about problems which cannot be solved by human intelligence alone and where God's spirit has to work even though its working is rarely acknowledged. But only He is able to give a clear answer to questions that concern unsolved problems. However, even the results of such working of the spirit are doubted although they alone correspond to the truth. Irrespective of what question is asked, only the answer given to people by God Himself through His spirit will always be correct.... However, 'spirit' should not be confused with 'intellect' because intellect can just as well reason in the wrong direction.... There is no guarantee that

intellectual results correspond to truth or so many different opinions and points of view would not exist, all claiming to be truth but all merely gained by means of intellect....

The 'spirit', however, is the radiance emanated by the Eternal Truth Itself which gives light, i.e. knowledge which is simply accepted by the intellect, for which there is no evidence. But the 'spirit of God' provides absolute innermost conviction, it provides comprehensive clarification even without making special use of the intellect:.... The concept of 'soul' cannot be tangibly explained to someone unless he has already acquired a certain amount of 'spiritual knowledge' because the soul is something spiritual, it has no earthly-physical quality and can therefore only be explained spiritually. The soul is the fluid essence which gives life to the body, to the physical form.... The soul is the actual life, the human being's true ego, which is sheltered in an external physical shell, which cannot be seen but is always present as long as energy expresses itself in it. Without the soul the human being would not be a self-aware being. The soul is God's once emanated strength which He externalised as a spiritual being to whom He gave an independent life. And this being was endowed with free will and the ability to think.... The fact that and why this spiritual being.... the soul.... shelters within the human body during its earthly life is a separate issue; first it should be explained that it is the soul which thus enables the human being to think, feel and want.

It should be emphasized that the soul is the animator of all organs, that every physical activity, every prompting of will and feeling is the expression of the soul within the body.... which is indeed something spiritual that cannot be seen by the human eye and which.... if it could be seen.... would fully resemble its external human shell. It is the soul which continues to live after the death of the body and which then can also be seen by other souls whose degree of maturity enables their spiritual vision. The soul can therefore never be explained as some kind of physical substance.... it is and remains spiritual substance, thus God's spiritual emanation, which is intended to fulfil a purpose on earth.... It is indestructible and immortal but can differentiate itself from other souls by its emission of light, and the purpose of its earthly life consists of increasing the degree of light which it had once darkened of its own free will....

It is not possible for anyone to explain the essence of soul purely scientifically because the soul is nothing tangible nor explicable with human senses but strength from God's strength, Whose essence is and remains equally inexplicable but Who cannot be denied by thinking people. Just as the soul is the true Self of the human being which cannot be defined either, which exists yet cannot be proven, which certainly controls the functions of the physical organs but can also exist without the body, whereas the body without the soul is completely lifeless matter even if all organs are still unchanged.... But the life is missing as soon as the soul leaves the body.... something is missing that activates the body, which triggers the organs' functions, which decisively influences the brain voluntarily and which arouses the stirring of every resolve in a person.... And this thinking, wanting and feeling something.... the soul.... now exists in other spheres but always as the same being which previously inhabited the body. And therefore it can also be recognised in the realm of the beyond which, however, requires a certain degree of maturity....

Amen

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Every soul is an original spirit....

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You should pay attention to My voice when it speaks to you.... for My spirit will guide you into truth. If you want to be instructed of the **truth** then you can only receive it from **Me Myself**, the **Eternal Truth** Itself: When I once externalised the beings of My love, every being was a self-aware spirit which had a most intimate relationship with Me and was constantly permeated by My love. The permeation of love placed the being into a state of brightest realisation.... it was illuminated, it recognised Me Myself and everything that surrounded it.... Every being was an immeasurably happy God-like spirit. And yet, for reasons which have been explained to you many times already, countless

beings fell away from Me while many others remained with Me.... The former lost their light, whereas the latter kept their immense abundance of light and did not follow My adversary.... the first fallen original spirit.... into the abyss. And with these remaining original spirits I create and work in infinity.... But you humans are also aware of the fact that I set Myself the goal for the deification of all **created** spiritual beings and that this deification has to be accomplished by the being's own free will.... You know **why** the beings had once fallen, and you also received the information of My eternal plan of Salvation which pursues the return of all fallen spirits and which will certainly be achieved one day. You are aware of the fact that childship to God is the highest goal and that, according to My plan of eternity, all beings, which live on earth as humans, are **able** to achieve childship to God.... if their free will seriously strives for it.... Then every once fallen being will have attained the highest degree of bliss, it will have become My image, it will be able to create and work entirely of its own free will and, yet, it will be completely the same as My will, it will no longer be determined by **Me** yet My child will have completely acquired My will and will therefore be inconceivably happy.... And this exceedingly high degree of bliss is also desired by My remaining spiritual beings, for although they are in direct contact with Me, although they are constantly permeated by My strength of love they are still **created** beings according to **My** will which **cannot** but think and act **according** to My will, which are more or less only ever implementers of My will. Making this difference clear to you humans requires a high degree of maturity which you do not possess as yet, so in view of your limited thinking I can only explain to you such things which your intellect is able to grasp, precisely because you lost this profound realisation about all correlations in the spiritual kingdom as a result of your fall into the abyss and have not yet attained the final realisation on earth. Nevertheless, it suffices you to know that the beings which remained with Me will also take the path across Earth one day in order to attain childship to God, which will immeasurably augment their beatitude.

This path across earth therefore requires a life in the flesh, the existence as a human being, just like the once **fallen** spiritual beings must do in order to pass their test of will. Consequently, a spirit of light wishing to embody itself on earth will also choose an earthly body for its abode whose spiritual substances have already attained a certain degree of maturity so that a spirit of light can occupy it, that it will animate the dead external form.... the human body.... and start its path across Earth in it. This spirit of light is therefore the **spiritual strength** which has to flow into a human body, which is born into the world as a human being and which can only 'live' when this spiritual strength.... the soul.... the divine breath.... is breathed into this external form by My all embracing Fatherly love, Which has set Itself the goal of deifying all Its created beings into children. So this angel-spirit animates the human being as a soul, and since the body's substances, although more clarified than those of most people, are still immature, since they, in My adversary's world, are also exposed to his influences.... and since the angel-spirit has to fulfil a spiritual task on earth as well and is also usually unaware of its origin.... the soul.... its real Self.... must resist all temptations which confront it from outside. It must fight against all instincts which still adhere to the body, because the latter had passed through all works of creation, and as a human must often travel an extremely difficult path of life during which his free will must not fail, where he will always have to take refuge in Me as his Father so as not to lose the strength he needs on earth. For as an angel-spirit he had voluntarily given up his abundance of light and strength when he started the process across earth. Nevertheless, the bond with Me is very strong because such a person is permeated by unusually ardent love which is the most reliable guarantee that he will reach his goal on earth, that he will return to Me as 'My child' because this was his greatest desire while he was in My kingdom.... Hence every spirit of light will always go through the same process, it will always, as a 'soul', enter an earthly material form which will exert a more or less strong influence due to its multifarious composition and which will present many tasks to the soul, for this external form will always have passed through earthly matter.... unless, due to previous unusual influences having clarified its substances already, it can very quickly follow the requirements of My divine spiritual spark which, in the embodied beings of light glows especially brightly and can achieve a complete spiritualisation of all substances faster....

And so the soul of Jesus was also a most elevated spirit of light.... He, too, entered an earthly material external form and gave life to this form when He, as a soul, took possession of the external

cover, when He was born on earth. The vessel which gave birth to Him was pure and immaculate, His conception was not a low act of the senses.... even so, his body was the same as every other human body because He was meant to accomplish the work of spiritualisation as an example which should and can be emulated by all people. His soul, even though it came from above, was also harassed by immature spirits which He was not allowed to shake off but which, by virtue of His love, He had to spiritualise as well, which required tremendous work on Himself and such work must likewise be carried out by every angel-spirit in earthly life, because the process through the 'abyss' also means the conquering of everything that belongs to the abyss and afflicts these people.... Their great love, however, accomplishes this work with perseverance and patience. And usually they succeed in spiritualising body and soul.... that is, to also redeem the still unspiritual substances which join the soul, to establish complete order in themselves while at the same time fulfilling an exalted mission they voluntarily offered to do....

Amen

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Further explanation regarding the soul....

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It is necessary to clarify the concept of the 'soul' so that you do not live in error: Everything you see around yourselves is spiritual strength.... which was once emanated by Me as **beings** which were dissolved when they did not use the strength of love, which flowed to them ceaselessly, in accordance with My will. For this strength must become active according to the law of eternal order. Thus I reshaped this strength of love, once emanated as 'beings', into works of creation which perform a **servicing** function. And so all of creation which surrounds you is basically the strength which was externalised by Me as **independent beings**. And regardless of how solidified the spiritual strength is that became matter.... they are all sparks of light and love which emanated from Me, My will merely gave them a shape according to My love and wisdom.... However, this spiritual substance can no longer cease to exist, My once emanated strength will inevitably return to Me again.... Yet the degree of maturity of everything around you varies considerably, because the meaning and purpose of creation is to bring the spiritual substance to full maturity since, as a result of its fall into the abyss, it had completely reversed its nature and, by means of this process of probation, this purification process through the whole of creation, shall deify itself again, thus become an independent being once more, which will work in light and strength and freedom for its own happiness. Sooner or later all tiny particles of a dissolved original spirit will gather again.... and this will then live on earth in the external shape of a human being in order to achieve its final perfection of its own free will. Hence this soul **is** My once **emanated strength of love**, yet all of its substances still need purification.... Nevertheless, it is a spiritual substance, for everything you see is spiritual strength, even if it is consolidated as matter as a result of My will.... The spiritual essence which now animates the human being as a 'soul' has certainly reached a certain degree of maturity already, or it would not be permitted to embody itself as a human being; however, one cannot speak of a 'perfect' soul, because it travelled through Lucifer's realm and its thoughts and intentions are still satanically inclined. But it **is** the **once fallen original spirit** which, through earthly progress, can entirely release itself from all unspiritual influences, which can freely want and act and therefore also has the opportunity to achieve final perfection on earth and to enter the kingdom of the beyond as a radiant spirit of light again when it has to leave the earthly body. Hence the soul is something invisible to the human eye which is everlasting, which continues to exist for all eternity, whilst matter.... every external form that is visible to the eye.... is transient but will also only be disintegrated by My will in order to release the spiritual substance concealed therein....

So the **visible** creation is likewise a spiritual substance which was once externalised as beings, it merely goes through these creations in a disintegrated state, yet one day it will be mature enough so that the fallen original spirit will be permitted to embody itself as a soul in a human being. Although the soul has the shape of a human it is, however, only visible to the spiritual eye, that is, only a certain

degree of maturity enables another soul to see the former, just as the beings in the spiritual kingdom were once able to recognise and communicate with each other, but only because they possessed spiritual vision, which the human being or soul which departed from earth in an immature state does **not** possess. Thus the soul is not a substantial form anymore, if 'substance' **is** to be understood as something material, **visible**.... It is a spiritual form, it is My emanated strength which gives **life** to a dead form.... the human body. Even so, the soul can think, feel and want, which the body itself cannot do once the actual life, the soul, is missing.... The human organs certainly perform their functions, yet always driven by or animated by the soul, the real Self, which determines the activity of all these functions. This is why the whole responsibility for the existence on earth rests on the soul, never on the body.... but it would always think and act wrongly had I not provided it with the spiritual spark as My share, which subsequently tries to influence the soul to subordinate itself to its urging and which always wants to advise it according to My will yet never forcibly influence the soul. It is entirely up to the soul to submit itself to the desire of the spirit or to the body's wishes; this is the actual test of earthly life the soul will have to pass in order to be able to enter the spiritual kingdom in a perfect state. You humans must get used to the idea that this very 'fallen spirit' is your real Self.... But that this original spirit at the beginning of its embodiment as a human being is still very impure, for it lives in Lucifer's realm, it travelled through all creations in which everything satanic is bound. And the human external frame is matter too, thus a spiritual substance that is still in the process of development.... For the final perfection shall only take place during earthly life but it can be attained, because the act of Salvation was accomplished by Jesus Christ, My first begotten Son, Whom I sent to Earth in order to redeem the immense original sin which denied all fallen beings entry into the kingdom of light....

The soul of the man called Jesus was therefore a soul of light which, for the purpose of a mission, descended into the realm of darkness.... A soul of light embodied itself in a cover of flesh, in the body of a temporal human which was just like any other human. Although the soul of light prepared this shell first, for it had to be a pure vessel, because I Myself wanted to take abode in Jesus, the man. Nevertheless, the body of flesh consisted of earthly material substances, because Jesus the human being had to accomplish an act of deification on Himself which was to serve other people as an example.... which therefore all people will have to accomplish in order to perfect themselves.

Moreover, Jesus' soul, a profoundly pure soul of light, found itself in dark surroundings; it descended into Lucifer's realm and was subsequently exposed to all onslaughts on him. However, Jesus' soul was not a **fallen** spirit. But since it had to travel through the abyss it was unable to resist everything unspiritual which badly besieged it on Lucifer's instructions. Jesus' soul was light in all its fullness.... Yet when it descended into the abyss it left the light behind since it would irrevocably have consumed the people in darkness. Jesus therefore only entered His physical shell to a limited extent, He did not let His light of love **shine** yet **love** was in Him, He did not deprive Himself of **love** and this love intimately united Him with Me, His Father of eternity. Thus Jesus' soul consisted of spirit made of My spirit, it, too, was emanated by Me as light of love and did not surrender it either when it came into the world. But then My adversary's influence started, who wanted to prevent Jesus' act of Salvation and also sought to draw Jesus' soul down into the darkness. By virtue of the **enormous light of love** Jesus could easily have resisted his every onslaught but this would have put the following of Jesus into jeopardy, he would never have exemplified, as a 'human being', the life His fellow human beings should live in order to release themselves from My adversary, instead, **divine strength** alone would have accomplished something which would never have been possible for any **human being**. This is why a soul of light consciously took up the battle against My adversary by offering him every target.... He challenged him deliberately and that meant, at the same time, not fighting the demons when they tried to take possession of His soul.... He did not defeat them by virtue of His power but by virtue of His love, that is, He pacified them, He brought redemption to them, for His love was greater than great and, during His earthly life as a human being, it grew into a sea of flames.... He accepted **Me Myself** as the Eternal love in Him.... He did not yield to the adversary's temptations but overcame every challenge, every desire by these demons with boundless patience and mercy in order to help these unredeemed spirits and to place them into a state that they could adapt to His soul.... And **love**

accomplished the work that all still unredeemed physical substances adapted to His soul, that soul **and** body radiated in **supreme abundance of light** and united with Me, the eternal light of Love....

And this very same process happens when a most elevated spirit of light.... an angel-spirit.... wants to take the path through the abyss in order to attain childship to God, in order to **voluntarily** become a supremely perfect spirit which can create in and with Me in **free** will.... In that case, the spirit will always limit its abundance of light and strength, because it would burst the human body, which is not a pure spiritual body as yet.... Thus the spirit of light takes on the shape of the human body and yet remains a spiritual body.... And this spiritually 'limited' form is the soul which animates the otherwise dead body of flesh in the first place.... When this soul leaves the body of flesh again it will no longer be restricted and will be a free spirit again, full of light and strength.... but it does not exclude the possibility that this spirit had once taken the path through the abyss as a human soul.... But such a spirit will also have extraordinary spiritual abilities at its disposal in earthly life, for although it is exposed to the most severe temptations on the part of My adversary it will never completely lose its connection with Me, and the strength of its love will also ensure that it will emerge as the victor. For what My adversary failed to achieve when he caused the apostasy of the great host of originally created spirits from Me, he will not achieve now either.... And yet, a light spirit's life on earth will always be a particularly difficult one until it has quite openly passed the important test of will which turned it into My child that will forever be united with Me, with its Father, and then enjoy unlimited beatitudes....

Amen

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Development of the soul.... Original spirit....

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Spiritual substance matures during every developmental period, and one period can in fact suffice for the spiritual substance to progress through the creations to the point that it is able to embody itself as a human being and successfully pass its last test of will.... But several such periods may be needed for this spiritualization of hardened soul-substances if resistance is so strong that its higher development is too slow and the existence as a human being carries an added risk of the soul descending into the abyss again. For free will, which is tested during the stage as a human being, is decisive.

But prior to this, free will is constrained.... Although the hardened spiritual substance is no longer subject to God's adversary's will due to this process of development through the creations of earth.... the individual substances are nevertheless unable to use free will, instead they are controlled by God's will, that is, their process of development takes place in a state of compulsion, they are subject to God's will, Who assigns a task to all spiritual substances within the works of creation. By accomplishing this task within the law of compulsion they gradually progress, i.e. their resistance lessens; they carry out a helpful function and are able to slowly reach the state when their free will can be returned to them. And this process of development requires constant changes of the external shape.... it is a slow ascent, it is an integration with the laws of nature and therefore a submission to God's will, if only due to a certain amount of coercion which, however, only helps to relieve the being and one day is meant to provide it with the freedom to think, want and act using its own will again.

And this process through the works of creation cannot be avoided if the spiritual being is to return to God again, from Whom it had distanced itself to such an infinite extent as a result of its apostasy that it would never be able to overcome this distance of its own strength, and would never be released by God's adversary to return either if God did not remove the spiritual substance from him for the very purpose of banishing it into matter, into the creations on this earth. God's adversary is entitled to the fallen spirits because they had voluntarily followed him into the abyss.... But God has the same right because the beings emerged from His strength. Hence God is justified in removing them from the adversary's control, but in return the latter was given the right to influence the soul again when it lives

on earth in the stage as a human being. And to this end the spiritual substance must have attained a degree of maturity again when it is **able** to use its will in order to freely decide which lord to choose.

But God cannot place the spiritual substance into this state instantly, it has to cover the process of ascent in the same progressive stages as it had descended, it has to relinquish its resistance slowly, as it cannot forcibly be broken. And this requires innumerable changes of form, through the world of rocks, plants and animals to the human being.... Every change of external shape also lessens its resistance, for the being has been of service in a state of compulsion by which it gains increasingly lighter forms.... But the sin of apostasy from God is so vast that the distance from Him is therefore vast as well, which means that untold changes of shapes are needed to reduce this distance in order to come closer to God again, when only the last free decision of will is required for the last form to fall off.... for the being to return to the Father again from Whom it had originated....

And this whole process of development within the creations of earth is a continuous battle.... The spiritual substance tries to burst the external shape because it experiences it as a constraint, but each time it also experiences the rupture of the form as a relief irrespective of its level of maturity.... And this is why the struggle, which you humans are able to observe in the animal kingdom, only seems cruel in your eyes, whereas time and again every animal experiences the change of its external shape as a relief. For this reason God permits or even wants the weaker to succumb to the stronger, the stronger to terminate the life of the weaker and, in a manner of speaking, is thereby even able to serve the spiritual substance to continue its development. Therefore, as long as the being is subject to the law of compulsion everything is determined by God, its end as well as its new formation.... However, as soon as the being has reached the stage of a human being and has received its free will again, God withdraws His will.... And then the human being is given laws which he has to observe if his earthly life is to be successful.... On the one hand he is tied to the laws of nature, and on the other hand he is informed of God's will, to which he has to submit if his development is to progress and reach a conclusion, for the goal is to become free of every external shape and to enter the kingdom of light as a free spirit.... to return to the Father's house, to God, from whence the being once originated....

Amen

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Informing the soul about earthly life....

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As soon as you ask Me a question I will answer and instruct you, so that you understand correctly and all ambiguity is lifted: The earthly progress of a human being's embodied soul.... of the once fallen original spirit.... is a difficult test of its will which is as free as it was when the original spirit came forth from Me. For it is fought over by two sides and it alone will determine the outcome of this battle. Spiritual guardians will always stand by its side but they may not interfere with its free will.... And at the same time countless adverse forces endeavour to cause the human being's fall once more.... However, it is possible for him to master the latter by unwaveringly turning his will towards Me and thereby constantly receiving strength to resist and pass his test of will.

But since the original spirit is still completely without knowledge at the onset of its incarnation as a human being; since, due to its apostasy, due to its rejection of My light of love, it has deprived itself of its light, knowledge and awareness, it has to be instructed, and this takes place from outside and from within.... through My spiritual spark inside of him which ceaselessly urges it into doing kind deeds, and then also imparts an inner light to the human being. In addition, I will always direct a human being's circumstances such that he will be able to learn from them, because time and again spiritual guardians will influence his thoughts to take the right direction, to muster the will to turn to Me, and then I will be able to work exceptionally in him Myself. Thus I take every care that the original spirit will be able to reach its objective as a human being during its earthly existence once it has expressed its will to undertake this final test of will as a human being. But no soul.... no original spirit.... having passed through the creation in the state of compulsion.... will be forced into this final incarnation....

The state of compulsion comes to an end the moment all small particles of an original spirit have congregated again, and from this moment on this original spirit will be free once again, it will not be subjected to coercion, neither from Me nor from My adversary's side.... It will be able to determine its own fate. During the time of its higher development from the abyss its resistance to Me will have diminished to a point that it will then be fully mature in order to live on earth as a human being, yet it will have to accept this gift of grace voluntarily.... And therefore it will also be informed of its earthly destiny.... As a result of My permission the original spirit realises that it is not yet at home where glories await it, and it wants them.... But it also realises that only the development as a human being will lead it back into its lost home.... It also knows that it will have to occupy a form again, and this knowledge can still delay its life as a human being.... Still, as a rule it will readily accept the embodiment as a human being and feel strong enough to pass its final test of will.

Nevertheless, it should make its own free decision and therefore it is shown its earthly progress by observing itself in various situations and, believing itself able to overcome them with ease, is thus also willing to travel the final path in the form.... However, I know every single original spirit's degree of maturity, and I Am able to let it visualize its earthly progress like a vision, I also know how this dream-like occurrence affects the individual soul and Am able to induce its embodiment into the human form accordingly, which only becomes a living being when the original spirit has taken possession of it.

You humans should believe that **everything** is possible with Me, that I Am even able to touch a completely blind spirit with a spark of light to enable its vision for a few moments.... and that these moments suffice to activate its will, which the original spirit is able to use again once all its substances have reunited.... You should also know and believe that I do not require any length of time and yet My will brings forth what I consider necessary.... And this expression of will by an original spirit to accept the human form **is necessary**, for it has left its constrained state and should now also freely decide to accept its earthly progress as a human being. But the human being's physical body only becomes viable when the original spirit has occupied it as a 'soul'. Only then will the person be guided by his guardian angels, he will be gradually familiarised with knowledge, and will then have to mature as a human being first before his free will and intellect can rationally express themselves.... It is the last process of development on this earth which **can** give complete deliverance to the original spirit providing it takes notice of the small voice within, of the inner urge which is the manifestation of the divine spark placed by Me into the person....

However, during earthly life My adversary has the same claim on him, and he will also try to assert it.... The human being is at all times subject to influences from above and below, however, he himself has to decide who will gain power over him. And this is his final test of will, that he consciously strives towards Me as his God and Father, and no-one can make this free decision for him, nevertheless, he is granted assistance in every way because I, too, long for his return and, like a truly good Father, will guide My child by the hand if only it will reach out for it and allow itself to be drawn by Me.... For I want all My living creations to become blissfully happy, and I have truly taken all possibilities into account in order to achieve this very goal of Mine....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Body, soul and spirit.... Explanation....

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People cannot understand the relationship between body, soul and spirit, which makes it difficult to explain to them the working of the spirit. The spirit is in opposition to the body, whereas the soul finds itself between both, thus it effectively has to side with either the body or the spirit but it can never pay attention to both. In the beginning of embodiment as a human being the soul is totally attached to the body. Hence it endeavours to fulfil the body's every desire, that is to say thought, feeling and will.... the human soul.... are wholly focussed on the body which, still consisting of matter

itself, also seeks to unite with matter. Thus the person will long for material possessions because they epitomise the body's satisfaction. Therefore the spirit will not come into its own, the soul ignores the spirit's demands, the spirit cannot find acceptance because the body is still stronger and completely occupies the soul, thus dominating its thoughts and aspirations. However, the soul can also recognise the worthlessness of earthly things, it can consider its bodily wishes to be unimportant, it can demand more of earthly life than mere material goods.... then the spirit comes into its own.... Then it will express itself and be listened to by the soul. The soul will start to move in a different direction, it will no longer ask for the body but strive for spiritual values. It will accept being taught, that is, it shall willingly accept what the spirit conveys. Indeed, it will feel happy and pay consistently less attention to the body, or it will try to incline the body to do what the spirit demands of the soul.... to renounce earthly matter in exchange for spiritual knowledge. Now the spirit will be victorious over the body. Both spirit and body try to win the soul for themselves. And as soon as the spirit has succeeded in displacing the desires of the body, it is the stronger....

But what is meant by spirit?.... The spirit is the Divine in the human being; it is that which identifies the human being as God's living creation, the spirit is the bond which connects the human being to the eternal Father-Spirit. It is the human being's realisation that he will always be in contact with the Father of eternity. The human being only recognises himself as God's living creation when the spirit becomes active, until then he will merely be conscious of himself as a living being who wants whatever life has to offer. But once the human being recognises himself, the world will no longer mean anything to him. Then he will search for higher values, then his thoughts will be directed towards the spiritual kingdom, then he will try to make contact with the One Who gave him life, then his thoughts will be right and his wishes and actions in accordance with divine will. Then the spirit of God will be working within the person. The soul subsequently will give itself to the spirit to be guided and taught so that body, soul and spirit unite at last and seek unity with God, because the human being's spirit constantly strives towards the Father-Spirit to Whom he is, and remains, inseparably joined for eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Composition of the soul... Miniature creation....

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The human being's soul is a formation consisting of inconceivably numerous miniature creations. It is effectively a composition of creations which were its past embodiments, so that it can be called the whole work of God's creation Who demonstrated His infinite love, wisdom and omnipotence in the human soul. The human being has no idea that he shelters the entire creation in his soul, but when, after the death of his body, he is able to behold himself in the spiritual kingdom he will look with utmost reverence and love for God upon the works of wonder he finds within himself again. The soul substance of every embodiment during this process of development is gathered, and thus the individual substances of the human soul have moved through the whole of creation and now exhibit an incredible versatility. Only then will it become obvious how magnificent God's works of creation are, and His greatness, His love, wisdom and omnipotence will emerge so distinctly that all living creations remain poised in reverence and love for God Who provides such immeasurable happiness to His living creations through becoming aware of His strength and the realization of Himself. However, the soul requires a certain degree of maturity as to be able to behold itself, this is why it is one of the beatitudes belonging to those in the kingdom of light. Beholding the soul is part of Jesus' promise 'eye has not seen, nor ear heard, the things which I have prepared for those who love Me....' Hence the soul can examine all areas, it can behold what it has never seen before, but which is undeniably present in creation, and it is aware of the fact that these wonders will never end, that constantly new formations emerge and yet it will never tire of beholding these creations, instead it will want to see increasingly more and thus also become increasingly happier. The soul is something imperceptible for human senses and therefore cannot be understood either. For the person on earth it is something

spiritual, in the spiritual kingdom, however, it is the essence, it is that which animates the spiritual creations, it is the true living being in the spiritual kingdom because it is permeated by the strength of God. And thus it finds within itself every thought of God again which He shaped into a form through His strength of will. Every work of creation is a manifested thought of God. And so the human soul is an enormous work of creation in miniature.... yet for people on earth it is a doubtful concept, it is something of whose existence they are not entirely convinced and which they can never prove scientifically either. Earthly people consider the soul a nothing or a questionable object, in truth, however, it is the most magnificent creation which gives evidence of God's love, wisdom and omnipotence, which glorifies Him in the spiritual kingdom, which is everlasting and gives rise to constantly praising God by all those who dwell in the kingdom of light and are blessed....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Union of the soul with the spirit....

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When the human being's soul unites with its spirit, when it therefore leaves the guidance to it, the human being cannot go wrong, and all his thinking, wanting and acting will now be rightly directed.... But when does the soul unite with its spirit?.... This is the moment when the human being learns to believe in a God and creator Whose creature he is himself out of innermost conviction, and when he has the desire to enter into contact with this recognized God.... when his thoughts are turned towards Him and he inwardly desires to enter into a relationship with Him which is pleasing to God.... when he **positively attunes** himself towards **God**.... Then he will be seized by the divine within himself, the spirit slumbering in him will guide him from that moment on and he will feel inwardly urged to live according to God's will, he will ignite love within himself, because this is already the working of the spirit in the human being and because the spirit can now also express itself noticeably, because the human being gives him the right to do so through his way of life in love.... Thus, the first sign of a spirit awakened to life is the working of love, for the spirit determines the soul.... the thinking, feeling and willing in the human being.... and it can certainly be said of a loving person that his soul has united with the spirit. And then the human being will also live a spiritual life alongside his earthly life, then his thoughts will not only be concerned with the world and earthly things, then he will often mentally dwell in the kingdom where he seeks God; he will deal with questions which lie outside of earthly knowledge, and he will then, as it were, pose these questions to the spirit working within him, which will also answer them, even though the human being only 'imagines himself to be mentally active'.... The desire to be in right relationship with God irrevocably results in the unification of his soul with the spirit, and this desire will certainly be granted to him, for it is a **spiritual** request which the human being sends to the creator of the universe, which is heard and which is always granted, because it is the human being's purpose of life in the first place to enter into right relationship with Him.... But then the spirit will completely take over the human being's guidance, and then he will also safely reach his aim.... The divine in the human being will always express itself when his thoughts seriously take the path to God, for then God Himself will also work on him through His spirit, and every thought turned towards Him is a step upwards, and if this thought is consciously pursued by the human being sending a prayer to his God and creator of eternity, then God will also soon reveal Himself to him as father, for prayer is the bridge which establishes a connection from the human being to God.... But then the human being will be in the best of care, for the essential deity will take hold of him and affect him through the spirit so that he will increasingly narrow the gap between himself and God, for the spirit will constantly push towards the father-spirit and the human being's desire to come closer to God will grow ever greater until it is fulfilled in complete union with Him through love.... which now fills the human being's nature because the eternal love Itself is active in him....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

I will answer your every question in a way that it is comprehensible to you, even if you are as yet incapable of understanding the most profound correlations because of your low maturity of soul. Nevertheless you will not be left in the dark about problems which occupy you and you are unable to solve yourselves. And you shall be enlightened as soon as you desire light: The reconstruction of the human soul happened in the same way as the disintegration of the being took place after its apostasy from Me, after the solidification of its substance.... The individual tiny particles, having gone through the works of creation for the purpose of maturing, were gathered again, the mineral, plant and animal world released all particles belonging to a fallen being again and these united in the end and now constitute the human soul.... Hence this soul is the once fallen original spirit which shall return to Me, to its origin, when it passes the final test of will in earthly life, which necessitates its free will.... This soul embodies itself in a cover of flesh, in a material body, and this consists again of countless spiritual substances which are still at the beginning of their higher development.... For all matter is spiritual substance at the start of its development, which already shelters more mature spirits within which must be of service and thereby mature fully.... Matter itself has a far longer path ahead of itself until it, too, can embody itself as a 'soul'.... Yet the time every spiritual substance takes to travel the path can differ considerably.... Spiritual substance **within** matter can mature faster, but matter itself can also be dissolved quicker if it complies with its serving function without resistance.... if the resistance of the bound spirit within matter subsides quickly and it is helpful.... This is the case if it is in surroundings where there is a recognisable and conscious striving towards Me, which has a beneficial effect on all spiritual substance and also shortens its path of development because it is often permitted to be of service.

Understand it like this: Where an inclination for matter still exists, where no spiritual striving is noticeable, that is where matter is being hoarded, it is given little opportunity to serve and this extends the state of constraint in this material item.... just as it can be considerably shortened if the human being does not strive to increase his earthly possessions and thus constantly gives the few material possessions he owns the opportunity to be of service.... Then the human being himself, through his attitude towards Me and matter, contributes towards a faster dissolution of the latter and the bound spiritual substance therein will be able to change its external form far more often and faster and also reach the stage when all particles have come together again sooner and the embodiment as a human soul can take place. Even the soul's earthly-physical cover is still consolidated matter whose substance belongs to a once-fallen original spirit.... which likewise shall pass the final test of will as a soul on earth one day.... If, during earthly life, a person succeeds in spiritualising his body of flesh simultaneously with his soul.... which, admittedly, only happens rarely but is nevertheless possible.... then its spiritual substances will join the soul and attain a certain state of spiritual maturity, so that the beings of light, which take care of the fallen spirits, will also influence the spiritual substance bound within the form such that it will quickly reach full maturity, because a soul which achieves such a spiritualisation together with the body, emanates extraordinary strength on all substances of a soul which still has to go through the process of development.... Thus the soul takes its spiritual body along into the spiritual kingdom and emanates these spiritualised substances again as strength to the original being they belong to, and this being will travel its process of development in a far shorter time, because the fully mature spirit will also prevent a relapse when the soul lives on earth as a human being.... For the body's substances have been **redeemed** by its indwelling soul and can never experience a relapse again.... Instead, they will also exert influence on the soul in the form of strength and drive the latter into increased spiritual striving.... this is why the human being should consider it a very great task to spiritualise his body as well.... why the human being should do everything in order to achieve this spiritualisation by not only helping his own soul but also the soul whose substances served him as a material cover during his life on earth....

Earthly matter will fade away when the hour of death has come.... A spiritualised body, however, joins the soul and flows again as strength to **that** original spirit to which it belongs, so that the latter

will noticeably feel the help and, while in the human stage, can never fall back into the abyss because the already spiritualised substances prevent it from doing so.... Through physical suffering and pain you can still help many of its still immature substances to mature fully.... You can still make small sacrifices of atonement for these spiritual beings if you, in a conscious state, humbly bear the suffering which is indeed caused by the body's immature substances but which, through your love for everything that is still unredeemed and your willingness to help, contributes towards the body's spiritualisation. Then you will not only attain your own soul's maturity but you will also help another original spirit to mature faster if you redeem everything unspiritual in you, which still belongs to My adversary, through your love and your will to help wherever it is possible.... If this redemption does not take place the body will go its natural course by dissolving and decaying and serving the untold number of tiniest living organisms again to grow and then its path will be much longer, but even these substances will gather again one day and the final embodiment in a form on this earth will take place. Always remember that matter is spiritual substance at the beginning of its development which already shelters more matured spirit within itself, in order to enable the latter to be of service, by means of which everything spiritual ascends.

You must differentiate between body and soul, and then it will be easier for you to understand the purpose and reason of physical suffering and pain and why Jesus' path to the cross is presented to you humans, Whom you should follow.... For He carried the sins **for you humans**, His soul was entirely without sin and yet He suffered indescribably.... And if you suffer, then consider that you, too, should be willing to make a sacrifice for **that** spiritual substance which serves you as an **external form** so that you will attain perfection.... You can also considerably shorten its path of suffering, and your love should induce you to provide redeeming help for everything that has become sinful....

Amen

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Earthly environment, skills and knowledge irrelevant to the maturing of the soul....

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January 19th 1942

The environment in which the soul lives through its embodiment on earth is irrelevant to its higher development. It is also completely irrelevant which earthly abilities the human being possesses and on which level he stands in earthly knowledge. A person can have the highest earthly merits, he can be well versed in all earthly fields and abilities, he can also have a high degree of knowledge, and yet he can be significantly lower spiritually than a person who does not have all these merits in earthly life and is spiritually very highly developed; indeed, spiritual maturity is often far more recognizable where all earthly merits are eliminated, for these people are more inward and more connected to God because they are not affected in their soul's work by any external influences. It sometimes seems as if a well-formed soul can only dwell in a well-formed body, as if truth can only be where wisdom is taught or received, and as if the degree of knowledge depends on a person's more or less highly developed intellectual thinking, and yet precisely these apparent advantages can be an obstacle which calls the human being's maturing into question.... A person whose thinking is otherwise sharp and logical can make the greatest errors in spiritual matters, but error will never lead to spiritual progress. Only a life of love brings such progress, and therefore a person does not need to have any worldly recognized advantages and can still stand on a very high spiritual level because love is inherent in him, but only love truly elevates a person. The will to serve God can be just as strongly developed in a person who is earthly quite small and lowly, for precisely this will attracts God as eternal love, but this first helps the person or his soul to spiritual maturity, and thus a well-formed soul can develop far more easily in a person who does not divide his attention between spiritual and earthly experiences. He has it a little easier, so to speak, because the temptations from outside do not assail him in such a way, whereas the man of the world who has extraordinary abilities but does not use them for the salvation of his soul can lag far behind that soul....

Amen

Responsibility of the soul in earthly life....

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The responsibility the human being bears towards his soul in his earthly life must be made known to him, and this happens through instruction in the divine teaching which is offered to the human being as the teaching of Christ and which shows him the clear path he has to take. The knowledge of this must be imparted to him, otherwise he could not be held responsible. He must know that the body is capable of doing everything but that it does much at the expense of the soul; however, only the soul needs to take responsibility for itself and therefore it must muster the strength to deny the body what is beneficial to it but detrimental to the soul. And the soul alone determines what the body does. For the body without the soul is dead, so it is the soul that gives it life, because willing, thinking and feeling emanate from the soul, i.e. it is, as it were, the epitome of the soul. If now the thinking, feeling and willing is only turned towards the body and only its desire is fulfilled, then the soul must live in want, and its meagerness will become apparent when it has to answer for its life on earth. For the body passes away and therefore does not need to bear the consequences of the wrong way of life, while the soul has to suffer according to its earthly life. And this must be presented to man on earth so that he does not act out of ignorance but is rather aware of his responsibility. And this knowledge is imparted to him by the Christian teaching, which prescribes to man exactly what he should and should not do, which clearly and distinctly expresses God's will to him and which presents to him everything that is man's task on earth. If the human being lives in accordance with this Christian teaching, he will turn his attention to the shaping of his soul and pay less attention to his body, and he will never again need to fear future responsibility. He has then, so to speak, fulfilled his earthly task, namely moulding his soul, which requires the body to be set aside. And as soon as the body is valued less, the soul takes the course of higher development, namely it pays more attention to the spirit within itself and is instructed by it in everything that is beneficial for the soul to know and which brings it an increased state of maturity. And then it no longer needs to fear responsibility, it lives earthly life in accordance with God's will because it respects His voice which speaks to it through the spirit in the human being. For as soon as the human being allows the teaching of Christ to have an effect on him, he will do everything that Jesus Christ demanded of humanity. He will work in love and serve God and his neighbour, he will not ignore what God puts to the heart of man through His word. He will make the divine teaching of love the guiding principle for his earthly life and try to mould himself into love, his will and his deeds will be in accordance and always turned towards the good, and he will never fear responsibility, for he lives his earthly life according to Jesus' example, he tries to follow Him and is intimately and faithfully united with God. He has overcome the body and its demands, and the soul has united with the spirit in him....

amen

Influencing the soul by the spirit....

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June 8th 1957

Your thoughts can be spiritually or earthly directed during your earthly life, and therefore the aims you reach will also be spiritual or earthly. You are now not subject to any compulsion on earth, you are completely free how you shape your inner life and which thoughts you give priority to. During your time on earth the spirit in you, which is My share, makes an effort to find a hearing with you but it does not forcibly influence the soul.... However, the body also tries to assert itself with its desires and cravings which are far more earthly directed. It, too, seeks to determine the soul and make it inclined towards its desire, and the soul.... the thinking, feeling and wanting.... must now decide. At the beginning of its embodiment it will also comply more with the body's desire because it is still very earthly orientated itself, because its substances shall first approach spiritualization and therefore it is also influenced by the spirit. Now the spirit spark, as a part of Me, is love, and it only ever seeks to

stimulate the soul into loving activity, the soul quietly feels urged to do so and can now act according to its thinking, willing and feeling. It **can** therefore work in love but is not forced to do so. If the body's influence is very strong then it gains the upper hand and holds the soul back from loving activity, if the soul listens to the spirit's quiet voice then it complies with its urging, and the consequence of this is that the spirit's strength can now already have a stronger effect, that its voice sounds louder and can convince the soul more and more to live right and according to God's will on earth. So spirit and body struggle for dominion over the soul.... They struggle to win the human being's thinking, feeling and wanting for themselves, and the aim the human being strives for and achieves on earth is also in accordance with the victory. The spirit is My share.... The body is composed of still very immature substances which therefore still more or less belong to My adversary. And thus I and My adversary wrestle for the human being's soul, which once came forth from Me as a self-aware entity but voluntarily surrendered to My adversary, but which has already largely travelled the path to Me and shall now decide anew in earthly life for the lord to Whom it wants to belong. But as soon as My spirit has already gained some influence in the human being, the connection with the eternal father-spirit has already been established, and now it is also possible for Me to constantly let My spiritual strength flow into a vessel which opens, because the soul, if it gives in to the urging of the spirit within itself, will perform deeds of love and increasingly open itself up to Me and thus always prepares itself more and more for the 'reception of the divine spirit'.... And now the influx of the divine spirit can also appear in an unusual way through various abilities which the human being now has at his disposal, so that then one can speak of an obvious outpouring of the spirit, as My disciples were also allowed to experience after My ascension into heaven.... For a process took place in them for the first time which only became possible through My act of salvation.... that the spirit was able to develop freely because My adversary's power over the souls of people who wanted to belong to Me was broken, whereas previously the souls were still so burdened by original sin that they were unable to hear the voice of the spirit within themselves and at the same time their will was too weak and their thinking was darkened.... But through My act of salvation the soul became free and it was now **possible** for it to listen to the spirit as well as the body, and only its will had to make the right decision.... but My spirit, which is love, helps it to do so. Once the spirit has gained the upper hand in the human being, then the right aim is also guaranteed, then it will no longer be possible for the body to win the soul for itself, rather, the soul and the spirit will still influence the body to likewise comply with divine order, and then the human being will be 'filled with spirit'.... then he will have passed his test of will on earth, then he will be an aspirant of the kingdom which lasts forever and bestows beatitudes, then the soul will have finally detached itself from My adversary and will now belong to Me for all eternity....

Amen

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Do not sell your soul....

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The price you pay for a joyful, pleasurable earthly existence is too high, for in return you sell your soul to the one who pulls it back down into the abyss. It is only an exceedingly short time during which you can indulge in the pleasures of the world, but eternity is infinitely long, the time is infinitely long when you dwell in darkness again in unspeakable torment. But you overestimate this short time on earth and thoughtlessly give away an eternal life in glory for truly worthless things.... You don't know what you are doing and don't listen to the serious warnings and admonitions which are constantly sent to you, so that you will lead your way of life responsibly, so that you will remember the time after your physical death when you will receive the delicious reward if you take all warnings and admonitions to heart and only try to improve the state of your soul. My adversary knows how to lure you with the charms of the world and you don't see through his game that he tries to win your soul with it, which only needs to get rid of the last shackle in order to be able to enter the kingdom of light, My kingdom, where it will be blissfully happy again in light and strength as it once was.... And

neither the bliss in the kingdom of light nor the torments of the abyss can be shown to you, for you have to return to Me again in complete free will.... just as **he** cannot **force** you to follow his enticements and lose your soul to him either. But I truly do everything to draw your attention to the horrors of the abyss which you will inevitably face if you are unable to separate yourselves from the world and its goods. And you will also be told about the beatitudes in the spiritual kingdom which await you if you live according to My will, if you strive to attain spiritual goods and put the world aside.... The fact that you don't believe in it is the result of your way of life, for you completely forget about your neighbour who is in need because of your desire for the world and earthly goods. If you would willingly turn your help to him then everything would also seem more credible to you which is held up to you by My servants who, in view of the end, step into the path of all people once in order to proclaim the gospel to them. But the increased greed for the world and its pleasures dulls you, and every warmer feeling in your heart is stifled, for My adversary, who knows that love snatches souls away from him, takes care of this, that he will certainly lose them if only the human being kindles love within himself. However, the human being's desire for earthly possessions makes him insensitive to his neighbour's hardship; his selfish love becomes ever stronger and he only seeks to gain everything for himself, and it hardens his soul, the shells become ever tighter and My adversary has won the game.... He has only paid a small price for the soul: a physical comfort for a **very short time** which has already come to an end with the death of the body and.... can already be over on the morrow. Why do you humans not even seriously consider your situation, the certain end of your life on this earth, which you yourselves cannot determine in terms of time.... why do you attach such great value to earthly goods and the pleasures of the world? And carelessly you give away the indescribable bliss of the spiritual kingdom for the sake of these short, worthless pleasures. Earthly life is a test for you humans, it is the last time of free decision for Me or for My adversary. And he will offer you everything in order to win you over for himself.... but I, too, will let grace upon grace flow to you, yet I will not exert any coercion of will upon you. Yet it is not impossible for you to make the **right** decision, for you are constantly informed and you can also recognize the transience of earthly things on a daily basis, you experience the sudden recall of fellow human beings from their lives on a daily basis.... you can think about everything.... Thus you will one day also have to bear the consequences of your decision if it is **not** for **Me**, and you will be allowed to enjoy indescribable bliss if you renounce your short earthly lifetime in order to gain Me and My kingdom for eternity....

Amen

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Transformation requires soul work....

B.D. No. **7059**

March 8th 1958

Only you yourselves can bring about the transformation of your being, because it was you yourselves who formed yourselves, because you yourselves shaped your once perfect being into imperfection. I created you perfect, for nothing imperfect can come forth from Me. And therefore I also endowed you with free will, but you misused it and therefore also gave away your perfection. What you have lost as a result you must now also try to regain yourselves.... For I cannot give you back your former perfection **against** your will, I can only ever help you to achieve it but leave it up to your will whether you accept this help. Thus the will alone determines whether and when you accomplish your change back. And that is why the transformation of every person's will is his own business, which no being can accomplish on his behalf. Every individual will has to become active and shed all signs of imperfection, and this requires the human being to work on himself. Every human being knows that he has faults and weaknesses, that he is far from being able to be called perfect.... Every human being knows that his nature is not 'divine', that he cannot show many divine signs, that his nature is rather characterized by the anti-divine, that he is not free from qualities which could call his divine origin into question if he knows nothing of his former apostasy.... And he has to try to change all these anti-divine qualities, he has to bring everything in himself back into the right order, which once filled him and from which he himself has emerged. He must seek to turn every

quality clinging to him into its opposite, as he once did.... Then he will unfold all the virtues which will make him a divine being again, and then he will have accomplished the transformation and will return to his original state, which means light and strength and freedom. But how is this transformation possible?.... Only through love alone.... It was love that caused the being to abandon itself and thereby fall. Love alone can help it to ascend again, love transforms everything wrong again and makes it possible for the being to come close to Me again, love is the characteristic of the divine, and thus the being which fully develops love within itself must also attain its former divine state again. But a life of love requires the human being's will.... love must be kindled in every person's heart, and then the human being will also muster the strength to work on himself and reshape his nature, then he will fight against all faults and weaknesses. Love will change pride into humility, intolerance into patience, hard-heartedness into mercy, contentiousness into love of peace, selfishness into justice, anger into gentleness.... Every evil in the human being will have to give way to love, for this is divine and it leads all My creatures back to Me again who once voluntarily separated themselves from Me. But you once rejected this love, therefore you must now make an effort yourselves again to let it shine upon you, which only requires your will, thus an opening of the heart.... For My love has always and constantly been for you, even though you turned away from Me and therefore rejected My love.... But now it also wants to be reciprocated by you, and therefore you must first be willing to ignite the spark of love within you.... which is My gift to every being embodied as a human being on earth.... Only then will I be able to nourish the little flame of love with the fire of My eternal love, because then your resistance against Me will have been abandoned and you will be ready to take the path back to Me. I will always let graces flow to you, I will always help you to ascend, but only your free will will let the graces become effective, only your free will will accept My assistance, and thus your free will will also have to tackle the work on the soul which is necessary for the transformation of the being. Bear this in mind so that you don't let the short time on earth pass by in inactivity of will, for no-one can do this work for you, neither a human being nor a being of light, no matter how great their love for you might be. Only loving intercession by people can help you gain strength, but you always have to accept it of your own free will and use it correctly. Therefore you should not walk along so indifferently, you should become and remain aware of your task and help the soul to attain perfection, which you can certainly achieve on earth if only you eagerly let your will become active and thus direct it to Me for the time being.... Then I will seize you and truly no longer let you fall.... then My strong arm will hold you, for the will turned towards Me also means giving up resistance, and then My illumination of love will also have an effect again and be able to kindle love in the human being, and then the human being will also do the work on his soul.... He will change again and the return to Me will also certainly take place....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Conscious psychological work....

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No-one should reckon to have much time left for the work of improving his soul, for no-one knows when his last hour will come. The human being should live as if every day were the last he was given. He should busily work for the benefit of his soul.... He should not let any day go by without having performed a kind deed, he should support his neighbour with advice and help, he should think of his God and Creator and establish with Him the relationship of a child with its Father.... he should pray to his Father every day and commend himself to Him and His grace. He should entrust himself to Him and appeal to Him for His protection and guidance, he should make mental contact with the world of light.... he should only ever want to do what is good, and then he will, in fact, only do that which complies with God's will. A person can greatly contribute towards his soul's speedy maturing on earth if only he consciously works at improving his soul, i.e., by always keeping in mind why he inhabits this earth and then living according to God's will by fulfilling the commandments of love for God and his neighbour. And he can implement this every day if he is

interested in moving forwards in his development, that is, if he lives his earthly life appropriately. But he should not defer this work because he does not know how long he will live on earth.... This knowledge is withheld from him, and for good reason, or he would not be free in his will.... But he also easily runs the risk of carelessly deferring the work of improving his soul, always counting on the fact that there will still be plenty of time to seriously consider his soul....

No-one knows when his hour will come, it can suddenly take you by surprise, and then you will feel bitter remorse when you realise in the spiritual kingdom what you neglected to do on earth. Many people enter the kingdom of the beyond totally unprepared, they made no spiritual progress at all, they neglected to do everything that might have resulted in this progress, they only lived on earth for their body but never considered the soul, which alone continues to live after the earthly body's death. And therefore, it must suffer the consequences alone, either to linger in agony and darkness or to stray in utter bleakness through infinite spaces, poor and miserable and in severe distress. You are still living on earth and can spare your soul this dreadful fate, nevertheless, you must make use of your life and work daily and hourly at improving your soul, which can already consist of a spiritually directed thought, because then the beings of light will help you and time and again try to draw you into spiritual spheres, which they will also succeed in doing if you are of good will. You should often consider the hour of your death and you will increasingly overcome your fear of dying, for the more you work at improving your soul the less you will fear the hour of death, for then you will be prepared for it, you will live consciously and therefore fearless and aware you will approach the end, which is time and again proclaimed to you. But woe to those who live irresponsibly from day to day, for the day which ends their life will take them by surprise.... Woe to those who have never considered their soul and only ever attended to their body.... Regardless of whether they die before or live to see the day of the end.... their end will be a dreadful one, for their soul will have to bear the fate which the human being has prepared for it on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Love and suffering purify the soul....

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And you will truly follow Me if you bear your cross with patience and submission to My will. I certainly carried all of humanity's sins on My shoulders when I walked the path to the cross and thereby relieved you from the immense burden of sin you would have had to carry on account of your sins.... I knew that it was too heavy for you, that you would never have freed yourselves from this huge weight. And thus I carried it on your behalf.... But you must know that you still have a low degree of maturity of soul as long as you have not fanned your love into brightest radiance. And this is what you humans are lacking, even if you strive to live your life according to My will. For this reason I give you the opportunity to raise your soul's maturity through afflictions, which are the right kind of purification means for the soul, so that it becomes increasingly brighter and translucent and able to enter the kingdom of the beyond in a purified state when its hour has come. Love and suffering purify the soul.... I say this time and again, and thus I also tell you that you need the suffering, because the love in you has not yet reached the degree which lets the soul become so crystal clear that My love can permeate it without meeting with any resistance. Your life will not last long anymore, and one day you will be grateful to Me that I helped you to spiritualise your soul through afflictions, through adversities and suffering, through all kinds of ailments.... Just do not rebel against your destiny, accept everything from My hand and always remember that I want to help you attain perfection as far as it is still possible on earth. You can still cast off many impurities from your soul and thereby enable it to blissfully pass over into an abundance of radiant light, because the soul will have been prepared such that it can absorb this abundance of light without having to fade away. Although you can all certainly be redeemed from your guilt of sin because of the forgiveness which, for the sake of Jesus Christ, is assured to you if you appeal to Me Myself in Jesus for it.... but the degree of light which subsequently will make you happy can vary and thus the bliss you enjoy will also differ.... depending on the soul's

transparency and perfection, depending on the work you have done on earth to improve your soul. So if you are negligent despite your good will My love will help you by repeatedly creating opportunities for you to raise your soul's maturity.... by burdening you with a small cross which you should carry with patience and submission.... so that you occasionally suffer in order to promote your psychological task, to dissolve the impurities and to let your soul emerge from the suffering so bright and pure that it has also become receptive for high degrees of light and in truth can enter the kingdom of light and bliss. For life is short and one day you will thank Me for the path I made you travel on earth when the soul has gained the maturity which allows for a high degree of illumination of light and which will make you inconceivably happy.... Therefore take your cross upon yourselves and follow Me.... for sooner or later your path will end and then you will be overjoyed....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Matter is great danger to the soul....

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The human being's spiritual development, for the purpose of which he lives on earth, is always endangered when he allows himself to be completely captivated by matter and thus has no connection whatsoever with the spiritual kingdom. Then the soul will be completely dominated by the body, then the human being's thoughts will only be turned towards earth and its goods, then he will not believe in a God and creator either, for he will not allow any thoughts of Him to arise, his soul will be completely attached to matter and will be drawn down into the abyss again. And if it does not come to a better realization by the end of its physical life, then matter will also become its renewed cover when the end of this earth has come. And therefore people should seriously be made aware of the fact that matter does not remain, that it is transient and that the human being gains nothing even if he comes into possession of it, for he has to give everything away when the hour of his death has come.... And many people will also have to surrender their earthly possessions prematurely when the great chaos will come as a result of God's intervention.... the great adversity which will affect humanity through God's will. Then they will realize how transient all earthly things are, and good for those who still gain the right realization, who still try to procure spiritual possessions for the soul before it is too late. As long as the human being lives he can still attain this realization and then help the soul to ascend. But as long as matter still holds him captive the soul achieves no spiritual gain. And that is why earthly possessions are often fatefully taken away from people, material possessions often fall prey to destruction, earthly values are lost or things are taken away from the human being to which his heart is particularly attached.... but these are all only God's help, Who wants to release the soul from earthly burdens which hinder its ascent, and then it only ever depends on the person's attitude towards such strokes of fate as to whether they were also beneficial for his soul. Matter is a great danger for the soul, for it shall become free from it during earthly life.... The human being's will should turn away from the world and its goods and desire spiritual wealth, the human being should think of the soul's fate after his death and help it to higher maturity.... The heart should detach itself from everything the world offers and its desire should be directed towards spiritual goods, then the world will lose its appeal of its own accord and the soul will not have put aside its existence on earth in vain.... And if you therefore lose earthly goods then recognize this as God's help to free your soul from them; be grateful for the help and remember your purpose of earthly life.... For you all know that everything earthly is transient and that your life on earth does not last forever.... Therefore create spiritual goods for yourselves which will follow you into eternity.... Pray **voluntarily** for what you will lose one day and thereby create wealth for yourselves with which you can work in the kingdom of the beyond.... Then you will live your earthly life consciously and you will not be lost when the end comes for you, when your soul's degree of maturity will be assessed as well as your way of life on this earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

All earthly experiences should and can contribute towards your perfection, for everything is arranged in such a way that you are forced to find the right attitude which will then also have an effect on your soul. You can humbly accept everything and recognize it as My will or My permission, but you can also rebel inwardly and then you will derive little benefit for your souls, and many events can pass you by without the effect they should have on your souls. Believe that nothing affects you 'by chance' but see My guidance and My will or My permission in everything, because I want to create opportunities for you where you can carry out diligent soul work.... where you can practise patience, gentleness and peacefulness, where your mercy shall be stimulated or your humility shall be strengthened.... where you shall practise unselfish neighbourly love and patiently accept all suffering. And this will always bring salvation to the soul which only walks across earth for the purpose that it will be purified, that all dross will fall away from it which restricts or completely prevents My illumination of love.... And the more eagerly you carry out this work on your soul the sooner all oppressions will leave you, for then you will become increasingly more active in love, and love will dissolve all dross in your soul and it will mature in a short time. If you look at all the adversities of life, all daily discomforts from this side, you will also be able to overcome them much more easily.... you will know that you still need them because you are still unfinished, and you will also know that I will help you time and again, whatever it may be.... for every means I use to guide you to higher maturity is help which My love gives to you and which you should therefore also gratefully accept.... And when nothing is able to disturb you anymore, when you calmly let all adversities of daily life pass you by.... if you bear them humbly and patiently, they will also have fulfilled their purpose, and your soul will thank Me that I bestowed this help upon it which helped it to attain perfection. You all still have much to reject during earthly life, for only rarely has a person already attained full virtue, everyone has to work on himself in order to change his vices and bad habits into the state he should attain, so that he is able to receive My ray of light of love, so that My ray of love can shine through him without being prevented by impenetrable coverings. All bad habits and vices are such coverings which hinder My ray of love, which require diligent soul work but which you can accomplish if you are willing to fulfil My will. But since the human being does not carry out this work on himself he has to be stimulated by Me, as it were, by facing many resistances and obstacles in daily life which he should and also can master with My help if only he sends a call to Me to assist him in the battle against everything unspiritual which still oppresses him.... Then he will admit his weakness for once and humility will grow in him, he will make an effort to compensate and ward off everything with love. And love is the soul's best purifier, it dissolves all coverings and My love can now radiate through it in all its strength.... Only don't let yourselves be carried away into unkindness through such resistance, for then My adversary will have won over you and you will have to make ever greater efforts in order to achieve the perfection of your soul on earth. Nothing that approaches you is pointless and futile, for My will directs your earthly course and I only want to promote your maturing but not let you fall into the abyss again.... And therefore also recognize My will or My permission in everything that concerns you and submit yourselves to it....

Amen

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The right soul doctor....

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Every sick person needs healing medicine if he wants to recover and let his body become fresh and strong again in order to be able to fulfil his duties on earth.... And thus the sick soul also requires healing medicine which helps it to gain strength in order to likewise be able to fulfil the task it has been given for earthly life. It is sick and weak when it begins life as a human being, and it has an ascent ahead of it for which it needs strength. (8.3.1957) Therefore healing must be brought to it, it must entrust itself to a doctor and helper who knows its illnesses, who now administers the right

medicine through which it can recover. It must enjoy strong nourishment in order to also gain strength and now also be able to cover the ascent to the heights. And there is only one doctor who can truly help it, who knows all its sufferings and weaknesses and who has the right medicine ready for all: It is Jesus Christ, the saviour and redeemer from sin and death.... And there is only one healing nourishment which He administers to the sick soul: His word, which alone puts the soul into the state that it can now powerfully walk the path upwards, which lets it reach the aim for the purpose of which it was allowed to embody itself on earth. For this word is the bread which comes from heaven, which divine love distributes with a hand of blessing, which truly lets every sick soul recover when it is gratefully received from the hand of Jesus Christ.... the creator and father of eternity.... when the soul refreshes itself with it, when it truly enjoys flesh and blood, the word, which flows constantly as God's flow of grace and is accessible to everyone who feels hunger and thirst, who is sick and weak and needs bread and wine in order to regain strength.... His word is the right medicine for the sick soul, and it is the source of strength for the healthy but still weak soul, for just as the human soul on earth is made up.... it constantly needs food and drink, it will never be able to do without nourishment because it shall mature in earthly life and for this it always requires strength which alone can flow to it through the word of God. And if a person is aware of his weakness, if he recognizes that his soul is still sick and in need of a doctor, then he will also turn to the one Who offers him a certain guarantee that he will be helped.... He will entrust himself to Jesus Christ and appeal for recovery, he will admit his weakness and inadequacy to Him and lean on Him, for he knows that he will find support with Him, that Jesus Christ as a physician of the soul is also willing to give him what his soul needs.... He knows that His healing hand only needs to stretch out so that he will become healthy and that He will continue to administer the right nourishment to it. And he will accept His word, he will draw strength from His word again and again and soon also experience the **effect** of the divine word on himself.... For a **divine** gift does not remain ineffective. But anyone who does not recognize his soul's illnesses will not supply it with the right medicine either, and it will remain weak and miserable, it will not be able to manage the ascent upwards, and furthermore it will also be without nourishment, for the right nourishment for the soul is only the word of God. And thus it can be that a soul, at the end of its earthly life, is still just as meagre and weak as it entered earth.... For it can indeed be meagre and completely powerless but it cannot pass away.... And in this state it must now also enter the spiritual kingdom where it will bitterly feel its inadequacy. But again and again the saviour of the sick and weak approaches people, again and again He offers Himself to help them recover, again and again He lets the flow of strength to earth from which all sick souls could draw strength.... And truly, the sickness and weakness will be taken away from every soul which entrusts itself to the saviour and redeemer Jesus Christ. And the remorse of those will be bitter who passed Him by and never made use of His medical help, for they will remain sick and weak and thus also enter the kingdom of the beyond in this way....

Amen

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Feeding souls with the right food....

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Your soul must constantly receive the bread of heaven, it must draw the living water from the spring if it wants to recover and mature, for it needs nourishing food and a revitalising drink.... And I am always ready to give it this nourishment if only you come to My table to take supper with Me, if only you always find yourselves where I offer you food and drink.... if you listen to Me as I speak to you. And My gifts will never be sparse but you may take in abundance what My fatherly love offers you.... For you must not let your soul go hungry and only think of your body, for it is transient but the soul is everlasting, and therefore **its** condition shall be improved as long as you live on earth. And when I Myself give you food and drink it means that I Myself speak to you, that you listen to My word which teaches you love.... And if you now follow My word so that you are not only hearers but doers, then your soul will revive, it will mature and reach perfection for the purpose of which it lives

on earth as a human being. But how do you want to fulfil your earthly task if you only pay attention to what serves your body's well-being.... you only live in the world and completely neglect your spiritual task....? Your soul will leave the body in the same state as it entered it, it will enter the kingdom of the beyond miserable and meagre, for it had to live in want during its earthly life and was therefore unable to mature. It was deprived of nourishment, it never came to My table to be fed and watered by Me, it passed by all gifts of grace without making use of them, and one day it will bitterly regret this.... Yet I cannot force you humans, I can only instruct you and ensure that you take notice of My word, that you hear My address one day, that the great gift of grace is offered to you one day, which you now only need to use.... Your pilgrimage is long and you will often sink down on the path without strength and long for proper refreshment and then you should also give it to your soul, and truly, you will continue your earthly path strengthened and time and again go to the spring in order to strengthen and refresh yourselves anew.... And once you have been My guests, whom I Myself was able to feed with My word, with the true bread of heaven, you will soon no longer enjoy any other food, for you will feel the benefit of food which your soul needs and never want to miss it. And then you will no longer need to worry that you will not be able to fulfil your earthly task. For you will be powerful and comply with My will, your soul will constantly join Me more and more, and in the heartfelt bond it will receive ever more strength, it will completely transform itself into love and become again what it was in the beginning: a divine being which, in full possession of light and strength and freedom, can work and create in My kingdom.... And therefore you humans should always abide by My word, you should desire to hear Me and open your ears and hearts so that I can give you what you need.... For My word is the right nourishment which comes from heaven, without which your soul can never recover, for it is still weak and imperfect at the beginning of its embodiment as a human being, and it shall mature and perfect itself during earthly life. And where I Myself now open up a spring from which the living water.... My word.... flows out, there the soul can and will also be able to refresh itself at any time. For this spring is still pure and clean, the water of life is not yet exposed to contamination, it flows brightly and clearly and has a revitalising effect on the soul which refreshes itself from it. And if you humans receive My word directly you need not fear any contamination either, you will receive knowledge from Me in utmost truth which signifies light for you, which breaks through the darkness in which you humans live like a ray as long as you don't let Me kindle such a light for you. Do not walk in the night but seek to reach the light of day.... Do not accept all kinds of food but let yourselves be fed and watered by Me Myself, and do not shy away from the path to the source if you want to be sure to receive unadulterated spiritual knowledge which is truth because it originates from Me Myself.... And truly, your earthly path will not be an idle one, you will strive towards the goal and also come ever closer to it, for I Myself call you to My table, I invite you as My guests to take supper with Me, and I will truly offer you the right food and the right drink, I will nourish your souls so that they need not starve....

Amen

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God instructs His disciples and sends them out into the world....

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The spirit of love must rule you if you want to unite with eternal love. This is My commandment which I give to you again and again, it is the epitome of My teaching which I convey to you again and again through My messengers.... it is the content of My word which comes to you from above because I love you and want to draw you to Me forever. And if you practice love you will fulfil My commandment and gain My pleasure, I Myself will draw close to you and you will draw nearer to Me until you unite yourselves with Me through unceasing activity of love.... And therefore I repeatedly send My messengers out into the world, My disciples, who are to instruct people in My name, who are to preach love to them and thus make My will known, because I want to help people to redeem themselves, to shape themselves into love in order to be able to become blissfully happy.... And therefore I instruct these disciples to make them able to teach their fellow human beings.... I impart

My word to them and show them the path every person has to take in order to unite with Me for eternity.... I Myself instruct My disciples and send them out into the world with the task to be active on My behalf, because people shall be given the correct knowledge of My will, of My commandments, of their life's task, their aim, of their imperfection and My greater than great love which wants to educate them into perfect beings so that they will become blissfully happy. They can only be informed of everything through My word, and thus they must be informed of My word through servants who have received it from Me Myself, who are able to pass it on in all purity as it originated from Me. And these servants are My disciples whom I send out into the world.... Anyone who listens to them listens to Me, and anyone who takes their words to heart listens to Me, he obeys My commandments, he fulfils My will, he shapes himself into love and seeks and finds unity with Me. My word only teaches love and is therefore always recognizable as My word as soon as it is offered with love and points to Me, the eternal love. My word can also only be received by people who live in love, who are therefore so intimately united with Me that they desire to hear Me and are able to hear that I can come to them in the word, and who are therefore also suitable to work for Me on earth as My servants.... to educate people to love again by bringing them the word which originated from Me Myself. I Myself am the word, and if people want to unite with Me they first have to let Me speak to them, they have to know My will and strive to fulfil it. And since My word only requires loving activity from them, since this alone is My will that they keep My commandments of love, they need only let their own will become active and shape themselves into love in order to unite with Me, Who is eternal love Myself. But then they will also be unspeakably happy, for unification with Me signifies redemption from bondage, from the bondage of the one who is without love and therefore stands far away from Me, who is an enemy of the souls and seeks to corrupt them and whose endeavour is to distance them from Me, thus to seduce them into unkindness and thus to plunge them into ruin. But My word is the path to beatitude, My word is enlightenment and guidance, My word gives strength and grace and safely leads to the aim, for anyone who hears My word and faithfully accepts it in his heart will also constantly be active in love and thus redeem himself, because I draw him to Me and will never again let him fall into the hands of the one who is My adversary....

Amen

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Recognizing the transient and the imperishable....

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It is tremendously important to know about the transience of everything earthly and about the responsibility towards that which is imperishable. People lack the evidence for the immortality of the soul, they therefore try to minimize or deny everything which presupposes precisely this immortality of the soul, and thus they take little account of this immortality. And this is the result of not realizing that a spiritual life can be lived alongside the earthly life and that only this spiritual life brings the human being everlasting success. The spiritual life alone is important, although it is apparently only the accompanying life of earthly existence.... Earthly life can certainly be lived without any connection with the spiritual, but this is completely unsuccessful for eternity. However, once a person focusses his attention on the immortality of the soul, if he takes this factor into account, he already consciously assumes responsibility for the soul. And his efforts will now be directed towards collecting spiritual treasures, for he now recognizes everything that is earthly possessions as worthless because he knows that none of it is permanent but must pass away according to divine law. Thus he clings to that which he recognizes as imperishable, i.e. he seeks it first in order to make it his own.... And the imperishable is spiritual.... Thus he seeks the spiritual and also finds it, for God supports this endeavour because it corresponds to the actual purpose of earthly life. Once the human being has knowledge of what is worth striving for in eternity, his sense of responsibility towards the soul will become increasingly stronger and he will live a second life, as it were, which is completely separate from his actual earthly life. He establishes spiritual connections, he lets his thoughts wander upwards into the spiritual kingdom, he communicates with spiritual beings, confides in them, asks for

information and advice, he lets himself be taught by them, and he does everything to increase his spiritual knowledge.... He therefore consciously strives for the imperishable, and he will learn to despise earthly life, i.e. everything that is transient, to the same extent. He is therefore still on earth, but detaches himself from the heaviness of earth and is far more often in the spiritual realm than on earth. Therefore, the human being must first be given the knowledge of the worthlessness and futility of everything he can see and grasp, and at the same time spiritual knowledge must be presented to him so that he can now decide for himself which life is more appealing to him.... He must surrender the treasures of the world, he must try to satisfy his desire other than with earthly pleasures. He must willingly surrender these in order to receive spiritual pleasures. He must realize for himself that only the imperishable, the soul, must be considered during earthly existence, but that both cannot be satisfied at the same time, thus in order to receive imperishable good, earthly good can also be desired. The one must be given in order to receive the other.... The human being must make a decision, he must allow his will to become active, and this can only apply to either the earthly desirable or the riches of the soul.... Man must choose between perishable and imperishable good....

(2.7.1940) And he will be blessed whose spirit recognizes the value of imperishable good.... For it will now also become apparent to him that striving for it also brings the human being closer to God at the same time. And he will feel the bond with God if he disregards the transient and only seeks to enrich himself with spiritual possessions. His state of soul is considerably freer because matter, i.e. earthly desirable things, is no longer desired and is therefore overcome, i.e. the shackles of the soul have been loosened through the desire for imperishable, for spiritual good. And this freedom is incomparably fruitful. In its now unbound state it is inconceivably lively and seeks the connection with likewise spiritual things. And the union with this imparts wisdom and light.... in the form of knowledge, which he now wants to bring back to his soul. Thus the human being is guided into truth and the soul now shares in all spiritual wealth. For it receives, as it were, the spiritual strength which has come to the spirit from God through augmentation with spiritual substances. A soul thus permeated by the divine spirit must irrevocably ascend, for its goal was to reach the highest possible spiritual level, which is now achieved by overcoming everything that belongs to earth, thus is transient and therefore worthless for eternity. This increase of the spiritual means liberation from the form, and therefore the soul of man is united with the spirit out of God, it is truly immortal, i.e., it lives in eternity....

Amen

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Immortality of the soul....

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Think about what will happen to your soul after the death of the body; try to imagine that there is no end to what you think, feel and want and that the soul **cannot** die. Imagine it if you cannot yet firmly believe it. Then you will feel uneasy because the soul will feel that no beautiful fate awaits it, because the belief in a continuation of life would also have resulted in a different way of life, a change in love, but just as a change in love would also have earned it faith. Every person knows that he has to die after the body, yet the soul's continued life cannot be taught as definite knowledge. Nevertheless, it can become a conviction in the human being even without proof. And this conviction now determines his thinking, willing and acting. Then the human being lives consciously.... conscious of his task to develop upwards on earth and to prepare the soul's fate in the beyond according to his degree of maturity.... Then he thinks of the soul's life after death and is also always willing to exchange earthly life with life in the spiritual kingdom, because he knows that there is no eternal death, only a change of abode for the soul. Every person of good will also feels that he does not only live for this earth, and his faith becomes ever deeper and more convinced. For anyone of good will does not resist the indications which are repeatedly offered to him through God's love and stimulate his thinking. Anyone of good will also cultivates love, and thus he is strengthened in his faith and longs for light which is also kindled in him. Every person **can** believe in the soul's continuation of life if he **wants** to, if he

desires the truth, if he thinks about it and desires clarification.... However, the denial of the will to live on will always be an obstacle to faith, because then the human being will already be dominated by the forces of darkness which hate all light. Do not carelessly pass over your thoughts if they remind you of the life of the soul after death.... Seek to fathom but do not reject all thoughts if they touch you. For without the will for truth you cannot attain it, without the desire for it you cannot be taught. There is life after death and you shape this life for yourselves on earth, you yourselves create the soul's fate in eternity and should ensure that it does not fall prey to spiritual death, which is agonizing but never signifies **non-existence**. For the soul is the real thing in the human being and continues to exist even if the body passes away.... Think about it so that you will come to believe, so that you will gain the inner conviction that the body can indeed die but the soul is everlasting....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The soul is imperishable.... State of ego consciousness....

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Consider that there is no more passing away for you, that you will endure for all eternity.... And this thought will make you happy when you know that you will be blissfully happy for all eternity, even though you cannot imagine this bliss.... But it can also be an unbearable thought for you if you had to expect no end of this state in wretchedness because you are imperishable.... That you exist and now also shape your fate is a truth which cannot be disputed.... and even if you cannot provide evidence of it you will not be able to prove the opposite either, and therefore you should also consider the possibility and thus shape your fate accordingly yourselves. You should by no means give in to the hope that everything will end with the death of your body, that you will then return into nothingness, for once you have been emanated by Me as essential strength, this strength cannot disappear again either. But once it returns to Me again as the original source.... And that is why even the wretched state.... when you cause it for yourselves.... cannot last forever, but must one day irrevocably change again into the opposite.... But it is not unimportant how long the being is in this unhappiness, for the being is not insensitive. It was once put out into freedom, light and strength, which therefore means bliss.... The state of wretchedness is bondage, darkness and powerlessness and therefore a state of unspeakable agony, which the being itself can no longer change when no help is granted to it. My infinite love, however, also belongs to those beings and has mercy on all wretched beings. Time and again it also finds ways and means to loosen the beings' bondage and to let them receive sparks of light and strength which help the being up out of the deepest darkness, so that once again it will have the opportunity to recognize itself for what it is and then it can voluntarily continue the path of ascent which it has taken with My help. And even if eternities pass by, the being will still exist, even if it is dissolved into countless particles and bound in the works of creation.... Yet no particle is lost, they all gather again and once more enter the state of ego-consciousness which they had lost through their own fault.... So the absence of ego-consciousness does not mean a passing away into nothingness.... but it is only a temporary state of complete powerlessness and lightlessness, which also excludes any recognition of oneself as a being.... Now it is certainly comforting for you humans that even you, who are still completely opposed to Me, will one day be united with Me again and be able to enjoy supreme bliss.... Yet this certainty should not make you lukewarm in your striving or indifferent and irresponsible towards earthly life, for the times of distance from Me are eternities for you during which you condemn yourselves, during which you have to endure a fate which cannot be described to you blackly enough and which you, as human beings, cannot measure in its agony. But you should accept all warnings and admonitions and not lightly reject every thought of it, for precisely during the time of your human existence it is possible for you to strive for the final union with Me, which guarantees supreme bliss for all eternity.... And it is truly not much that you need to do yourselves, for I only require of you a life of unselfish loving activity.... And if you are willing to come close to Me you will also receive the strength to work in love.... Thus you should only direct your will correctly, it should be turned towards Me as your creator, you should only want to recognize

your purpose of earthly life and fulfil it.... And then you need never fear that you will still have to live in wretchedness, for My love, which belongs to you for all eternity, only wants to prepare beatitude for you, and therefore you should only give up your former resistance which cannot be broken **by force**.... You should.... believe whatever teachings you are told about your immortality.... even without proof, and then you will also consciously strive for a blissful life and become again what you were in the beginning.... Beings who are immeasurably blissful in light and power and freedom....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The souls' purification process in the beyond....

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The departed soul's purification process in the beyond starts immediately after the decease of the body but in accordance with the soul's will. Spiritually completely dark souls experience the darkness as agony, and this right from the start of the process, because it is intended to contribute towards the change of the soul's will. Although the duration of this varies, it is always the principle of the purification process. God's love constantly gives the soul the opportunity to change its will, but in the beyond it does not always recognise these methods as the working of God's love, and yet they can soon lead to the goal providing the soul is not too obstinate. It has to purify itself completely before it can accept light, and until it can receive light it is in a state of torment, and thus the fate of an immature soul is lamentable. It can never receive too much help from people by means of loving intercession or mental instructions and advice to act with love. However, if the soul is not too obstinate it will constantly progress in its development, every torment melts the hard cover, it becomes receptive to help and will try to liberate itself, although occasionally it can take a very long time before the purification process is completed and the soul, as a recipient of light, is able to act with kindness.

But even more mature souls will still have to become more receptive to light, because the light can touch a soul at various degrees of intensity, depending on its state of perfection, which can reach an increasingly higher level. On entry into the spiritual realm the soul can already be so advanced in knowledge that it no longer needs to linger in dark surroundings, it is able to see and understand everything, it finds itself in a more or less brighter pool of light and thus is also able to work accordingly. And yet it still has to shape itself to receive more light. It still has to crystallise itself to utmost clarity and this again through loving work with needy souls, because devoted love for those unhappy souls will purify the soul and make it progressively more receptive to light, while due to its redeeming activity its own happiness intensifies at the same rate. As soon as a soul has the will to ascend it becomes diligently and untiringly active, and because of its will to help other suffering souls it constantly receives strength for its own happiness and sustained helpfulness. Always providing, of course, that it has overcome its weakness of will, that its engulfing impenetrable darkness is broken, that it is receptive to the merciful rays of light which God sends into the darkness, and that it wants to escape its dark state. Its struggle towards ascent, its torments and the darkness of its surrounding are taken into account as purifying factors, its layers dissolve, it becomes receptive to light and its ascent towards the light is assured. In accordance with the soul's own will God's continuous help enables it to ascend until, penetrated by light, it can work in the spiritual kingdom as is its destiny....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The soul's change of abode.... Death of the body....

B.D. No. 6817

April 28th 1957

The soul's change of abode.... Death of the body....The soul is your actual Self which is immortal, which merely changes its abode after the death of the body, which has concluded its earthly progress in order to continue maturing in other spheres if it does not stay in opposition to Me and thus

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descend into the abyss. Hence the thought that you don't have to fear death should make you very happy, that you will live although you have to leave this earth.... and that this life is far more pleasant and joyful than earthly life as a human being could ever be. You should look forward with cheerful anticipation to the day when your external cover will be taken from your real Self, when all heaviness will fall away from you and you will be able to easily and light-heartedly lift yourselves up into your true home, which truly offers you inconceivable splendours. You should rejoice at the fact that there is no death for you because your soul will merely experience a change of abode which can make it infinitely happy....

Why do you therefore fear death or anticipate the end of your earthly life with unease? Why has death become a horror for you humans, why does it trigger in you a feeling of fear when, in reality, it is just a transition into another sphere after all? Because you unconsciously sense that you did not live your earthly life correctly, and because your soul is not acquiring the light which would take all its fear away.... For a person who complies with My commandments of love, who thus lives on earth in accordance with My will, has no fear of death but yearns to shed his earthly cover because he longs for his true home, because love has kindled a bright light in him and, looking ahead, he also knows himself to be near to Me, where no suffering and pain, no affliction can touch him, where he feels sheltered by My love.... All people could have this blissful certainty, that they will exchange a sorrowful and difficult existence for this feeling of security when they depart from this earth, if only they would live their earthly life with this aim in mind.... if they would always follow their inner voice which clearly informs them of My will.... if they would already on earth enter into the right relationship with Me, their God and Father of eternity. The thought that their existence ends with the body's death is already the best evidence that the person's way of life does not correspond to My will, for this idea comes from the opposing spirit's influence wanting to prevent people from gaining correct realisation and therefore also constantly increasing their desire to enjoy **earthly** existence to the full.... for these people do not believe in the immortality of their soul, they impose on it the same restrictions as is the fate of the external frame....

And thus they try to savour earthly life in every way, only ever considering their body but not their soul which, after physical death, has to accept a rather uncertain fate, which will be unable to experience the splendours of its true home, since due to its imperfect disposition it cannot find admission to the spheres where inconceivable beatitudes await it. Although it is still possible for the soul to detach itself from the abyss and enter into higher spheres, it nevertheless requires far more effort and exertion than on earth and will be impossible without help, yet even then the soul will have to muster its own will, which is far easier on earth. The Self cannot cease to exist but it creates its own fate of blissfulness or agony.... and only when people no longer consider their body as being 'alive' but learn to recognise the soul within the body as their actual Self, only when they learn to believe in the immortality of their soul, will they live more responsibly on earth and then no longer fear death either, which only concerns the earthly body but not its indwelling soul. Then they will live in accordance with His will and long for the hour when the soul will be allowed to leave its external cover in order to then enter the kingdom which is its true home....

Amen

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Belief in the immortality of the soul necessary to work on oneself....

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People must realize that earthly life is only a means to an end, but never an end in itself. Only this realization spurs them on to strive to reach the goal for the sake of which man walks on earth. Consequently, the belief in the soul's survival after death must be conveyed to him, the immortality of the soul must be explained to him, even though this cannot be proven to the human being. Knowledge must be made accessible to him which makes the doctrine of immortality understandable to him, so that it now becomes easy for him to believe even without proof. Only then does he regard the earth as

a means to an end and orientates his whole life towards survival after death. Only this thought allows him to look at earthly goods with different eyes, for he now learns to assess their transience and focusses his attention on the things that last for eternity. And what he now does, he brings into connection with the life beyond. As soon as the human being believes that life has no end with death he thinks about what kind of life after death may be; thus he sends his spirit upwards, i.e. to regions which are the soul's abode after the end of earthly life. And in these regions he is now given information, namely mentally, so that the human being now full of conviction regards himself as a traveller on earth whose course of life will soon be over and he tries to make productive use of this short time on earth. The belief in immortality is therefore inevitably necessary if the human being is to begin the work on his soul, just as this belief also prevents the human being from living a purely worldly life. However, there is no irrefutable proof of the soul's survival. This, too, is a teaching that can never be proven, but which can become the deepest conviction through diligent reflection, just as everything spiritual is not to be proven, so that the free will of man is not restricted and faith is therefore an unconstrained one....

Amen

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Belief in the soul's continuation of life...

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December 9th 1961

If only people would believe that their soul.... their actual Self... is immortal, if only they would believe that the soul as a human being on this earth is preparing its own fate in the kingdom of the beyond when it leaves its earthly body.... One day people will bitterly regret their indifference to their later fate, for one day they will realise what they had neglected to do in their earthly life, what they could have achieved had they believed the warnings and admonitions which were constantly given to them on earth. The indifference to their future fate is the great evil which threatens to pull many people into the abyss.... And therefore they shall only ever be informed of the fact that there is a continuation of life after death, that they cannot cease to exist even if they have to shed their earthly body.... their thoughts shall be directed towards this time which will come as certain as one day will follow the other.... If only they were able to gain the belief in a continuation of life after death they would also live more responsibly. This, too, cannot be **proven** to them, they can only **believe** it.... but they can gain a **convincing** faith if they think about it and question their actual purpose of earthly life.... Just a spiritually directed thought would suffice for a person to mentally receive an answer from the kingdom which is the soul's true home.... Yet such questioning thoughts have to be sent out by the human being of his own free will, for he cannot be forcibly urged into such spiritual thinking. But the smallest impulses are enough for him to question himself, and it will definitely only have beneficial results. Hence the human being will often have to suffer severe losses which can affect everything he loves.... earthly commodities or even people dear to him, the loss of which can motivate him to such thoughts.... And then even harsh strokes of fate will have become a blessing for him if they lead the person into a spiritual train of thought and thus enable spiritual powers to intervene, trying to instruct him. And if a person is asked whether he assuredly believes in the soul's continuation of life he will usually doubt it, even if he is religiously instructed in such a way, because he has not yet openly contradicted it. But he lacks the inner conviction and this makes him indifferent in his conduct, which should be aimed towards this life in the spiritual kingdom. But time and again the human being will have to deal with experiences which can and should direct his thoughts to the end which is certain for him and yet will not denote an end for his soul. And frequently he will also receive instructions by way of conversations or as printed material, although he can accept or reject them of his own free will....

And even the loss of earthly goods can make the human being think and wonder whether owning these is the real purpose of earthly existence.... Then it is possible that he will change his way of thinking; then it is possible that he will not regard a continuation of life after death to be out of the question and afterwards he will lead a conscious way of life, because he believes that he will have to

be answerable for it one day. And then the certainty that his body's death is not the end will steadily grow, for wherever there is the slightest will to live expediently on earth the human being will also receive help and he will not go astray....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The soul will reap what it has sown....

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You should not entertain deceptive ideas that you can gather treasures for your earthly life because you will lose them faster than you had acquired them. I caution you not to strive after earthly possessions and get attached to them, and time and again I will show you the transient nature of worldly possessions. You spend much time and effort when it comes to collecting worldly treasures and rarely consider that you cannot keep them, that you have to let go of them when you leave this earth, but that they can also be taken from you by other means if this is My will. You only appreciate what belongs to the world and yet is temporary; but you ignore the eternal.... you only take care of your body and ignore your soul.... And thus you use your energy of life wrongly, you only use it for your physical well-being but inconsiderately prepare a wretched fate in eternity for your soul. Because during your earthly life you do not give to the soul that which serves its perfection alone, you let it starve, whereas you excessively provide for your body without ever gaining from it. Because even your earthly life can end from one day to the next, and then you will enter the kingdom in the beyond poor and empty-handed and will have to suffer much pain.

For once you should think about the fact that you yourselves have no control over your life, that your life on earth could be short and that death could approach you any day without your being able to prevent it. And you should think about the 'thereafter'.... but you do not believe that you are not obliterated at the moment of death, you do not believe in the soul's continuation of life and that this life will then be in accordance with your life on earth and your concern for your soul's salvation. And on account of this unbelief you live thoughtlessly and do not question the meaning and purpose of your earthly life. You are content when you get what you like on earth, when you provide the body with a sense of well-being and collect many earthly possessions for the future.... And you do not actually know whether you will still have a future. However, you all know that you will have to die one day.... And this knowledge should make you want to evaluate your earthly life consciously. But you lack faith, faith in a God and Creator, Who will hold you accountable for your conduct on earth one day. And because you do not believe, you are indifferent.

But you can all be certain that the hour of your accountability will come and that your regret will be bitter when you find yourselves in great spiritual poverty in the kingdom of the beyond and eventually realise what you had neglected on earth due to your own fault. Because it is by grace that you were allowed to become embodied on earth, and not to have used this grace will be bitterly regretted by the soul one day since it will never be able to make up for its neglect, although in the kingdom of the beyond it will also receive help to ascend from the abyss, but the circumstances are far more difficult than they are or were on earth. You should not live so thoughtlessly because the hour will come for every human being when he has to leave the earthly body and then the soul will enter the spiritual kingdom.... Although this hour can bring much pleasure and joy it can also bring great darkness and pain.... but always in accordance with the human being's own will which he had demonstrated by his conduct during his earthly life.... He will reap what he has sown, he will enter the kingdom of light and bliss, or he will be received by darkness which will not release him again until the soul has changed its attitude and then, with loving support, it will walk the path of ascent....

Amen

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