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The doctrine of the soul's sleep....

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The fact that you are willing to support My Word, which is sent to you from above, gives Me reason to inform you of an error you have advocated up to now. It concerns the doctrine of the sleep of the soul, which gives you a completely wrong idea about the soul and its state when it enters the spiritual kingdom. This doctrine is substantiated by the assertion that there is no mention of an immortal soul anywhere in the Scriptures.... which, however, can be refuted with the Words

‘Whosoever believes in Me will have eternal life....’ And sleep is a brother of death.... thus someone asleep will not be alive but dead, in the darkness of night he will fall into the state of death, consequently a life in eternity is out of the question. Those of you who depart from earth with this idea will be in dire straits, for you really lack all knowledge and will take a long time to gain a glimmer of understanding. In fact, you will depart from this earth in complete blindness and will receive only little light in the beyond, if you lived a life of love on earth.

But until you let go of this misguided teaching you will not know that you have died either, since you are still in the state of self-awareness, which is your consciousness of continued life. You merely believe that you were transported into different surroundings but will never be able to find rest.... the kind of rest you associate with the state of sleep. And so you will still live but not in a state of beatitude, rather, you will live in the confusion of thought which corresponds to the teachings you advocated on earth.

Everything that emerges from Me remains immortal for all eternity, but it can enter the kingdom of the beyond in a state of death. And all of you who spread this misguided teaching choose this state of death. You do not strive for the life that should be your destiny when you enter the spiritual kingdom. Because only this is the beginning of your life, providing you live a life of love and are able to let go of this misguided teaching. If you believe in a ‘resurrection on the day of Judgment’, when all who rest in their graves will be awakened, then it will also be your fate not to come to life until you realise the foolishness of this teaching. And your existence in the beyond will be the same, you will linger in an eternal state of inactivity, in a state of sleep, or you will find yourselves in a world you believe to be earth, which you left a long time ago.

Particularly you humans who advocate this misguided teaching, have no idea what anti-spirit you have accepted, and you will have to muster an enormous amount of love in order to suddenly recognise the reality of things. Consider yourselves fortunate if you leave someone behind on earth who will pray on your behalf, who will help you gain the right insight. However, your degree of love is always the decisive factor as to whether or not you recognise the truth in a flash when you pass away from earth. But since you do not believe in the ‘immortality of soul’ you do not believe in communications from the spiritual kingdom either, which would provide you with knowledge. And that is your disadvantage, because it would inform you of the constant ascent of souls who enter the spiritual kingdom, and you would reject this misguided teaching as satanic and only intended to prevent you from ascending in the beyond, which would soon result in the true life you are all meant to reach one day....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Belief in a continuation of life.... Consequences of earthly life in the beyond....

B.D. No. 2113

October 14th 1941

Caring for the salvation of the soul is not being taken seriously and yet it should be the most important thing, for this is the human being's only purpose in life. Nevertheless, the human being cannot be forced to do so, it can only ever be presented to him again that he will have to accept the consequences of his activity on earth after his earthly life, that he, if he neglects his soul, will have to endure a far more meagre and agonising existence than the most impoverished and excruciatingly painful earthly life can be. The human being is only living for the present, and he believes that this present will be over with his physical death. And therefore he won't make any provisions for the future. And yet he is only on earth for the sake of this future....

The belief in a continuation of life after death cannot be forced onto him, consequently he cannot be offered any obvious evidence from the beyond so as not to restrict his freedom of faith. But if the human being would just have the good will to know the truth, the spiritual world would make itself perceptible to him, then he would heed the smallest sign, and the belief in a beyond would come alive in him. But the human being is generally not at all interested in knowing anything about an

'afterwards'. He lives on earth and is satisfied with this certainty, always providing that he won't know or feel anything anymore after his physical death. And he doesn't consider that only the external form has become lifeless, because the spirit.... the true life.... has escaped from it. He fails to consider that it is **unable** to die, that it is immortal, that it only leaves its external cover behind on earth in order to enter its true home. And he fails to consider that he is shaping the spiritual kingdom for himself on earth, or.... that it will correspond to his earthly life.... that it can be a dark, unfriendly and depressing or a radiantly bright and joyful environment for the human being's soul. He doesn't consider that he will remember his unused earthly life with severe unbearable regret.... since he will never be able to say that the knowledge of it wasn't communicated to him.

Every person will receive instructions in this regard, yet not everyone will accept these instructions because he is unwilling, and the will cannot be compelled. Then they will only tend to their body, they will only pay attention to its well-being, whereas the soul remains ignored. Humanity's adversity is immense, and consequently the physical adversity has to be extensive too, so that the human being will look within himself and become aware of the irrelevance of all earthly things and also of his body, so that he then will send his questions into infinity after all and as a result be guided into thinking differently....

Amen

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The short phase of earthly life decides the fate in the beyond....

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February 15th 1954

Your earthly existence as a human being is one of infinitely many phases of your higher development, for even if you fully mature on earth so that you can enter the kingdom of light your development will nevertheless continue, because once a soul has attained realisation it will never cease going forward.... because it will always and forever strive towards God and thereby try to come closer to Him in order to become blissfully happy in complete union with Him. Consequently, the time on earth as a human being is just like a brief moment compared to eternity, compared to the infinitely long process of development through the material creation, and yet, this brief moment is crucial for the soul's fate, it is crucial for the further process of development in the spiritual kingdom. For there is a difference whether the soul has already achieved a degree of maturity on earth or whether it will not achieve realisation until it is in the kingdom of the beyond.... The latter will indeed ascend as well, but they will have to make an extremely laborious effort to acquire what was abundantly at their disposal on earth and what could have enabled them to reach the degree of light....

To pass the test of will on earth already denotes a state of light and strength in abundance on entering eternity, it denotes a constant supply of light and strength, because the moment the soul departs from earth as a recipient of strength it also imparts strength, and the more it passes on the more it will receive in return.... Thus it ascends extremely quickly now, for it joins equally mature spirits and works in accordance with divine will and on divine instruction.... It receives all strength from God and uses it on behalf of God, whereas souls having failed their test of will on earth are indeed also able to achieve realisation in the beyond but they first have to shape themselves with the help of other beings such that they can become enlightened, that they can receive the emanations of light and subsequently utilise them according to God's will. These souls, too, have to desire the supply of light and strength of their own accord, only then will they receive, and only then will their higher development begin with the work which they, in turn, carry out on the souls in darkness.... It is effectively a laborious path, a step by step ascent with the utmost effort of strength and will....

No effort remains without reward, the soul will definitely progress, but because it is still very weak and has little strength as its disposal it has to exert all its will and find much support from the world of light or through human intercession until it has become a recipient of light and strength itself, so that it can distribute in turn and then receive ever more strength. The short earthly life decides the fate in eternity, for the entry into the spiritual kingdom can already be supreme bliss which will never end, if

the time on earth was used correctly. But it can also be wasted, and the soul has to suffer the consequences.... it has to carry on struggling and fighting if it doesn't want to descend. And its life in the spiritual kingdom can in many ways still be likened to the struggle on earth, yet it is never hopeless if the soul itself wants to attain light and strength. Only its will is decisive.... if the will is already directed towards God in earthly life, then the soul will constantly pursue its objective of coming closer to Him, which it will soon achieve....

But while the will is still turned away from God it means darkness and weakness, and the soul will enter the spiritual kingdom in this state, whereas the former is permeated by light and nothing ties it to the earthly realm except its love for those it left behind and to whom it now offers help in every way; the latter, however, will still need help for a long time although they have escaped earth, because they will still remain in the vicinity of earth until they, too, can receive enough light and strength in order to be active themselves in the spiritual kingdom. And every activity only consists of influencing the will of those who still aim in the wrong direction, in order to protect them from the same fate, from a laborious ascent in the spiritual realm which is the result of a wrongly directed will on earth....

Amen

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Light-filled or lightless and powerless state in the afterlife....

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September 14th 1941

The human being's departure from earth is such a significant process because all physical forces fall away from him in order to be replaced by spiritual forces, or.... where this is not possible due to the soul's lack of maturity it means a powerless state for the soul. Both the influx of spiritual strength and the loss of it are perceptible to the soul, for it feels, just as in earthly life, the lack and the abundance of what is now flowing towards it as agony or as happiness. It feels transported into a state that is free of any physical heaviness, but its sensations determine the degree of well-being. After a short rest the soul will either be active or it will remain in an agonizing inactivity and will not be able to free itself from it. The unredeemed soul lacks strength and the realization of this is unspeakably oppressive. It is bound, it is in a situation in which it does not feel well and cannot free itself from it. It has a desire for earthly things and this desire remains unfulfilled. It is in a joyless gloomy place and wants to escape from it, but it holds it back as if with chains in the place where it is staying. Its whole state is discomfort, because it is not deprived of its sensory faculty, because it can only see with spiritual eyes, but these are still very weak, so that it is unable to see anything and is therefore in a completely lightless region. And the powerless state is extremely agonizing for it because it still knows about the state on earth and therefore knows that it has gone backwards. And now it depends on how the realization of its situation affects its will, which it likewise still possesses unchanged. Its situation is so bleak that it is forced to reflect on it; it can now either apathetically accept everything although it does not like the state.... The powerlessness can be so great that its will is likewise inactive, that it does nothing to change the situation, i.e. that it does not muster the will to change it. Then it will always remain in the same situation until the soul can no longer endure the agony and longs for other surroundings. But it can also remember in bitterness and hatred the one Who imposed this state on the soul. It can quarrel with its fate and allow all its bad instincts to break through in thought and will. Then it itself aggravates its condition and it becomes ever more lightless and ever more bound. For now it is beset by the forces of the underworld, which seek to win it over completely. On the other hand, however, beings from the kingdom of light also approach it, albeit in disguise, and try to persuade it to become active itself in order to transform its dark state into one full of light. And again the will is decisive as to which urge the soul gives in to. A longing thought upwards already brings it relief and can be the beginning of the path upwards. The will alone is decisive, and it will either bring deepened agony or redemption of the soul and at the same time cause the supply of strength.... The powerless being only needs to want that power flows to it, then this will also be imparted to it.... However, as long as the will is inactive and does not strive for such, no change in its situation in a favourable sense will occur. The supply of strength alone determines the soul's state of happiness in

the beyond. A soul that receives strength immediately upon entering the spiritual kingdom is a blissful creature. It can now do nothing but be active, for the supply of strength increases its urge to be active. It feels so happy that it does not want to and cannot carry the happiness alone, that it is in need of communication and wants to give of its strength to the unhappy souls, because its feeling is full of deepest compassion for the still immature souls who have to live in want. And it stands in the midst of the light, and this also allows it to recognize.... both the delights of bliss and the suffering of unredeemed beings. It now wants to carry light over into the realm of darkness, it wants to help the souls in need and now starts its activity by seeking access to the unhappy souls and tries to mentally influence them to free themselves from their lethargy and to strive, i.e., like it, to help those who are still deeper in spiritual night.... If it succeeds in this, then it has kindled love in the immature souls, and then their work on themselves begins. The desire to help is the only way to improve their situation, and once the will has become active in this direction there is only one ascent for the soul, for it will receive strength to the same extent as it needs it to help other unhappy souls. Love is the only redeeming power. Without love there is no way out of the powerless state; but once love breaks through, the agonizing, lightless state will soon be overcome, the surroundings will become increasingly brighter and clearer for the soul, the desire for light will become stronger, and accordingly the strength will flow to it, which triggers the state of bliss in the soul and is again the impetus for the highest activity.... to redeeming activity in the beyond....

Amen

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State of souls after death.... light - twilight - darkness....

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June 8th 1951

Nothing remains hidden, everything will be revealed on the last day.... Consider, you humans, that you will have to answer to God's judgment seat when you enter the kingdom of the beyond, when your soul has left your body, when your last day has come. And the eternal judge decides your fate in eternity, the eternal judge gives every soul what it has earned and truly judges according to justice. And blessed are those who are surrounded by a glow of light, who can show deeds of love which cover them in a ray of light which makes their degree of maturity recognizable.... blessed are those who sought the truth and thereby betrayed their striving towards God; blessed are those who endeavoured to fulfil God's will, who stand in the right relationship as children with the heavenly father and are therefore accepted by Him and taken into His kingdom.... But what darkness surrounds the souls which are devoid of all love. These, too, are widely recognizable, for they stand before God's judgment seat grey and lightless, in greatest poverty, and their darkness characterizes their loveless life, their unbelief and their affiliation to satan, and they turn away from God and seek to flee from Him. They don't recognize Him but they fear the one Who wants to judge them for their deeds, and it becomes increasingly darker in them and around them, and an exceedingly meagre and charmless region takes them in where they feel unhappy and rebel against their fate which, however, has justly affected them.

And again souls stand in light twilight, they are unable to recognize anything, yet they are not tormented by extreme darkness, yet they lack light. They long for it and cannot find their way in their surroundings, although every now and then a slight twilight plays around them, which they push towards in their distress.... These souls have not been bad, but they have been careless on earth and have neglected to provide themselves with a bright, shining garment through deeds of love; they lived thoughtlessly, did nothing bad, but also nothing good. Their faith was dead and they did not think of their souls and now arrive miserably in the spiritual kingdom, fearing darkness and wanting to escape from it by anxiously striving towards the light, while the souls of darkness flee the light, although darkness is also torment for them. But they cannot tolerate light in their state until they have changed their will. Every soul is considered according to law and justice.... for no soul can conceal its nature, because the whole way of life lies openly and clearly before God's eye and the spiritual kingdom does not allow any concealment of the actual nature, because all of the human being's deeds on earth create

the state of light or darkness itself and therefore every soul is recognizable and also where it belongs. Have mercy on the souls which are still in twilight, for a loving prayer from you can already bring about a change for them, for this signifies a flash of light, it signifies a small grant of strength and the right guidance of their will, and only the love of people or beings of light brings them salvation from their unhappy situation, which they feel unusually hard and would like to improve. The souls of darkness also need your help, but in their obduracy they often reject such help. Yet unceasing intercession for such a soul will not remain without success, for it is like a flow of strength which touches these souls and which they feel beneficially. But you humans don't know in which kingdom you should look for your loved ones, and therefore you do well to remember **everyone** with love, even those who are still imprisoned by the kingdom of darkness.... You should diligently intercede, you should remember all your loved ones who have passed away, you should know that they all still need much strength and sincerely thank you for such an influx of strength which a prayer of love means for them. Through this you will remain in constant contact with the people who were close to you and will also experience their concern for you as soon as they have awakened from their spiritual lethargy, as soon as they have understood that they have to and can make up for much in the kingdom of the beyond, where love is also the only means of salvation and the souls willing to help can advance in order to leave the kingdom of darkness and twilight into the kingdom of light.... You humans, help them, for they need your help because they are too weak-willed on their own and God's love and justice can only give them **such** abundance of light they have acquired through their way of life on earth. But you can give them light as soon as you remember those in need with a loving heart and want to help them....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Light.... labour of love in the hereafter.... work of redemption....

B.D. No. 2181

December 11th 1941

The soul will find a light-filled environment in the beyond if it has led a God-pleasing way of life on earth and shaped itself into a being of light. Then it will be free from every shackle, it can stay wherever it wants without any worries, light will surround it everywhere and its state will be a blissful one. The world full of light, which is now its abode, is by no means a work of creation from earthly matter, but what the soul now beholds are spiritual creations that are unimaginable to man. They surpass everything seen so far in beauty of colour and form. They are creations that man's boldest imagination cannot conceive, and yet the soul feels at ease in this environment because it only finds what it has longed for in the spirit. It no longer longs for the earth it has left but recognizes its true home and earthly life appears to it like a dream that has come to an end. And now the extremely blissful state drives it to activity by wanting to communicate to all beings the same thing that makes it so extremely happy. It knows that light means bliss in the beyond, and it also knows about the endless darkness of the unredeemed souls and would like to break through this darkness and likewise place the souls into a state of light. This urge for redeeming activity is inherent in every being of light and therefore makes this activity blissful, thus the soul will always be willing to help without any calculation. It gives because its heart urges it and now receives in the same measure as it gives again. And its own feeling of happiness increases the more it brings its light to the ignorant souls or people on earth. Light is her surroundings, light is herself, and light brings every teaching that is conveyed again in love. The kingdom of light is everywhere where the beings of light stay, but the beings of light also always have access to the beings which still languish in darkness, only that they do not approach the immature beings in their fullness of light but cover themselves, that they do not let their light shine because the beings of darkness could not tolerate it. Yet they nevertheless carry out their activity by imparting knowledge to the beings of darkness if they allow themselves to be taught. And now the latter enter the circle of light of those who have lived a life of love and now work in love again on the souls which still lack all light....

To stand in the light means to be knowledgeable.... The knowing person is God-connected, and the souls in the beyond who stand in the light are likewise close to God so that they receive His light radiation.... i.e. they are nourished by His wisdom. The process of light transmission is incomprehensible to people because no earthly comparison can be made. In the spiritual kingdom God's will is sufficient for the most incomprehensible processes to take place, and such a process is also the emanation of light, the uninterrupted flow of light and strength and transmission to the perfect being. The contact with God has to be established first, thus the being has to have found the intimate union with God in order to be able to receive His flow of light and strength. And the union with God takes place as soon as the beingness works in love. Love work in the hereafter will always be the imparting of spiritual knowledge to the ignorant, i.e. to beings standing in darkness. This activity of love constantly results in an increased supply of light and strength, and thus love will become ever stronger towards the unredeemed souls because God's love has seized the beings of light and the flow of love will inexorably flow over to them, resulting in an ever more diligent activity of love. Now, understandably, the state of darkness of those beings on whom the activity of love is being carried out must also change into light. First the darkness has to give way to a slight twilight, until then faint rays of light also break through this, and the soul begins to recognize its surroundings more clearly and its desire for light steadily increases. The light beings' activity of love can increase to the same extent, and this is the work of redemption which certainly began on earth but will continue in the beyond and still take eternities before the last being is led out of darkness into the light, thus all spiritual beings are finally redeemed....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Bliss.... light kingdom....

B.D. No. 8977

May 19th 1965

All of you are My creatures, emerged from My love, and this love does not decrease; it is and remains in the same strength and will always take care of you, also when you have separated yourselves from Me will-wise. Love is My original substance, and therefore everything created is radiated through by Me Myself and therefore can also not become less. But what does love want at all? Nothing else than to give itself away and to fill what again wants to receive love.... Everything has been called into life by love; love power is every work of creation, and therefore also everything is imperishable what has Me Myself as origin.... But what do you imagine as 'love'? It is and always remains the desire for unity, only it can also be a wrongly directed love to which this desire of yours applies.... But the desire for it is in you to possess what you love.... If you now have emerged out of a love pure beyond all measure, then also My desire for you is according to this love. I just want to make you happy, create happy states for you, therefore give back to you everything what you had given away voluntarily. It wants to put you again into the state, which, since you are products of this love power, was a state of highest bliss. And when you now lack every possibility of comparison in the state of imperfection, then you also cannot imagine what this happiness consists of. You will always be considered according to the degree of love in which you stand yourselves, and with increasing love you will also be allowed to feel always greater happiness. These blisses consist of (in) innumerable spiritual experiences, in a kind of creative activity, in seeing spiritual creations, in constant desire and constant fulfilment, in hearing My word.... All this triggers a bliss for which you humans lack any concept.... For My infinitely profound love always wants to make you happy, to give you something that you once possessed....

(19.5.1965) But the highest happiness will always be for you the passing on of My flow of love power, because there will always be lightless places, which you are to cover with light.... And to pass on My love power means to supply truth to those, which you possess in all fullness, which is also supplied to you unlimitedly and in it consists your happiness, which is still completely incomprehensible to you, because to pass on light into darkness is to a degree happy, because it constantly increases and is no longer given by such a being. The soul will always want to help, and it

will always also find souls in need of help, and this help is happy for it and will still never be carried out for the sake of its own happiness, but always only love drives the soul to this help, but love is in every soul of such strength that it alone already prepares happiness, which is immeasurable.... So bliss is not '**striven for**' by any soul, that it could be felt as reward.... For no soul **desires** it, but the exceeding love drives it incessantly to an activity which **is** bliss in itself, whether it consists in creating and shaping or in dispensing the truth.... it will always be felt as 'bliss' because it always consists of the beatification of other beings, thus it is no longer possible to speak of its own 'reward'. The spiritual world offers you so many glories, but which originally were your share and which you are now only allowed to take possession of again, which therefore make you immeasurably blissful.... It is therefore the original state in which you were, and you now stand as man in a very defective state, so that an 'eternal happiness' is presented to you as desirable. But you cannot form a picture of what is to be understood by this happiness, yet this much you should know that you no longer want to return to that defective state where you have not yet fully grasped the love which you only ever want to radiate to those beings which need a light. For to be able to make yourselves happy again will be the greatest bliss for you, and you will always have the opportunity to do so when you can be struck by My ray of love yourselves, which you can always pass on to the areas where there is still darkness, and it will then be the task for you which makes you happy yourselves....

Amen

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Reunion and associations in the beyond....

B.D. No. 6851

June 14th 1957

When souls which had been united in love on earth meet again in the spiritual kingdom they can unite and work together if they have the same degree of maturity.... otherwise one partner has to strive for the same degree which, however, will be eagerly supported by the other. And then both souls will be supremely happy to be able to create and work together, although their sphere of activity is now entirely different than on earth. The spiritual bond delights the soul far more than the earthly one, they are remarkably helpful and of service to the still unhappy beings, which are now recognised and loved as brothers by the more mature souls, and therefore everything is done to deliver them from their wretched situation. And for this reason they care especially lovingly for souls which had been close to them on earth and entered the kingdom of the beyond in a still immature state.... The already mature soul can indeed recognise its lifetime partner in the beyond, but he will be unable to see the former and often wanders about in desperate search for his loved ones....

Especially the desire to see their loved ones again is a significant factor for attaining maturity of soul, for the desire draws the loved beings close to the soul, which then will tirelessly endeavour to bring it to the degree of maturity which will at last result in a reunion, even if it is just for a short period of time. Then it will strive ever more eagerly to reach perfection. It is, however, lamentable, if two souls, having been closely united by love on earth, enter the spiritual realm in a state of darkness.... if they so disbelieve in a continuation of life that it would not occur to them wanting to see the other one again. Such souls will not meet each other and thus wander about feeling incredibly lonely. And even if they **think** of the one they had loved on earth, he nevertheless cannot make himself noticeable because he is wandering about like a shadow himself, unable to see or recognise other souls. Yet the souls of light are also taking care of these.... But they hardly can get through to them due to their unbelief.... They don't accept any advice to improve their state, they are completely lethargic, and only the thought of people they once loved is keeping them alive. Yet the love which thus united two people on earth is also a blessing for them in the beyond.... because a soul of light is capable of awakening in the soul **a beneficial wish for the other**, and this loving thought in itself can already ignite, irrespective to which level this wish relates, but it can be unselfish and therefore provide strength. And this strength subsequently expresses itself such that the soul will listen to the light beings' instructions, whose advice promises to be beneficial for **the** soul which is loved.

Immature souls still remain in the vicinity of earth, hence they merely feel separated but not as having passed away from earth, hence they try to overcome the apparently spatial separation and as a result also accept the advice of spiritual friends. And it is a great blessing if such souls are also granted intercession by people, as it will have a comforting influence on them and the gift of strength will result in a transmission of light, so that their thinking begins to become clear and realisation will gradually dawn on them. But they will never be able to experience the happiness of a reunion as long as they have not found Jesus Christ.... All efforts by the beings of light are leading towards motivating them to turn to Jesus Christ for help.... For the state of darkness is the state of the unredeemed, the state of those who have entered the kingdom of the beyond **without** Jesus Christ and who therefore have to find Him there first of all. **Love** can also prompt a soul to appeal to Jesus Christ that He might take care of its adversity; and if such an appeal **on behalf of the other soul** is rising up to Him, He will truly consider this love with kindness.... then these souls will be approached by loyal helpers on His instruction.... And even these souls will be allowed to experience a reunion on day, and they will praise and thank the One Who had delivered them from their hardship....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

State of twilight in the beyond....

B.D. No. 7418

September 29th 1959

Souls passing over into the kingdom of the beyond without having found their Redeemer will find themselves engulfed by thick fog, providing they don't enter the kingdom of darkness due to their totally God-opposing way of life on earth. But there are people who have not become guilty of any explicit wrongdoing, whose offence generally consisted of failing to do good works, who can neither be called bad nor good and whose spirit is therefore not so dark as to be expected by profound darkness in the beyond. Nevertheless, they are not suitable for the kingdom of light either, for their souls are not yet receptive to light, their souls are still encased in thick twilight, they have absolute minimal realisation, depending on their deeds of love which a soul will be able to look back on.

And most souls called back from earth are in this kingdom of twilight.... people, who were apparently righteous in the world and yet have little faith because they lacked love on earth. And these souls are now facing a time of utter barrenness.... a time when they wander about lonely and alone with their thoughts. They are unable to recognise anything in their surroundings, they are spiritually blind and also incapable of perceiving anything but themselves, however, they have not lost their sense of identity, they also remember their past earthly life yet only rather indistinctly and occasionally.... They are in a permanent state of drifting about and searching, for they cannot find what they are looking for.... a place of peace and safety, since they failed to acquire it during their earthly life. They effectively had been parasites on earth, they had lived without having fulfilled their true purpose of life, they have only ever taken and given nothing in return.... irrespective of whether it is understood in an earthly or spiritual way.... They had not acquired any spiritual possessions for themselves but utilized their earthly life in line with their demands. They had spent their earthly life without having seriously thought about its meaning and purpose and living their life accordingly.... And this is what they will receive in the kingdom of the beyond; they won't find anything because they didn't acquire anything that is of lasting value in the spiritual kingdom.

Only now will it show as to whether such a person will be lovingly remembered.... For every loving thought is like a firm foundation on which the soul is now able to move with a certain sense of confidence.... Every loving thought provides the soul with a glimmer of light wherein it is able to recognise its surroundings, if only for a brief moment, but it is stimulated to reflect on it, and its state can only change through deliberation, by experiencing the blissful relief of every loving thought, by starting to regret when it realises what it had failed to do on earth. And, depending on its nature, its willingness and its resistance, the state of such a soul can change equally soon, if it is not entirely obstinately-minded, in which case its blindness can last for an extremely long time before the twilight

will give way to a small ray of light.... And since only loving thoughts can provide this relief, much strength of intercession has to be bestowed upon the soul, it should not be left to its fate, which would merely infinitely prolong its lightless state, for only love will be able to change it, love, which fellow human beings will forward to such a soul and which the soul itself lacked in earthly life, but which will be accepted by God on behalf of such a soul....

But it is possible for all you humans on earth to render much help with your love, and you should therefore constantly stay in mental contact with the souls of the departed, time and again you should tell them about the Gospel of love and that they, even in the beyond, will still have to comply with these two commandments, to love God above all else and their neighbour as themselves.... For this is the only way by which they will be able to make contact with Jesus Christ, without Whom it will be impossible for any soul to enter the kingdom of light. The souls still wandering about in the twilight have not yet made any contact with Jesus Christ, they have not yet found salvation, which was the reason for their life on earth, but they absolutely have to attain it in the beyond if they don't want to descend into the abyss.... Souls wandering about in twilight have not yet been pushed into the abyss, they still have a slight opportunity to find their path into the kingdom of light, for after a long time of barrenness beings of light.... which, however, do not identify themselves as such.... will repeatedly direct them towards the right path leading to Jesus Christ.

And in order that they follow the beings of light, in order that they surrender their opposition, they will require much intercession which you should not deny to the souls. They will be eternally grateful to you if your love prevents their fall into the abyss, if you help them to find their way out of the twilight into the kingdom of light, for your loving intercession will prevent their regression, their souls will become softer and more yielding, and they will find Salvation through Jesus Christ, Who forgives everyone if only he remembers Him and calls upon Him....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Beings of darkness.... new banishment....

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June 22nd 1951

A person's complete failure on earth is when he departs without any faith, when his heart did not show any love for his fellow human beings, when his thoughts and actions completely contradict the divine commandments and there is no spiritual striving in him because he could not believe in a continuation of life after death.... It is extremely difficult for such souls to ascend in the kingdom of the beyond, for their unkindness on earth does not earn them any loving thoughts either, through which he would receive the supply of weak strength. Unbelief and its entire way of life results in a transfer into deepest darkness, where the soul now remains completely inactive and powerless in a state which becomes agony for it, because it does not lose its self-awareness and also feels the darkness. However, it has no strength to escape this state, it is completely without will and only emotionally rebels against its fate without thinking about what could have caused this state. Only its thoughts can bring about a change, for these thoughts correspond to its will and can be demanding help but also wrathful, and accordingly the beings it attracts through its direction of will will also approach it. It is also not alone but always together with beings of the same kind, which understandably leads to the strengthening of that which is to be fought against. For precisely the sins and faults come to the fore and provoke the other souls to respond, which always means a deeper fall, and only after an infinitely long time is there hope for a change of attitude, yet the ascent always becomes more difficult the longer the being remains in resistance. Again and again God's merciful love approaches the being and gives small means of help, yet always without compulsion of will, which is why the help is, however, often rejected. Nevertheless, no soul is finally lost, even if an endlessly long time passes until it changes. It can also lose itself in the deepest depths, but even then there is still a hope of redemption for it, only on a different path.... on the path of new banishment in solid matter, so that the ascent development can once again begin and the being is offered the

opportunity to reach the stage of free will where it can then discard its decision of will again. For God will not let anything be lost forever, only the being itself can prolong the time endlessly until it voluntarily returns to God, until it keeps His commandments in faith in God, until it enters God's will through a life of love and thereby redeems itself from all bondage....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The fate of hardened souls in the hereafter.... teachings of spiritual friends.... participation of souls in writings....

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November 23rd 1938

The souls of those who have left the valley of the earth without having established a connection with the heavenly father are in great distress. They know neither the end nor the beginning and torment themselves with self-reproach and bad thoughts. They rebel against their fate and do not want to admit to themselves that they themselves are to blame for this sad state. The more devotedly the soul resigns itself to its state of suffering, the more likely it is to be liberated from it, for the higher spiritual beings perceive the slightest good impulse and try to bring relief to the soul by giving it the necessary advice to improve its situation. And again, it is only up to the good will of the suffering soul to make use of these admonitions and hints.... However, where its own will is too strong, the efforts of these spiritual friends who are willing to love and help will also be in vain and the soul will fall back into its old oppressive state and will not be able to free itself from it for a long time, as it is still fighting against everything good and noble which it does not recognize as such in its stubbornness. Anyone who dwells in the darkest night will be able to roughly comprehend the fate of these poor.... fear and horror torment them, and their minds darken to the point of unbearability.... They seek light and cannot find it.... Proximity to the earth holds them fast, and they mainly stay where they stayed in earthly life.... For they first hope for help where those close to them dwell, for they are often still without realizing that they have long since left earth. They are only bitter that all their efforts are without success and that people do not pay attention to their need, and only after a long time do they realize the impossibility of their desire. And anyone who now derives the right benefit from this realization.... anyone who goes within himself and firmly resolves to do everything in order to be liberated from the unhappy state will also soon learn the ways and means through the instruction of the spiritual friends in the beyond or also by participating in the teachings offered from the beyond to earthly children who are faithful and of good will. Once the soul has discovered such a connection, it can no longer be removed from the vicinity of such earthly children.... It accepts all teachings with a real hunger and is now grateful for the advice it utilizes in every way. And so it is truly blessed hours for countless souls in the beyond when you devote yourself to your spiritual work.... For they suffer so unspeakably without your help and the path to the light is much more difficult for them to reach.... however, in a short time they can make up for infinitely much of what they neglected to do in earthly life through their own fault, and thus they become increasingly more knowledgeable and follow all admonitions most eagerly the more they realize that it is in their own hands to make their state bearable and later extremely happy. And thus they, too, are only ever anxious to make use of all instructions which are conveyed to you from the beyond, and their concern is likewise for your inner state of soul and your will, which can also bring them deliverance from their suffering and torment....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Agony of the naked souls.... celebrations on earth....

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August 11th 1939

At the hour of death the soul is in extreme distress if it recognizes the idleness of its life, and this hour is then a terrible struggle for it. It passes through the gate of eternity poor and abandoned, in a state that is pitiable because it remembers its failed life and cannot absolve itself of guilt. And in this adversity it is often painful what presents itself to the spiritual eye of such souls when they are

unusually honoured and celebrated on earth and yet these celebrations cannot be brought into any connection with the extremely miserable existence in the beyond. All splendour on earth is an unspeakable pain for this soul as it was, so to speak, the cause of its worldly striving and thus of its present situation. And now this soul walks along in nakedness and extreme poverty, and all the festivities on earth that take place for its sake cannot give it the slightest relief.... They only fill the soul with anger, and the self-reproaches are so terrible that it wanders about in an agonizing state. Only a thought sent after it in love can bring it relief, and thus the soul can only hope for relief if it leaves people behind on earth who were united with it in true love. Every work of love, no matter how small, which it once did on earth is a blessing for it, now it is in all nakedness, and if a person on earth remembers it lovingly, this gives it strength, and in its abandonment it looks for a way which can bring it relief from its dreadful situation. However, the emptier its earthly life was in terms of works of love, the more difficult it will be for it to find the path to light....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

State of the soul in the afterlife that is still attached to matter....

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September 17th 1940

Everything earthly comes to an end with the physical death of man. There is nothing that man can take over from it into the beyond. Only what his thoughts desire he will find over there, and if these thoughts are still very much connected with matter, with earthly goods, then his imagination will also conjure up these goods for him in the hereafter, according to his desire, but these will no longer exist earthly tangibly. Thus the human being will then live outside the earth but within that which he constructs for himself in his world of thoughts. And so the human being, who cannot yet completely separate himself from matter, has to take up the same battle against it as on earth; he cannot enter the kingdom of the spirit until he has overcome his cravings and freed himself from them. Thus earthly life may well be over but not his earthly state as far as it is felt by the being itself. This is a pitiable state, a state of unfulfilled desires, agonizing longing and constant disappointment, a state of constant dissatisfaction and tormenting self-reproach, or... what is even worse... an apathetic sinking into deepest darkness, where the being is inaccessible to all help and instruction and cannot muster any will to improve its situation. What it has left behind on earth, the soul now tries to gain again and again, it mainly stays where it lived on earth and sees and follows everything that happens. And this is time spent in vain, which brings no change to its situation and also no change to its thinking. Only after an unspeakably long time does it recognize its pitiful state, it realizes that it no longer has any connection with the earth and sees the hopelessness of its efforts to gain or hold on to earthly goods. This realization is followed by a time of deepest despair which lasts until the being gives in to the urging of helpful souls and decides to take action to free itself from its dreadful state.... The path of higher development can now be travelled incredibly quickly once the being has recognized this. Then it seeks to escape the state of darkness by virtue of its will, which it still calls its own, and such a desire is largely supported. It will now willingly separate itself from every desire which was still for earthly possessions, it will no longer desire anything other than light and freedom, and its own agonizing state lets it become sympathetic for the fate of the other unredeemed souls. And now love starts to become active in it by now turning its help towards the beings which are still enveloped by deeper darkness. And now the being redeems itself through the love it gives to its fellow sufferers, and it willingly follows the guidance of the beings of light by allowing itself to be taught by them and now enlightens the beings again, to whom it can thereby bring help. The being only becomes free when it has killed, i.e. overcome, all desire for matter within itself. If the being still succeeds in doing so on earth it can enter the beyond carefree and its state will bring it light and knowledge, yet the path to ascent is indescribably arduous for the soul which is still chained to the possessions of this world, for until it has overcome this inclination it cannot enter spheres of light and thus has to endure endless times of torment until it finally realizes.... but then to restlessly work on itself and make up for what it neglected to do on earth.... to give love in order to redeem itself and its kind through love....

The fate of apostate souls in the afterlife.... temptation....

B.D. No. 1738

December 14th 1940

The power of evil is immense and yet it cannot achieve anything with a person who consciously strives towards God, for through his will which is turned towards God he will oppose this evil power which will render the adversary powerless, since his power will crumble in the face of such a will. He will indeed always be exposed to hostility from that side, for the adversary hopes for a weak moment when he will gain the upper hand again; yet good beings are equally prepared to protect and strengthen the human being if he threatens to become weak. And thus the struggle for souls is a constant one and therefore earthly life is also a constant battle, for the human being senses this spiritual struggle for his soul, and he is drawn into it and can bring the battle to a decision through his will. But anyone who surrenders to the evil forces without a fight is gambling away his life.... For the adversary mercilessly makes him his servant, seemingly granting him an earthly advantage, but only to get him under his control. However, the fate of an apostate soul in the afterlife is indescribable. Such a being unites all bad instincts in itself, it seeks to inflict harm wherever it can. It is without love and only focussed on itself, it wants to rule and resorts to the cruelest means in order to gain control over other souls. It is in the darkest surroundings and yet knows that its state is not enviable, and this infuriates the soul even more and intensifies its rejection of God, Whose power it certainly senses but Whom it does not want to recognize. For the soul still has the same attitude towards God in the beyond as on earth, it does not want to humbly bow down but to be right in all things; it wants to be recognized and suppress everything that comes close to it. And such a desire can never lead to salvation. But it is also understandable that such souls strongly oppress people who have higher goals, that they spare no means in order to distract them from their spiritual endeavours and that they therefore always and constantly oppress people, that they put obstacles in their way in order to make them waver in their faith and in their firm trust in God's help. People are exposed to severe trials by which they are supposed to testify to their will that they nevertheless turn to God and long for Him. And these evil powers are so hostile towards an earthly child striving upwards, for they recognize in him an adversary who wants to turn many souls away from him. They try to dissuade him from his endeavours, they want to make him unenthusiastic and offer him earthly pleasures, above which he should forget his actual task of spiritual striving.... And time and again the human being must wrestle and submit his will to God, he must always appeal to God for strength and grace, he must call upon Jesus Christ for protection against all evil and abandon himself to all good spiritual forces, then the struggle of the evil power will be unsuccessful and the temptations will become weaker and weaker the more intimately the human being turns to God, for God will now send him strength in abundance so that he will steadfastly resist all temptations....

Amen

Suicide.... Fate in the beyond....

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June 13th 1941

The path of the flesh has to be taken until the end, that is, every being also has to experience the embodiment as a human being. The earthly path prior to this cannot be deliberately shortened or interrupted. However, in the stage of free will the human being is able to use his free will and therefore also end his earthly life as a human being arbitrarily without being prevented. But the consequences of such interference in divine will are awful. A person like that is still immature, that is, he is without recognition or he would not take this step which deprives him of a great blessing.... to be able to improve his character until God Himself ends his life. Nevertheless, he will become aware of his wretched action in the beyond and his remorse will be beyond description.

If it is God's will to end a life, irrespective of whether the person is still young and not ready for eternity, then God recognises the necessity of it and terminating the earthly life is an act of grace, either to avert peril from the soul or to offer this soul an opportunity in the beyond that will raise its state of maturity within a short period of time. The forcible termination of life is, however, spiritually a great step backwards, for the being is suddenly without strength to improve itself and depends on the mercy of the beings of light or people, that is to say, if they don't help it will forever remain on the same level of imperfection. The soul first has to come to realise this in the beyond which will trigger an indescribable state of remorse. But if the soul is willing it will use every opportunity to be helpful, yet its struggle will be too difficult for words. In a manner of speaking, it has to carry on bearing the earthly suffering in the beyond, which it had wanted to escape; the same things it had thrown away are still clinging to it and torment it dreadfully.

Yet God is not without mercy even towards a soul which had disregarded His will, providing the soul is not entirely obstinate. After some time, which to the soul seems to last forever, it will also be given tasks in the beyond which will ease its situation. And then it will have to use its will again. If it agrees to help suffering souls in the beyond it will soon notice an obvious improvement in its circumstances. But this may well be after the time God had designated for its actual earthly life, thus it will not have arbitrarily shortened its earthly path after all and will still have to linger in the state of suffering in the beyond, that it thought unbearable on earth, until God takes pity on the soul.

Hence its intervention in divine will was entirely pointless; it deprived it of the grace to mature fully on earth but by no means ended the ordeal of earthly existence. Consequently, such souls are pitiable, for it will take a long time until they are redeemed and the awareness to have thrown God's blessing away is so agonising for the soul that it is in a sorry state in the beyond. Such souls are especially in need of people's prayers. Only people's love on earth can relieve their torments and impart the strength to improve their fate by using their will, in as much as the soul in the beyond is prepared to be of service and thereby, after an apparently endless time, will be able to change its lightless abode which, understandably, is its share (fate?) until it is saved by God's love and mercy....

Amen

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The fate of the spiritually dead in the afterlife....

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To be spiritually dead is the most terrible fate, both on earth and in the beyond. On earth the human being does not feel this fate as long as he is spared the pleasures of the world, that is, as long as he forgets his soul and is therefore also unaware of its lifeless state. For only his soul is affected by it, while the body creates earthly pleasures for itself as long as it is alive and does not feel the inactivity of the soul, its powerlessness. Only when the soul enters the kingdom of the beyond, when it has shed its physical shell, does it become aware of its lack of strength and with it the dreadful fate it now has to take upon itself because it has not used its earthly life to awaken the spirit within itself to life. Now the opportunity is taken from it, it can no longer be active of its own accord but is in a state of complete powerlessness from which it cannot free itself. It lacks all knowledge, it is shrouded in complete darkness, its environment, its state of soul, is devoid of light and therefore it is also completely incapable of working with love, for this requires knowledge, and knowledge is light.... Although these souls are still cared for by the beings of light in the beyond, yet since they already rejected everything on earth which pointed towards the spiritual kingdom they are not accessible to the ideas of these beings of light either, and they often remain in utmost (renunciation) poverty, in a pitiful state, in the same darkness for eternities. And as long as they do not want to be lovingly active in the beyond the lack of strength will not leave them either, because loving activity first triggers the supply of strength and loving activity first has to be exercised again in free will and this will has often sunk to the lowest level due to the influence of God's adversary.... On earth man has the power of life at his disposal so that he can awaken his spirit to life at any time. He can end the state of death at any time,

he can be active in love because the power of life is at his disposal for this. And as soon as he is active in love his spirit awakens to life, and this means receiving light and strength. The spiritually dead human being knows nothing of things of the spiritual kingdom, he knows nothing of God's reign and activity, of His love and wisdom and omnipotence, he knows nothing of his low level, of his former destiny and his apostasy from God; and this ignorance makes him a spiritually inactive creature, for it cannot work according to its destiny but is condemned to inactivity because it does not liberate itself from it. The spiritually dead human being does not allow anything that surrounds him to have an effect on him, he only sees with the eyes of the body and tries to live out his earthly life in every way, regardless of the spirit which is given to him as a companion in order to guide him correctly. And at the end of his life the human being can look back on a long, earthly enjoyed life and still be dead in spirit, and this death is far worse than the death of his body, for his soul does not pass away, it enters the kingdom of the beyond through the gate of death, It is aware of its existence and yet completely without strength and light, powerless to act and in completely dark surroundings, and it feels this unusually agonizing because it now desires the previous state of life on earth, where it could work and act according to its will, with all its senses and it is not fulfilled. It is dead and yet has the awareness of its existence, it is powerless and knows about the happiness of possessing strength; it is ignorant and therefore has no means to free itself from its state, for it can only receive something in the beyond if it gives itself.... The human being on earth cannot imagine the torments of a spiritually dead soul because he is still in the midst of life energy which he can receive for as long as he remains on earth and because he can be active according to his will. And it already means great suffering and affliction on earth if a person is partially deprived of this vitality, i.e. if he becomes incapable of working and creating due to illness.... This state, which is intensified many times over, is the fate of those who pass over into the kingdom of the beyond spiritually dead, who did not awaken the spirit within themselves to life through correctly utilized life energy, through working with love, who lived on earth without living spiritually because they valued earthly life too highly and did not think of their actual purpose, which consists of shaping themselves according to God's will so that the spirit within them will come alive and can promote their upward development....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Lot of souls without faith and without love in the hereafter....

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November 22nd 1959

The souls arrive in the beyond in a terrible condition, which are departed from this earth without any faith and without any love. And there are a great number of them, for until death most people are stuck in self-love and cannot detach themselves from the world. For not all are preceded by a time of suffering before their passing, many are called away in the midst of their work, in the midst of the world and at an age when they are still far from thinking of their end. And then the condition in which people find themselves at the moment applies, which usually reveals little preparation for their souls. And thus their faith is mostly superficial, if one can speak of such at all. They do not think about death and the fate of their souls because they are still in the midst of the world and regard earthly life as an end in itself. And love is just as foreign to them because they only think of themselves or those with whom they are in closest contact.... where therefore a feeling of love naturally exists.... but which cannot be valued in the same way as unselfish love for their neighbour. And the fate of all of them is dreadful when they stand before the gate to eternity, for hardly a little light shines for them, their state is meagre because they have no spiritual goods to show which alone are of value for the kingdom of the beyond. And the souls which suddenly had to depart from earth have no concept of their demise either, they imagine themselves to still be on earth, only transferred to inhospitable regions, and now they can no longer cope with their fate.... They by no means think of the fact that they no longer dwell on earth and only ever seek to put themselves back into the state they lived in during earthly life, often with ruthlessness towards other souls when they are together with those who all have to bear the same fate because they are of the same kind, thus they dwell in darkness in the same spiritual state, equally

poor and meagre. They wander about in deep twilight and believe they are wandering through night and fog and await the morning which shall bring them some light again.... and the night will not end because they cannot reach the light until they have changed their attitude, until they have gone within themselves and now also realize that they no longer live on earth, and they now seriously judge themselves, remembering their earthly life which they did not use in the right way. If the souls come to this realization themselves, then it is an act of grace by God Who wants to help those who slowly change their will and reflect on themselves.... Then beings will also step into the path of such souls which will help them further upwards if the soul is willing. But the adversity is great before the soul accomplishes this change of will, and the state of adversity is far greater among the secluded souls than the state of happiness and bliss, because only few people on earth strive to mature their souls with true seriousness of life, because only few people live their existence consciously insofar as they make an effort to live a life of love. The will to be allowed to enter the kingdom of light one day already gives the soul much strength so that it will certainly reach the aim.... But if people don't indulge in such thoughts, if they live a completely unscrupulous life and only seek to satisfy their physical self, if they don't entertain any thoughts of their soul's life after death, they will also enter the kingdom of the beyond in a completely unprepared state, and they can still speak of a great grace if they are afflicted by illnesses before their death and yet their thoughts are preoccupied with their demise and thus they can still be purified and prepared for their entry into the kingdom of the beyond.... The end is near.... For **every** human being the hour can come suddenly and surprisingly, and therefore every human being should often think about the end, he should not carelessly think it is still far away, but he should always and at every hour familiarize himself with the fact that he has to leave the earth and intimately ask God, to take care of him and enable him to enter the kingdom of light, and God will also give him the strength to prepare himself and to do the work on his soul which is necessary for the entrance into the kingdom where there are no terrors and darkness but only light and bliss.... For God does not want the human being to go to ruin; but the human being is free, he alone determines his fate in eternity, he alone creates the fate which awaits his soul in the spiritual kingdom....

Amen

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The atheist's fate....

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It is the adversary's greatest triumph if he totally dissuades a person from having faith in a God Who brought the world into existence and also created himself.... Then he will have achieved what he wanted, to displace God completely from the human being's thoughts. Then he need no longer fear to lose him. Yet a person who completely denies a God is generally also an unkind person in life, therefore the adversary is able to influence him, while a person with just a spark of love left can still gain the realisation that a spiritually tangible Power exists Which determines his destiny and on Which he is dependent. The former, however, is wholeheartedly attached to the world. Nothing else exists for him apart from this earthly world, and he believes that he will cease to exist and return into nothingness again after his physical death, as a result he will take whatever earthly life offers him. And although such a person can possess sharp intellect he will be misguided by God's adversary, he will even arrogate himself to quote substantiations which intend to shatter the belief in a God. He will try to explain that all creations arose from a natural power.... However, he will refuse to accept the fact that this natural power must be an intelligent **Being** in possession of will, and his thinking will continue to be wrong and confused as long as he fails to kindle a small light within himself through kind-hearted actions.... which, however, are completely unknown to him. Thus he will still be totally enchained by the adversary. And therefore an atheist will almost certainly approach a renewed banishment, for he will completely fail in his last decision on earth. He will still be as opposed to God as he was when he apostatised from God, he will belong to the adversary and in the end will also have to share his fate.... Such a person cannot be intellectually enlightened either because he does not want to believe and will therefore also dismiss all spiritual knowledge as imagination and fantasy....

Trying to convey spiritual knowledge to this person would be entirely futile, for God's adversary is his lord and he will never allow him to become enlightened, he will always keep him in profound darkness and let the world's deceptive lights appear the more brightly to him, so that the person will be totally incapable of accepting spiritual knowledge. The adversary will have taken complete possession of him and will no longer let go of him either. But in earthly life it is only important that the once fallen original spirit will now acknowledge God in the stage of a human being.... that his original sin will be taken from him, which can only happen through Jesus Christ, Whom he must acknowledge and Whose act of Salvation he has to profess, then he will also acknowledge God Himself Who, in Jesus, accomplished the act of atonement for his original sin.... But for as long as the human being lives his earthly life entirely without faith he will remain burdened by his guilt and will never ever be able to enter the spiritual kingdom but will have to endure the process of development through the creations of earth in horrendous pain for an infinitely long time again. For even in the kingdom of the beyond it will not be possible to change an atheist's mind and to persuade him to surrender his resistance to God because, like on earth, he remains closed to all instructions, and he cannot be enlightened against his will. However, were only a person on earth who believes himself to be unable to have faith seriously interested in knowing the truth as to whether a spiritually tangible God and Creator exists.... then the efforts would truly not be in vain, for then he would keep thinking about it and also achieve a different result by intellectual means, for enough evidence exists within Creation which could change his mind.... But even such people will time and again receive blessings, time and again they will be given small gestures of support, for God's love also pursues these people and tries to win them over for Himself, time and again He offers His hand to them which they need only take hold of so that they would subsequently be able to release themselves from the adversary's control. Nevertheless, his will shall never be forced, and therefore the person determines his own future fate and will have to take the path across earth in a constrained state again, because this complies with the law of eternal order....

Amen

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Sparks of light lure souls out of darkness....

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My love is also meant for the souls in darkness, and I constantly try to have an effect on them, to soothe their thoughts and again and again turn them towards Me, because also in the deep the cross occasionally shines, but is only perceived by those whose senses are already soothed, who are in lethargy of spirit, who therefore also feel touched by the cross of Christ, indeed also only so far that they are not forced to take a stand.... Only the cross will be a sign for them, which they remember, and according to the impression of it their state can change. As soon as a soul falls into this lethargic state there is also the hope for it that it will finally come to its senses and want to leave the place which was its abode for a long time.... that it longs for a change, for a ray of light which may break through the darkness.... And then it is also again and again illuminated by sparks of light, it feels these sparks of light as invitation to follow them, and so slowly comes up, it gets into a circle of seeking souls, which all follow the light, where now also such is carried to them.... They are called upon to help and also do not refuse such because finally a work is assigned to them, which they gladly comply with. But now they also feel help themselves through this help; they feel the power of love, which they turn towards those seeking help, and at the same time they also receive instructions why they themselves can feel that feeling, and therefore they are stimulated to constant help, to thereby also find own help in their trouble. And it is certainly the fewest who return to their old surroundings, who then just did not yet have the earnest will to reach up out of the deep. But once the cross has become visible to these souls then it will not be difficult to also point out to them the importance of that what both the light beings, which dwell unrecognized among them, as well as man can do through the preaching of the gospel to these souls and they are also heard by them, for their resistance is broken, they can only still sink back into the old lethargy, but to rise up from it again and again when it is necessary to help those who are

still worse off and thus all these souls help themselves when the will is willing to help. It is always only the beginning very difficult to get the souls to turn their thoughts not only towards themselves, that they are caused to lend a hand themselves.... but when this is achieved, then every soul rises unceasingly upwards, because with the help given to it by Me also its power rises, and it then cannot help but want to help.... And so the releasing from the deep alone is the most difficult work, but which strongly supports every intercession for such souls, so that more and more souls calm down, that their state is no longer an eternal fight, that the soul separates itself from its surroundings and slowly thinks of itself. Because no man on earth makes intercession for these souls in **vain**. And the souls also notice that help is given to them from one side, and they do not defend themselves against it, and therefore it also detaches itself more and more from its surroundings, until it then follows the sparks of light, which lead it out. Only rarely does a soul ask for help again, and that only when it is not prepared to help, that it therefore also does not feel the power, which it receives through it itself. Then it certainly takes a considerable time until it nevertheless changes its will and again makes the attempt to ascend out of the deep. These souls are in no way abandoned, they merely prolong their stay in the abyss through their resistance, which can nevertheless be broken precisely through intercession in love. And if only every man would remember such an unhappy spirit in love, then all would already be redeemed, because love is the strongest power, which no being can permanently resist. But how many men on earth think of also giving their intercession to those who are unhappy in the true sense of the word, who therefore can only be redeemed through love? But again and again also light beings descend and present their situation to them, asking them to follow them, because everywhere there are places where they can be helped further, if only the being once has given up resistance. Because My constant care is meant for those souls so that they are not banished again into matter. And that is why exactly before the end of a redemption period a great redeemer work starts, both on earth, as well as in the kingdom on the other side, to help as many souls as possible up out of the deep, so that they do not need to walk the course over earth again, and every soul, which just has the smallest little love spark in it, will be rescued....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Radiance of love....wrestling of the beings of light for souls....

B.D. No. 2119

October 17th 1941

The omnipotence of divine love seizes everything that has emerged from it and never lets it fall completely. And thus everything full of light, which is permeated by God's love, will always and constantly turn towards that which still resists receiving the divine radiation of love; for without its will the power of love cannot become effective. God is always and constantly willing to give, but that which has emerged from Him is not always willing to receive. And therefore the will to receive must first be stimulated in the being, and this is the activity of the beings of light, which in tireless love and patience undergo the work of bringing divine love close to the beings of darkness. The beings of darkness do not know about the light and the blissful state of those who dwell in the kingdom of light. And since they know nothing about it, they do not strive for the heights. If the knowledge of it is conveyed to them they reject it because they cannot yet believe, for their present state is so bleak that a kingdom of light is completely inconceivable to them. And yet the beings of light repeatedly try to encourage them to create a change in their state. They present them with the possibilities of moving to a brighter environment and try to influence the being to strive for it. Divine love wants to radiate through everything and constantly struggles for the souls of darkness in order to break their resistance, and therefore these beings often have to be pushed through agonizing situations into a state which lets the will become active in them to flee from it if they do not listen to the ideas of the beings of light. The slightest expression of will attracts the beings of light, which admittedly cannot come into contact with the dark beings in their fullness of light and therefore approach them in an envelopment. As soon as the souls are willing, they also feel the proximity of the beings of light beneficially, and then their influence is also stronger and their endeavours successful. The beings of light now spur the souls on to

activity of love. They instruct them in a way beneficial to them and give them advice how they can escape the lightless stay, then leave them again to their loneliness so that what they have heard can work in them, and according to willingness the being will now impart what it has heard to other beings and the work in love begins, which is redeeming and also makes the being receptive for the love currents, which now continue to flow to it. For once the will for light has become active in them then the will to help will also become stronger in them.... They do not keep their knowledge to themselves alone because it moves them deeply.... And thus the radiation of love becomes effective in them, they receive love from the beings of light and pass it on to souls who, like them, are in need. And as soon as a divine ray of love has found a willingness to receive it, it ignites and grows into a flame. Love revitalizes, i.e. it drives to activity.... The being will now be active, it will no longer remain powerless and inactive but will search where it finds souls in need and be diligently active to show them the path to the light. The ray of light of divine love penetrates into the deepest depths; only those who resist it remain untouched, although divine (love) concern is also constantly directed towards them. For everything is born of love, and everything that has distanced itself from it should return to love....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Need of the secluded souls.... love of the people help....

B.D. No. 5599

February 11th 1953

No human being can appreciate the hardship the souls of unbelief or weak faith find themselves in, no human being can imagine the state of misery from which they cannot escape without help because they are completely powerless. No-one knows how much merciful love they need in order to experience relief in their adversity and how little love follows them into eternity, because people are without love themselves and only think little of those who have passed away. If you humans knew how grateful they are when only a loving thought from earthly people touches them, if you knew what a blessing such a thought of love is for this soul, you would truly make an effort to help them as soon as you thought of a soul close to you in this adversity. Yet your faith in survival is weak, and you have also been wrongly taught if you assume that you can no longer help them even if you believe that the souls live on in the beyond. You alone can provide them with active help, for your love has a direct effect on the souls as strength, and your love can also awaken love in these souls and suddenly lead them out of spiritual darkness into lighter spheres, from where the ascent can then take place with certainty. You humans have a safe means of help for these souls and don't apply it, and those who would like to bestow love upon them, the beings of light of the spiritual kingdom, don't easily find access to the souls because they have to approach them in the same envelopment which the souls have themselves in order not to compel them to accept the light.... But the souls which have departed without faith also lacked love on earth and therefore also all knowledge.... Therefore they will hardly accept what is offered to them by beings of light, because their will is also completely weakened in their lack of strength. These beings cannot impart strength to them out of their love because this goes against the law of divine order.... Yet the love of people on earth is accepted by God.... And for the sake of this love God's merciful love can now become active.... He supplies the souls with strength from His inexhaustible pool of love, He accepts intercessory love and helps where the being lacks strength. You humans, remember these poor souls and give them what they always ask for, if they enter your thoughts.... Heed these supplications and give them a hearing.... send them loving and good thoughts, point them to Jesus Christ in Whom they did not want to believe on earth, call upon Him at the same time and commend these souls to Him. But don't let your prayer be a prayer of lips, for only love has a redeeming, strength-giving effect, and all souls which have to languish in the beyond appeal to you for this love.... And you yourselves do not know in which state your loved ones have passed away, and therefore you should not omit anyone who wants to make his nearness, his requests known to you through emerging thoughts of him.... Do not forget them, and do not believe that they have passed away.... **They live**, but in what state.... They need not be lost if you have mercy on them

and give them the power to be saved; you can help them.... Therefore have mercy on all unbelievers who no longer dwell on earth and yet still are, because the soul is immortal and therefore cannot perish.... And they will thank you eternally....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Power of the word on souls in the afterlife....

B.D. No. 6371

October 5th 1955

You humans cannot imagine the hardship the souls are in in the spiritual kingdom if they have not attained the light of realization on earth.... It is a state of feeling which causes them unspeakable agony and which takes effect according to their nature.... that the souls rebel in indignation against their fate and the one Who has imposed it on them, and therefore they sink ever deeper and fall into ever greater adversity.... or that they let themselves drift silently and in despair, that they stray and hope to find a way out and then can also find it if they allow themselves to be guided, if a being offers them guidance.... It is the darkness which unspeakably torments all souls because they know what light means, because they have not yet lost the memory of light in earthly life. But the further a soul sinks, the more hateful it now is towards the light it is denied.... until finally even rays of light torment it when they are touched by it and it now flees the light, which, however, betrays such a deep fall that not enough intercession can be made for those souls in order to redeem them. Light is everything in the spiritual kingdom, light is bliss, cessation of all torment, light is proof of approach to God, and where light is, there the opposing power has lost. And if you humans now consider that this word, which flows to you as God's emanation of love, signifies light which you can turn to these souls in distress.... if you consider that through the divine word you have the opportunity to take the tormenting darkness from the souls, to kindle a light for them, and thus you can release them from torment.... if you consider that you possess light in abundance and can let this light shine out into dark areas.... where every spark of light is glimpsed, just as the souls eagerly rush towards every ray of light.... no matter how weak it may be.... you should not neglect to help those souls in darkness, and you should also remember in loving intercession those who are hardened and dwell in abysmal spheres and call them by your prayer and your loving will to help, if you distribute the divine word, if you give God Himself the opportunity through your love to address the souls through your mouth.... His word has an immeasurable effect of strength, His word can melt the hardest ice, His word can make the most hardened heart soft and pliable, but it cannot be conveyed to the souls **against** their will.... Mediators must be found who, out of love, willingly want to help the souls, who, as bearers of light, can kindle a light everywhere and thus also show the wandering souls a way to emerge from darkness into light.... The hardship in the spiritual kingdom is far greater than on earth, because on earth people adhere to blind lights and therefore do not feel the darkness in this way, even though the soul is already enveloped in deepest spiritual darkness and now enters the beyond in this state, where everything earthly falls away, where there is nothing more than what the soul has acquired for itself in earthly life in terms of spiritual goods.... Then the soul can no longer help **itself**, then it is dependent on the help of others, on your intercession and help through beings in the beyond, but which it will only accept once it has experienced the strength of intercession. Have mercy on these souls and convey the divine word to them, which alone can give them light and remedy their adversity if it is conveyed to them out of love....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Redeeming action on souls....

B.D. No. 6390

November 2nd 1955

You hear My word and are constantly admonished to pass it on, for an unspeakable amount depends on this activity, because passing it on again and again provides the opportunity for souls

in the beyond to come and listen to what you work through aloud or mentally when you talk to your fellow human beings or write it down or when the recipient reads it.... For there is always mental work involved, and these thoughts can haunt the souls and derive the greatest benefit from them. You must never let spiritual knowledge lie idle, you must always work with it, for My word shall have an effect, for its impact is unlimited, countless souls can draw strength from it.... But they must be given the opportunity to do so, they must be able to hear it. Thus you must listen to it or read it yourselves, and always think of all those souls which need it in order to receive light and strength from it. These always stay where they hope for light, and they hurry towards every ray of light when such shine for them. Be a source of light for these souls so that they, too, can draw from My pool of love which I have opened up for you. Know that there are only a few people who can send out such a ray of light, because only a few deal with spiritual matters and know the truth, therefore you are constantly surrounded by light-hungry souls whom you must not disappoint that they wait with you in vain. Constantly think of their hardship which you can alleviate because you possess much of the living water which they lack.... Every day countless souls depart from earth and enter the spiritual kingdom, and for countless this new realm is dark so that they feel unhappy in their situation.... But you can radiate much light, and you should want to convey this to those souls and therefore always send a call into the darkness, you should offer them the light, only then will they become aware of you and come to you, because the call from you already touches them beneficially. You humans have to do what I Myself would like to do but which is denied to Me by these souls: offer them strength and light which they would rather accept from you than from Me, because they don't know Me and cannot be compelled by Me to accept it. They also have to come to you voluntarily, but they are still so closely connected to earth that they are again and again drawn back into those spheres, and if a light shines towards them there they crowd around this light and demand brightness. You can give them what they desire because you possess it in abundance, because I Myself constantly provide you with it.... And you should not keep anything for yourselves alone but only ever want to distribute it.... so that I can also provide you with more and more according to the law of eternity.... Always remember those souls who are in dark surroundings and let your light radiate into their area.... Bring My word close to them and thereby make it possible that I Myself can address them, and you are truly active in redemption, you make correct use of My gifts of grace, you are true proclaimers of My gospel, which not only has to be conveyed to people on this earth but also to all souls in the beyond who did not accept it on earth and yet shall also find the path to Me.... It is the world which you do not see but which nevertheless surrounds you.... They are indescribably needy souls who suffer hunger and thirst and for whom I have therefore also opened up the spring which shall refresh and fill them but which also has to be sought out voluntarily.... Call them to come to you when you proclaim My word.... Then I Myself can speak to them through you and My word will work as light and strength....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Impact of the word in the afterlife....

B.D. No. 6472

February 10th 1956

All spiritual conversations, every spiritual work, every spiritual thought pursues all the souls in the Kingdom of the beyond who once had the opportunity to hear My word through you. It is a work of redemption of the greatest magnitude which is done with your help, because a single soul which has become free now sees its whole task in helping to redeem the souls which still languish in the abyss.... And every soul has a large following, partly due to earthly ties, partly due to the same attitude of the souls around it, and therefore every redeemed soul will also find a large sphere of activity again but therefore always return to you to fetch the nourishment it wants to hand out again. And you humans can believe that you are doing Me a service by doing so, that I will truly reward you, for the surest and most effective means to snatch the soul from darkness is My word which, however, cannot sound to them as long as they don't voluntarily turn to Me.... But you humans can form a bridge between that world of darkness and Me.... And I can exert an influence on these souls without acting unlawfully....

if you let Me speak to them through you. This address of Mine does not fail to have an effect, especially on souls which have languished in darkness for a long time, which long for deliverance and which behold a ray of light in My word which makes them happy. The darkness of these souls is impenetrable but helpful souls descend into this darkness and they call upon the souls to follow them, because these beings' will is also first required in order to now be able to offer them something which helps them up.... Some only follow reluctantly, but they make an attempt to escape their fate, and only the least will experiences strengthening, for I know about every impulse and every thought and also consider every soul accordingly. But beings have also dwelled in the kingdom of twilight for an inconceivably long time, which therefore cannot enter more enlightened regions because they do not call upon the eternal light, because they do not know or acknowledge Jesus Christ and their darkened spiritual state does not allow them to think enlightened thoughts.... There, too, the enticing calls sound, the call to gather when My word is heard among you. They surround you in large crowds, at first indifferently following your work until they become attentive to the radiance of light which emanates from you as soon as you have established the bond with Me and I can speak to you.... These rays of light attract them and soon they also feel their benefit in themselves.... And once this has occurred they will no longer leave you, they will only ever wait until the light flashes again, and it will also become ever brighter within themselves, questions will arise which will be answered for them by unrecognized guides dwelling amongst them, and thus one soul after the other will release itself from its darkness or twilight area.... And crowds of redeemed souls now gather their followers around them again and lead all into your circle. And I Myself can now address all of them without having exerted any coercion of will, because you humans have lovingly offered your help for this, because you **believe** and therefore do what helps you all to be redeemed.... because you yourselves listen to My address and countless souls can now participate in it.... You have become servants to Me in truth, and your work is a blessed one, after all, it also extends to the spiritual kingdom and its inhabitants, whose number you cannot measure.... For souls will gather everywhere where My word is listened to or read, and therefore every activity will also be blessed which applies to the spreading of My word, which I Myself send to you from above.... For only one thing is important that My living creations unite with Me, be it on earth or in the kingdom of the beyond.... that they find Me in Jesus Christ and now call upon Me so that I draw them to My heart as children and can make them eternally blessed....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Every soul must find Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. 6797

April 3rd 1957

Every soul thanks you, which was led through you to Jesus Christ as its redeemer from sin and death.... For He alone can open the gate to life for it, He alone can lead it into the kingdom of light to eternal beatitude. But as long as it has not yet found Him it wanders around unhappily when it has arrived in the kingdom of the beyond, its thoughts become confused, its surroundings are devoid of light and its own state is agonizing because it sorely misses the vitality it now lacks but feels the agony of its lack of strength and its state. For this reason it is the greatest work of love and mercy you can accomplish on a person while he is still on earth if you acquaint him with Jesus Christ, if you make it clear to him that he may not pass Him by if he does not want to endanger himself and meet an unhappy fate after the death of his body. All people you come into contact with know Him, yet their attitude towards Him leaves much to be desired, they know Him but do not evaluate this knowledge, they have certainly heard of Him as redeemer of the world but His act of salvation is not a true concept for them. They know about His death on the cross but only consider it in a purely earthly way and are hardly aware of its spiritual significance.... They also do not have the inner bond with Him and therefore do not take the path to the cross, they do not feel like sinners and therefore do not ask for forgiveness of their sins either.... They do not recognize the eternal deity Himself in Jesus Christ and therefore do not call upon Him in full faith either. And therefore they remain burdened by guilt and enter the beyond with this guilt, without light and without strength, for they have not yet attained the

life which can only be given to them by Jesus Christ. And then their earthly life was also an idle one and did not bring them any success, it did not bring them closer to God, Who walked across earth in the man Jesus.... These souls will be unhappy when they arrive in the kingdom of the beyond, and they will not be blissfully happy until they have taken the path to Him on the other side. But even in the kingdom of the beyond they are often unteachable when it comes to the problem of Christ, and it requires a lot of love and perseverance on the part of those who want to help them, be they beings of light or people on earth who want to help the souls. But anyone who lovingly takes care of such a soul will also succeed in imparting so much light and strength to it that it will strengthen its will and that it will listen without resistance when it is informed about Jesus Christ, and that it will now no longer resist calling upon Him for love and mercy either.... It **has to** find Him in the kingdom of the beyond, and Jesus Christ can also be found.... He comes to meet every soul, but only if it has given up its hard resistance, if it looks around helplessly and begs for salvation, if it is aware of its weakness and now listens attentively to what is conveyed to it by beings willing to help or by people on earth.... Then Jesus Christ Himself will force Himself into its thinking and truly make it easy for the soul to believe in Him.... But the **first step** has to be taken by the soul itself, and in order for it to take this first step it has to be helped by people on earth or by beings of light in the spiritual kingdom through loving intercession or through everlasting instructions. It must find its way to Jesus Christ.... otherwise there is no beatitude for it.... But it is extremely grateful to those who helped it to salvation. And precisely the great hardship awaiting such a soul in the beyond, which has not yet found Him, should prompt you humans to repeatedly mention His mission on earth, so that fellow human beings will still find Him on earth and not pass over into the spiritual kingdom without light.... so that Jesus Christ Himself will now come to meet them and open the gates to paradise.... that they will only be relieved of their great burden of sin for the time being, but only Jesus Christ Himself can take it away from them and therefore He has to be recognized and acknowledged as God and redeemer of the world....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Request of the suffering souls for prayer....

B.D. No. 2138

November 2nd 1941

Remember the souls who dwell in darkness and help them through silent prayer. You all have souls in the beyond who need your help and ask for it as soon as they come to your mind.... You are all able to help them through your intercession. These souls are in a situation where they cannot help themselves because they lack strength, and therefore they turn to you for help, that you may take care of them and reduce their hardship through heartfelt prayer. You are entitled to this strength, you can give it to these unfortunate beings and they implore you to do so. God's love and grace always leaves a possibility open where help can be offered to the suffering souls in the beyond, since the souls themselves are unable to free themselves from their agonizing situation.... He only makes this liberation dependent on the love of man. The more intimately the thoughts follow a deceased person into the beyond, the easier it will be for him to liberate the soul from its inactive state in the beyond, for every loving thought means an allocation of strength for the soul which it uses for diligent activity. And therefore the soul predominantly stays where it knows people who were fond of it, for it hopes to receive help from them, since only love can offer them this help. As soon as a soul remembers a person on earth, this is a silent request for their intercession. But how many people heed their request?.... How quickly people turn their thoughts away again, towards earthly life, and leave the struggling souls in their great need. And yet people should contribute to the redemption of all spiritual beings, they should try to imagine the suffering of those unredeemed souls full of mercy and never let a soul pray in vain, for it can no longer be helped other than through intercession. Countless souls are close to earth and predominantly close to people from whom they expect help. For their part they seek the opportunity to force themselves into people's minds and only fear that they will ignore them and leave them helplessly in the same situation. For every soul languishing in spiritual darkness in the beyond is helpless, thus it can only be offered help if light is imparted to it, if the divine gospel is

proclaimed to it, for the knowledge of it signifies light, the knowledge of it brings relief to the soul since it will immediately pass this knowledge on and thus likewise serve with love. Yet in order to be able to serve the compassionate souls with love it has to possess spiritual knowledge itself which it wants to impart. But their state of darkness is completely unsuitable for passing on spiritual knowledge, and therefore the soul asks for light, they ask for knowledge, and you humans on earth can impart this to them and rescue them from their great adversity by sincerely appealing to God for grace and strength for these suffering souls.... And if the heart's love sends such a prayer of supplication upwards, God will answer the prayer and likewise give the souls in the beyond the opportunity to lovingly occupy themselves, and then the soul's spiritual ascent will begin, for it will receive strength through the earthly person's love and use this strength in accordance with divine will....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Intercession for the poor souls....

B.D. No. 3454

March 2nd 1945

The night of death surrounds all souls who, at their departure from earth, are far from God through an unloving way of life, through their affiliation with God's adversary and are therefore of completely wrong will. These lose their vitality with bodily death and are now completely powerless and lightless at the mercy of the powers of darkness, which try to pull them ever deeper down in the spiritual kingdom, i.e., their will becomes ever more and more serviceable to evil, and it can also unfold power downwards because this comes to it from below. But in order to let the will become active in the **right** direction they lack strength. And thus these souls would be irredeemably lost if loving beings did not take pity on them.... people on earth who remember them in silent intercession and convey strength to them through a prayer of love which directs their will towards good, or also beings of light which again and again come close to these powerless souls and try to persuade them to change their will. But strength can only be given to them by these beings of light when they themselves are willing to use this strength to work in love. Thus the **will** of these souls has to change first, and the intercession of people on earth helps to achieve this. For the soul is powerless and unable to change its will by itself. If strength is not imparted to it through intercession then it is at the mercy of the forces of darkness, and the ascent upwards, the release from the dark power, is unspeakably difficult and requires a long time. For the soul is in profound ignorance, and therefore it is also completely unwilling to change its situation in the beyond. Prayer for the erring souls in the beyond is so extremely necessary if these souls are to be helped, and people should use every opportunity for these poor souls, because people still have strength at their disposal which the suffering souls in the spiritual kingdom lack. It is an act of neighbourly love which cannot be valued highly enough when people help the souls in their greatest need, in their helplessness, because they are at the mercy of evil forces without strength and without light. Every prayer for them wrests them from those powers, and as soon as the soul has felt the benefit of a prayer given to it in love it is grateful for every help, and it also uses the power of prayer in the right way.... It turns its will away from evil, it has sensitivity for the suffering of other souls, and it begins to feel love itself the more love is given to it through people's prayer.... For loving prayer melts the hardest cover, and therefore not enough love can be given to the souls which have departed from earthly life in dark spiritual night and remain in complete powerlessness in the beyond until their fate is eased through intercession. Then the light beings' efforts to impart strength to them will also be successful as soon as the soul is willing to use this strength to work with love. For then its will is in the right direction, it strives upwards, and this will is now also taken into account. Yet people's intercession on earth is necessary for the time being so that the completely broken will will rise up and not become active in the wrong direction.... But the strength of love brings about a change of will. And then the soul will be saved, for it will begin its slow ascent, it will have escaped the powers of darkness because love is stronger and a loving prayer can snatch the soul from darkness....

Amen

Intercession for souls in darkness....

B.D. No. 6157

January 7th 1955

I will show mercy to all who entrust your love to Me.... There is great hardship in the kingdom of the beyond, especially for those souls which have no advocate on earth, which are forgotten by people or have acquired so little love that they are only thought of in displeasure. All these souls have a bitter fate, they are in tormenting darkness and completely without strength so that they cannot help themselves alone and are dependent on help. They reap what they have sown, and their fate is not unjust, it is not undeserved, for such souls cannot expect anything other than what they have acquired for themselves in earthly life, where they were completely without love.... Nevertheless, they shall also be helped, and the love **they** lack must be offered from another side.... but which I also accept and book for the benefit of those souls.... Whatever love you give to these souls is given to them again as strength which they can now use according to their will. But a soul which receives the supply of strength through your love also knows the purpose for which it receives it, and it is so grateful for the help that it eagerly endeavours to increase the strength.... that it then also uses the strength to work with love. It will never reject a person's love, whereas it often resists the same efforts on the part of the world of light because it has no faith in what they tell it, for the beings of light stand before them in the **same** condition and are therefore not listened to. But people on earth, especially those who were close to them, achieve much more, for those unhappy souls look up to them because they see the strength of love emanating from them as a ray which is a blessing to them.... You humans have great power over those souls in darkness if you remember them with love.... if you want to help them.... For they feel this and have confidence in you and also listen to you if you reproach them or proclaim the gospel to them. And no matter how stubborn a soul is, no matter how blind and ignorant it may be.... your love changes this state, it immediately understands you if your thoughts are filled with love, and then it also accepts.... Without love there is no progress, on earth as well as in the spiritual kingdom.... without love there is no redemption from the abyss.... And I give the souls in darkness the great grace that the love which is turned towards them from earth is recognizable as light.... as light which gives them hope and never shines in vain.... Those you remember whose adversity prompts you to call for help are truly not abandoned, for what you give to Me through your love for those souls I also pass on and also commission My messengers in the spiritual kingdom to help in a special way.... And it will not be without success. The souls in the kingdom of the beyond are only little thought of by people.... The belief in a continuation of life is not very strong, and that is why the connections are also severed for most people, the concern for **spiritual** well-being does not occupy them, and only few thoughts follow them.... It is also **dark** around people on earth, and the souls do not return there where they find nothing that is good for them.... Also remember those souls who are without intercession, call them to you in the will to help them, let your love also radiate into the depth, for a soul will always cling to this ray of light and ascend, and it will come to you from where the light shone for it.... Pray to it what it lacks.... light and power.... Bring My word close to it and you have already succeeded in bringing it salvation, because My word has such power that it always desires to hear it and will therefore always stay where it is offered food and drink which your love can make accessible to it.... And those redeemed souls will thank you eternally....

Amen

Intercession for souls in the deep....

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You know nothing of the suffering of an unredeemed soul in the abyss, and even if it is described to you you cannot imagine it, for it is unbearable and no human being would be able to endure such torment in physical life without losing his earthly life. And yet, these souls remain in darkness where such torments are inflicted on them because they are still so stubborn and God-rejecting in their

core that no other fate can blossom for them, for it is their own fault, it is a state which they could change at any time if only they wanted to, and "no injustice is done to the willing person" when he endures a fate.... if he has to endure a fate which his very resistance has brought about. Nevertheless, these souls are pitiful, for their obduracy does not allow a spark of light to flash, for they stubbornly turn away from him and often remain in their self-inflicted condition for an eternity before a slight diminution of their resistance is noticeable. But their fate cannot improve either, and therefore one can speak of 'eternal' torment and damnation if this refers to the fate of souls which dwell at the greatest distance from God and are not in the least bit willing to change their mind. But these souls also try to assert themselves and transfer their evil desires and dispositions to weak people, near whom they sometimes force themselves in order to express themselves through them. All people are beset by evil spirits, and the weaker a person is, the less he succeeds in pushing them away, and then he often becomes a victim of these evil spirits. But every man can protect himself from them by praying for such souls.... It may sound strange to you that you should still give your prayers to those who are open opponents of your God and father.... who rage as true devils in the kingdom of the beyond and also on earth in this last time, when hell has thrown everything out and the earth is overflowing with such evil spirits and pays tribute to them when people give in to them and their urging.... But against all evil you can protect yourselves through love.... You shall not love their evil urges, you shall not gloss over their nature or give in to their desire, but you shall know that they are worthy of mercy, that they have to suffer torments which you can relieve for them through a prayer or a loving thought, and you should not deny them this grace of a prayer or a loving thought and try to appease them, and you will truly also be spared from them, for they feel your love and desist from you because they, too, noticeably feel the grace of a prayer.... because it is even possible that they will slacken their actions and change their mind for the better.... which indeed requires conscious intercession, because such souls are already too hardened to immediately undergo a change.... But it is not hopeless, and bearing in mind that you are constantly surrounded by such evil spirits in this last time before the end, you should consciously take care of them and again and again send loving thoughts out to those beings who are truly in a pitiable state that they need help.... but through their own fault. Therefore, success cannot always be expected but no prayer is without an effect of strength and therefore no prayer is in vain.... it helps to deliver souls from the abyss if it is intended for such beings which cannot be delivered from the abyss without help. Therefore don't be afraid of their afflictions, to which you are all exposed, but only meet them with good thoughts and a loving will to help, and they will feel this and leave you out for the time being in order to then no longer leave you when they feel that redeeming strength emanates from you. You have so many possibilities to be active in a redeeming way, and if you don't do it consciously then already a compassionate thought is enough for those souls from the abyss who cannot muster the strength and the will to release themselves from the abyss without help. First their resistance must be broken, and this requires love.... You humans cannot be expected to love such beings from the abyss because you are incapable of such love. But you should be filled with deep compassion when you think of the immeasurable torments these beings are exposed to. And you should try to alleviate them, and you can do so through compassionate thoughts and the will to help them. The nature of their torment cannot be described to you but the fact that they have to endure unspeakable torment is certain, and this should spur you on to loving intercession in the will to bring them help. And the sphere around you will be cleansed, for they will all desist from you who are recognizable to them as friends through your light and the strength which emanates from you.... In this way you can accomplish much redemptive work which will one day earn you great thanks in eternity....

Amen

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The more willing the human being is to help the souls in the beyond, the more intimately these souls join the human being again, after all, they recognize in him the saviour from their plight. They only sever the connection with earth when they no longer need the help of people, when they are more mature, so to speak, than those and now connect with the souls in the beyond who are in the same state of maturity. Then, however, they will assist people again but no longer desire to be close to earth, instead they will try to draw people's thoughts up into the spiritual kingdom, they will try to guide people's spirit away from earth upwards because they are happier in that kingdom and earth has lost all attraction for them. However, they do not forget the people on earth and they are particularly helpful to those who have reduced their state of suffering and redeemed them from their misery and torment through prayer and heartfelt remembrance. Once these souls have been redeemed they themselves will have much strength at their disposal which they can pass on to the human being on earth, and his struggle on earth will become increasingly easier and his spiritual progress will be easily recognizable. For now the redeemed souls draw from an inexhaustible source.... It is their bliss to be able to help, and their love will turn to the people on earth who still have to fight for the salvation of their souls. They now offer their thanks in the same way, they help the unredeemed to become free from their bondage. How easy it is for people to strive upwards if they have acquired the love of the beings in the beyond through their willingness to help and are now rewarded for their love.... People can then enter the beyond in a state of light and be spared the agonizing state of imperfect beings. For this is also spiritual good that a person acquires on earth.... He finds his loved ones again in the beyond, there is no separation of those who were united in love on earth and whose love did not end with the death of the body.... Inward understanding and blissful love now also unites the beings because the same spiritual state of maturity is the effect of mutual loving remembrance. What it means to have contributed to the redemption of a soul will only be understandable to the souls in the beyond when the being realizes both the state of happiness as well as the state of suffering.... And this is why the redeemed being in the beyond is always willing to help the unredeemed, and its love extends to the kingdom of the beyond as well as to earth. And this is why people on earth should make friends in the beyond through their constant willingness to help the souls which are still dependent on their help and love. For what they do out of love will be repaid to them many times over....

Amen

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The soul's continuation of life after death....

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You can be certain that you will live even if your body falls prey to death.... But the state of your life after your physical death depends on yourselves, whether your life will be a happy one which could truly be called life, or whether you will find yourselves in darkness and helplessness which are comparable to death, albeit you will remain conscious of your existence and therefore will have to suffer agonies. But it will never be the case that you will completely cease to exist, that you will no longer be self-aware and that your existence will be obliterated. And precisely because you continue to exist you ought to ensure that you create a happy situation for yourselves while you are still living on this earth. Your future fate in the kingdom of the beyond is a matter of your very own will, since you create it yourselves by your way of life on earth. If it is a life of selfless love for other people you can also be sure that a blissful fate will await you.... But if you only live to please yourselves, if you lack this love for your neighbour and therefore also for God, you can expect a painful fate indeed. Then you will be poor and wretched because you will lack everything.... light, strength and freedom, and all you will experience is indescribable torment.

The fact that you humans on earth have such little faith in life after death also determines your conduct, for you are irresponsible towards your soul because you do not believe that it will continue to

live after your body has passed away. And you do not believe that the soul is, after all, your real Self. It will feel exactly the same as it did during its earthly life, it will long for happiness and light and suffer bitter regret once it has gained but a glimmer of light whereby it recognises its real task on earth and in retrospect blames itself dreadfully for not having fulfilled it.... Whereas souls who may enter the spheres of light will sing praises and give thanks and are able to occupy themselves in full strength and freedom for their own happiness.

The soul will never perish, but how it will experience its continued existence is decided by people themselves while they are still on earth. For this time was given to you in order to improve the state of your soul which, at the beginning of its embodiment, is still rather imperfect. Hence, the work of the human soul should consist of providing for itself a true, immortal 'life', so that one day it can enter in freedom and light the kingdom where it can be active in accordance with its state of maturity, which is in fact possible at various degrees but which can only be called 'life' when it is allowed to enter the kingdom of light. But it is also possible that the soul will still be as imperfect at the end of its earthly life as it was at the beginning. Indeed, it can even have grown darker, and then its state will be comparable to the state of death, for it will have misused its earthly life, it won't have taken advantage of the grace of embodiment, and yet, it will not pass away.... This is a very sad, pitiful situation and yet, it is its own fault, because only the human being's will decides the soul's fate, and this will is free. If only people believed that they will continue to exist after the death of their body.... they would live more responsibly on earth and endeavour to ascend from the deepest abyss.... But no person can be forced into faith, yet everyone will be helped in order to become a believer....

Amen

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Remember the soul after death.... pitiful figures in the afterlife....

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What your soul desires, that shall be supplied to it.... But do you pay attention to your soul's desire? You fulfil the body's demands but leave the soul's desire unfulfilled. And thus it will happen that your real self will enter the beyond in utmost poverty and weakness, for you do nothing during your earthly life to nourish and strengthen the soul; it starves and begs and is an unhappy being, while the well-fed body remains behind and perishes. If you could see the wretched figures in the hereafter who have passed over in this way, you would be terrified and turn away in horror.... And yet the same fate awaits you if you have led the same earthly life as they. Earthly life will pass very quickly, and what you humans have striven for and perhaps even achieved you will have to leave behind or it will be destroyed during your lifetime, and then you will have to ruefully realize that you left a time of grace unused which could have brought you spiritual success of immeasurable value.... You make a lot of mistakes during this short time of earthly life and yet you are constantly reminded and admonished to remember your soul which lives on when you have to leave your body.... Why don't you pay attention to these indications, why don't you follow the admonitions of those who want to help you in spiritual adversity.... why do you only turn your eyes to the world and don't even look within yourselves so that the soul's adversity would become apparent to you?.... You pay rich tribute to the world, that is, to God's adversary, but you do not make the small sacrifice of providing nourishment for the soul, which consists of the word of God.... Therefore you **cannot** expect mercy when you enter the spiritual kingdom, you will have to accept the fate you have prepared for the soul on earth yourselves.... Hunger and thirst, darkness and torment.... For it cannot reap what it did not sow on earth. It can indeed still be saved in the beyond, yet what dreadful torments precede its salvation; how immeasurably difficult it is to persuade a soul to change its will, which was completely wrongly directed on earth. The soul cannot be **given** what it did not acquire.... And it has to struggle unspeakably in order to achieve an improvement of its situation.

It will achieve it if it wants to, but the will is so dreadfully weak and only great love can help it up. And how rarely does a soul find such love.... because love has grown cold on earth and is therefore

followed by little love.... If you humans knew about the hardship of these souls they would take pity on you and let your love flare up, yet you lack faith in it and cannot be given to you against your will.... Yet again and again divine love calls to you: Remember your souls.... Do not let them live in want in earthly life because you are preparing an agonizing fate for yourselves in eternity.... Remember the life of the soul after death, so that you do not have to think back in painful remorse of the unused time on earth. Work and create for your soul, so that you may live forever....

Amen

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