

Word of God

Father, Thy Will Be Done!

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The conscious will to serve God....

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The conscious will to serve God is an open concession of submission of will to God. Whoever wants to serve recognizes a lord above him to whom he voluntarily submits himself. And if a person wants to serve God, he has freed himself from the rule of the one who fights God and thus everything that is good.... The will to God is decisive, and man obviously desires God if he offers himself to serve Him. But anyone who strives towards God will also be met by God, for He allows Himself to be found by anyone who seeks Him.... He gives Himself to everyone who desires Him.... And thus the spell is broken which God once imposed on the being because it became apostate to Him, the being becomes free as soon as it wants to serve.... It has passed the test of earthly life, although it still has to fight as long as it remains on earth, but the battle is not a hopeless one, it must inevitably bring it victory.... complete spiritual freedom when it departs from the earthly world. Consequently, the will to serve means salvation, for as soon as man wants to serve God, he declares himself willing to help his fellow man. This is the service God demands of people, that they help to redeem the immature, i.e. that they likewise try to free their fellow human being from the power of the

one who caused their banishment. Everything that is unfree, banished is still in the will against God and should change this will. Often it is not able to do this on its own, i.e. it fails to ask God for the strength to do so. Then the fellow human being must help him to do so by trying to introduce him to God's love and goodness, by making His will known to him and by trying to induce him to unite with God and to call upon Him for strength and grace. He then serves his fellow human being with love, and he consciously serves God with this willingness to be redemptively active on earth. He now carries out a work already on earth which earns him a heavenly reward, for he is in God's grace.... but God's grace is: strength in everything he starts, for he is in the circuit of divine love which constantly imparts this strength to him. Thus, it is not the one who wants to rule who will be the recipient of power, but the one who wants to serve.... That which humbles itself deeply before God will be richly rewarded.... He who wants to serve will be allowed to rule, for the flow of power from God enables him to perform an activity that brings him supreme satisfaction. He is immeasurably rich in spiritual good, and he distributes to all those who are in want.... He gave his will to God, and now God Himself determines him to a teaching activity, He makes man wise and therefore gives him light. And the light dominates the darkness.... Whoever surrenders his will to God has given up his former resistance and God can now provide him with spiritual possessions that will last for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

God's will and God's permission....

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The will of man struggles in vain against the divine will. It is certainly free, i.e., it can want, but not always carry out what it wants. And consequently he will never be able to accomplish anything by virtue of his will if God's will is directed against it. For everything has to submit to His will, His will governs heaven and earth and His will can never be trumped by human will. Yet in most cases God does not oppose human will with His will, nor does He prevent the human being from carrying out his own will, in which case he can let his will come into effect, but for which he then also has to take responsibility. What God Himself wants is extremely wise and therefore always good. What man wants can certainly be permitted by God, but need not therefore always be good. And that is why a difference must be made between God's will and God's permission, for what God allows is always based on the will of man and very often lacks wisdom and also love. Thus, in a sense, God gives His approval to a flawed plan; to a plan whose guiding principle is neither to be found in love nor in wisdom and which must therefore contradict divine will. God tolerates it, but He never approves of it. However, if He were to oppose it with His own will, then the human being's free will could never come into effect and therefore also not be recognized; on the other hand, however, the human being could never be called to account because then he could never carry out something that is bad and he would have to carry out the good under a certain compulsion as he would be prevented by God from doing the opposite. And this is why the greatest chaos can exist on earth, divine will will not take action against it as long as human will itself creates this chaos, for God's purpose through His forbearance is that the human being himself comes to realize and changes his will, that he subordinates himself to divine will and returns to divine order of his own accord, i.e. that he stands in God-like will and acts accordingly. Only when a person's will becomes more and more reversed, when he distances himself further and further from the divine order, does God set His will against it.... Then man's will is powerless and cannot rise up against God's will.... then he cannot carry out what he wants and yet he has to answer for the wrong will because it is free. The strength to carry it out always comes to him from the side to which his will is turned. God supports him if his will is good, but God's adversary gives him his power and strength if the human will declares itself willing to work for him by being willing to accomplish things that run counter to divine will and divine order. However, God allows His will to become action when the human will fails completely and this poses a danger to the whole of humanity.... Then the will of God visibly comes into action and man's will is unable to oppose the divine will, for this alone reigns in heaven and on earth....

God's means of turning to the will of man....

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May 16th 1958

You humans could achieve great spiritual progress in earthly life, for all possibilities will truly be made available to you to carry out the work on your souls, you will be guided through victorious battles; all means of help will be made available to you, you will be advised and guided.... You only need to want to fulfil your purpose of earthly life according to God's will.... And everything will come about for you as if by itself. You could ascend to a high spiritual level and at the end of your life happily give yourselves into the arms of the one Who guided you across the earth.... But you would first have to know your purpose of earthly life, you would have to believe what you are told about it. And you humans mostly lack this faith. That is why you walk the earthly path indifferently and miss all opportunities which could bring you forward. But you cannot be compelled to live a correct way of life, you must keep your freedom of will, even if it lets you sink to the abyss again. You must walk the path upwards in all freedom. And this is why such a frightening spiritual state can be observed amongst humanity in the last days, and nothing more can happen than that people are repeatedly preached to think of their life after death, that they are repeatedly advised of their deficient state of soul and advised to listen to the word of God and to act in accordance with God's will proclaimed to them therein. But even now it is up to them to listen to the words of God's messengers and to act accordingly or not.... People cannot be forced to think differently, nor are they forced, but they are nevertheless still influenced or roused from their state of sleep in every way.... And therefore you, who are of awakened spirit, should not be surprised by the many adversities of life from which you and all people have to suffer.... Whatever it is, it is part of the means God uses to bring people to their senses, and understandably people who endeavour to live in God's will are also affected by it.... But they can surrender and patiently adjust to it through their realizations, and they, too, will still derive a benefit from it for their upward development. The human being, who is only earthly orientated, should, as it were, realize again and again that he cannot shape his own life as he wants.... He should also often experience limitations to his enjoyment of life, and he should realize that he is **not** the master of himself but that someone else holds his destiny in his hand, to whom he should now submit. They are all just means to subordinate oneself to God's will, which also immediately lose their painfulness when the human being voluntarily bows down to God's will. Earthly life is truly a test of will, and as long as the human being's will has not yet decided in favour of God, the beings of light and the beings of darkness will fight over this will. And the human being stands in the midst of this battle, and he himself must tip the balance through his decision of will. But spiritual success is only ever the **result** of the direction of will **towards God....** And as long as people don't recognize the significance of their earthly existence with regard to spiritual development, the earthly change will be in vain, and as long as God will also try to fatefully influence the human being, because His love prompts Him to use all means which can change the human being's thinking and turn him towards Himself. And the closer it is to the end the more strongly His working will emerge, for the danger of falling away into the abyss increases but cannot necessarily be stopped. But again, it is possible for every human being to recognize a power which is stronger than himself.... And every human being could submit to this power of his own accord.... And once he has done so, truly inexhaustible grace is at his disposal, so that he can still gain a wide advantage in the short time until the end, because God's love always helps and now also opens the path for him to ascend....

Amen

Transformation of the will.... state of compulsion.... goal - original state....

B.D. No. 2414
July 18th 1942

The God-opposing will was the cause of the spiritual being's apostasy from God, therefore the God-like will for the spiritual being has to mean unity, i.e. union with God, and from this it is obvious that the will of the apostate spiritual being has to be changed first if it is to be able to unite with God again. This transformation is the meaning and purpose of life on earth, but it has to take place without compulsion and therefore takes place in the form of a slow higher development. The beingness is deprived of its right of self-determination, i.e. it has to subordinate itself to the creator's will as long as it covers the path on earth before the embodiment as a human being insofar as it has to be active in the preliminary stages in the way God prescribes for every work of creation. This is by no means a state of complete lack of will, but the beingness has already expressed its will before, and that is why it was now given the task which corresponds to its will. It is only a state of compulsion insofar as, once it has expressed its will, it can no longer counteract it but must now carry out the activity to which it has previously committed itself. It is, so to speak, induced to serve, but it has previously declared its willingness to serve, otherwise it would not be permitted to serve. Thus the will of the beingness already turned more and more towards the eternal deity, the resistance was given up and the union with God was so to speak unconsciously striven for. But the beingness still has to pass a last test of will, where all compulsion is eliminated and the being can decide completely freely and consciously whether it gives up the will opposed to God or still persists in it. And this is the time of embodiment as a human being, which every being can now utilize of its own free will. In this time it is only about the will, whether it turns away or towards God. And it will now be understandable to people that one can only speak of a successful change on earth when the once God-opposing will has completely changed, that is, when it completely subordinates itself to divine will and thus reduces its distance from God.... For the latter means an approach to God in a conscious state, it means a complete change of the spiritual, which once turned away from God in free will and now uses this free will again to unite with God.... The spiritual now restores its original state without being forced to do so by God, and this signifies the redemption of the spiritual from the cover which God has added to the spiritual as a fetter in order to lead it back to Himself; for the spiritual it signifies a free, inconceivably blissful state which corresponds to its original purpose and is therefore the goal of all unredeemed spiritual....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Change of will.... Overcoming matter....

B.D. No. 5486
September 14th 1952

The spirit, which still keeps you bound to earth, stands against Me, for everything you desire belongs to him; he still possesses spiritual substances which are far removed from Me and which he wants to prevent from returning to Me. As a human being you yourselves are already considerably advanced in your development and yet you are still under his control as long as you have not yet learnt to despise matter as something that still fully belongs to him. You have to know about the spiritual connection, you have to know that everything that is visible to you is **imperfect** spiritual substance, therefore part of My adversary. But if this now also holds your senses captive, then you also still stand in his area, will-wise turned towards him. But if you can free yourselves.... from the desire for that which belongs to him.... then you will also escape his control, then you will, as it were, lift yourselves from earth into the kingdom of the spirit which belongs to Me and which you should inhabit according to your destiny in order to be able to rule and reign in it according to My will. On **earth** you shall now accomplish this transformation of your will, you shall learn to despise the material world, you shall learn to regard it as what it really is.... a conglomerate of immature spiritual substances which are still opposed to Me and which shall purify itself.... You should therefore place yourselves **abovematter** because you are the spiritual beings with the highest level of development in this earthly material world, and you should endeavour to sever the last ties with this world but instead establish a bond

with the kingdom where I Am ruler, where everything is spiritualised and indescribably happy. You should consciously free yourselves from My adversary's dominion and come to.... But as long as matter still binds you, as long as you feel the desire for it, you are not yet **Me** free from its dominion and therefore not yet fit for the spiritual kingdom, for I want to possess your undivided love, I want to take your whole thinking captive; I can only work in you once you are completely free from its nature. But then freedom, strength and light will be your share, then the spiritual inside you will have liberated itself from its control and lifted itself up to Me, from Whom it can now no longer separate itself eternally. As long as you live on earth he will constantly tempt you, yet without the desire for matter you will be immune to his temptations, then you will have overcome matter, then you will only desire the possessions of the spiritual kingdom, and in possession of these goods you will be strong and thus also victorious over the one who is My adversary.... But to have overcome him means to have become My child, to be a candidate for My kingdom, which is not of this world, which gives you bliss that is immeasurable and which truly outweighs the difficult battle on earth against the adversary, yet can never be acquired other than through battle....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

Will directed towards God.... shackles of love....

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February 20th 1951

It is enough for Me that your will is directed towards Me, that you desire the truth and, in order to be able to make contact with Me, strive to become like Me. Then My will is also ready to consider you, and you will effortlessly reach your aim.... the final union with Me, which will secure you light and strength for all eternity. Turning to Me in thought is successful for your soul, for I will not let Myself be called twice, I will come if only one thought of yours is meant for Me. For this thought is already the stretching out of your hands upwards. Your decision of will turns out in My favour, you turn away from My adversary yourselves, and I seize this opportunity to draw you completely to Me because you have given up your resistance as soon as you seek Me in thought.

My kingdom is not of this world.... If you seek Me in your thoughts you consciously leave the earthly world behind you, for the world does not allow thoughts of Me to arise, that is, anyone who is chained in it does not remember Me but is in bondage to the one who rules in the world.... A person who still belongs entirely to the world cannot make contact with Me because I do not exist for him as long as he turns his love towards the world. He can certainly know My teaching but he lacks faith in the truth of this teaching, and thus I do not exist in his thoughts other than an imaginary figure whose existence he lacks all conviction of. But if he seriously tries to fathom Me then he has already detached himself from the world, and then I can also pull him up, then nothing will prevent him from the right realization, then his love will turn to Me Whom he strives to reach. Thus I know when the separation from My adversary is complete and can then also exert My influence, whereas before the will first has to decide to whom it will incline. Again and again I step into a person's path so that he may take a different direction of thought which does not only apply to the earthly world.... I will make Myself known to him in some way so that he will think about the being Who let him come into being. And once he has arrived at this thought he will not let go of it again, then I will have put a silent shackle over him which, however, will not squeeze him but will constantly let him follow Me without resistance. He no longer wants to release himself from this bondage, he has voluntarily allowed himself to be captured by Me because his will sought Me and I allowed Myself to be found. It is the bondage of love, the strength which flows through him, which emanates from Me and resonates in his heart. And he will never want to escape from this strength of love because it benefits his soul, and this is My 'grasp', I hold with My love anyone who merely turns his thoughts to Me, for love is not a constraint because it only works where resistance is abandoned....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

You will always be nourished with life-giving strength if only you want to attain life. You should just for once think about your soul's fate, you should not only consider your earthly life but the life of the soul, which you are meant to gain on this earth. You should reflect on what your soul is missing and try to quench its hunger and thirst.... you should **strive spiritually** during your earthly life.... That is all I expect of you, for once this will breaks through in you, you will also receive help to attain the goal. And thus it merely depends on your will that the Father looks after you and guides you.... Where this serious will exists there is no more danger of falling into My opponent's hands because then **I** will have the right to protect you against him. Hence, anyone who wants Me to accept him is already accepted by Me and will then also receive the strength to live according to My will on earth. This is why everyone who is of serious will can be secure in the knowledge that he is in safe hands in My care and My protection.... And about this he has to give account to himself.... If his thoughts and intentions are still firmly inclined towards the world then his will is not serious, then he deceives himself even if he tries to testify to his will with words. For the will towards Me is already a turning away from the world, because no-one can serve two masters, Me and My adversary at the same time, who is the lord of this world. Although the human being is living in the world and will have to do justice to many demands.... there is nevertheless a difference whether his heart is attached to the goods and pleasures of this world, whether they occupy his thoughts and intentions.... or whether he only uses the goods of the world as far as they are needed for his sphere of activity he is in charge of.... Merely the heart's inmost desire is the decisive factor as to which lord can take possession of the human being. And this has to be answered by the person himself and in all truthfulness, as not even the slightest movement of the heart can be hidden from Me.... Therefore I also know whose will belongs to Me exclusively and whom I can subsequently guide and draw towards Me.... I also know who voices what are simply words which lack this utter sincerity of will. Nevertheless, I also take care of these, but the success is only guaranteed when the heart has **undevotedly** chosen Me. For then the human being will come to Me like a child to the Father and My Fatherly love will take hold of it and forever keep it with Me.... But in that case the human being is also willing to help his soul attain full maturity, he will provide it with nourishment and refreshment and not just live an earthly but also a spiritual life.... he need no longer fear to go astray, for he will be holding on to My hand and unwaveringly walk towards the goal....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Conscious turning of the will towards God....

I give you what you need for your pilgrimage on this earth, so that you can cover it successfully and your soul can reach maturity. For I alone know what its nature is and what you need for its perfection. Nevertheless, your free will cannot be ignored, and thus it has to accept and make use of My grace. The fact that you humans possess free will is very often doubted because the human being himself is unable to shape his earthly life according to his will and therefore denies the freedom of will. And time and again it has to be explained to you that your will is not forcibly influenced, even if the possibility of execution is not present, yet you will always determine your **will** and **thinking** yourselves, and the innermost will and thinking cannot be prescribed to you from any side. And you must answer for this willing and thinking. And if this will is seriously directed towards Me and the attainment of your soul's maturity then you can also be certain that you will achieve it, and then you will also accept My gifts of grace and use them correctly, and your perfection will be assured. How your earthly life will turn out is certainly determined by My will, Who recognizes which situation in life will result in the greatest success for you. And I will always intervene in your earthly life according to your direction of will, in the realization that help must be brought to you if you are inclined to take the wrong path.... But there is a very certain way for you to safely ascend: if you

completely subordinate your will to Mine, if you therefore acknowledge Me Myself as the power Which brought you into being and are willing to completely subordinate yourselves to this power, if you completely surrender your own free will to Me and then can no longer think and want differently than it is My will, and then your life's destiny will also move on a calmer course. But then you will also accept My gifts of grace and know that they will only be a blessing for you. You will want Me to feed and water you with the bread of heaven, with the water of life, for you desire the right food and the right drink because you still feel ill and weak as long as you don't receive the right nourishment for your soul from Me. And if your will no longer resists it you will let yourselves be illuminated by Me again as you once were, and a light will ignite in you, you will gain knowledge, your spiritual poverty will disappear, you will gather spiritual possessions and your soul will become strong and healthy, because the right physician will give it the right medicine and thus you will have to mature and fulfil the purpose on earth.... You receive My word and will now also become doers of My word and not just remain hearers.... you will endeavour to live a life of love according to My will, for My word announces My will to you, and as soon as you completely hand yourselves over to Me you also completely enter into My will.... You will again insert yourselves into My law of order, you make the principle of love your own, and you now accomplish the change of being.... you become what you were from the beginning and return to Me as My children in free will.... And thus your purpose of existence as a human being truly only consists of giving Me your will, of inwardly professing Me, of distancing yourselves from My adversary who also wants to gain your will for himself during your earthly existence.... But it is entirely up to you **who** you choose, he **cannot** force you and I **will** not force you.... you must choose for yourselves the lord to whom you want to belong.... Time and again I can only try to influence you through life situations or strokes of fate to take the path to the One from Whom you once originated, and I truly help you time and again to learn to think correctly, I send My messengers of light towards you who also try to influence your will without, however, forcing it.... Only the voluntary return to Me will earn you eternal life in eternity, and the purpose of your earthly existence is solely the turning of your will towards Me.... And therefore I will also reveal Myself to you humans time and again in the most diverse ways, for as soon as you recognize a God and creator above you Who called you into being, you will also give up your inner resistance which kept you separated from Me for an infinitely long time.... For then I will already be able to illuminate you with My strength of love so that you will now also recognize Me as father and come to Me like children, because you are inwardly urged to unite with Me in order to stay with Me forever, in order to live in bliss....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Law of order... subordination of the will...

B.D. No. 4300

May 16th 1948

Understand that you must fulfil My will if you want to become blessed. My will is the law of order from eternity, and if someone violates this order he also acts against My will. If you want to be Mine you must also submit to My will, and if it is made known to you it will be easy for you to act accordingly, for I do not demand more of you than you are able to fulfil. I have given you a commandment to love one another.... because love corresponds to My law of eternity, because everything came forth from love and everything is sustained through love. This law is therefore to be accepted unconditionally, and it can also be fulfilled because it corresponds to the original nature of every creature. Only the human being's will has to join My will, then he cannot but feel love and give love. But if he lets his own will come to the fore then he is in self-love, then he is no longer subject to Me, he disregards My commandment and thereby distances himself from Me because he lacks the strength which he receives from Me through love. Hence it is a completely natural process that the human being, who is in self-love, gives up his striving for Me or refrains from doing what he had done in a state of loving activity. And the lack of strength results in an inability to recognize, in a lack of faith and an ever decreasing will to love. The human being cannot understand deeper wisdom if he

lacks love. Nor can he be lovingly active if he does not accept My will, if his own will is stronger than the commandment which makes My will known. And thus the human being's spiritual development must also involuntarily decline because he does not live in the order I want. It does not correspond to My order that a division arises amongst those who have knowledge of My word, who therefore have the grace to be taught by Me directly or indirectly. A certain degree of loving activity imparts My word to him, and this degree shall be increased and the knowledge increased. However, if a lack of understanding occurs for the teachings which I Myself gave to people through My word, this is a sign of the decline of the activity of love, a sign of increasing self-love which darkens the light, although it cannot be completely extinguished. Yet I hold My own and don't allow them to decline, instead I use means which impel increased loving activity until the human being's thinking brightens up again, until My truth appears acceptable to him again and his life also changes accordingly. But never ever can I depart from My commandment of love, from the eternal order, and never ever can I pour out My spirit upon a person who does not submit to My will. And blessed is he if he feels the deficient state, the inability of deeper spiritual understanding, as pressure or even a shortcoming.... For then he will be easily won over again, and he will also pass the test of faith for the sake of which he has to solve spiritual problems which almost cause him to waver....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Subordination of the will.... liberation of the spirit....

B.D. No. 1354

March 26th 1940

If the will of man subordinates itself to the divine will, then that transformation takes place in the soul of man which liberates the spirit. The transformation of thinking has now taken place, the will, which previously rebelled against the creator, has now become soft and submissive; the human being recognizes the creator's wisdom and love, and he knows that only God's love ever determines every event, and thus he humbly submits to everything that comes upon him. And now the spirit is free, which was previously inhibited by the will striving against God.... A transformation of the whole person now takes place. To a certain extent, he now lives in a sphere that was previously alien to him.... The spirit within him gives him knowledge of his true home, and now that the human being's will is no longer an obstacle, he is also able to visualize this home, for he allows himself to be guided by the spirit that announces itself to him. The weak-willed human being can also be easily guided, both by good and bad power, but the weakness of the will does not contribute to the complete liberation of the spirit.... For the weakness of will is always utilized by the opposing power and strengthened in a God-resisting sense. The human being must submit his will to the divine will with full awareness.... This also requires a certain strength of will which turns towards God.... while the weakness of will makes the human being fickle but does not always decide in favour of God. Submitting one's own will to God will always involve a certain struggle, for man is far more likely to demand that which is opposed to the divine will. Thus, if he wants to serve God, fulfil His will and unconditionally submit himself to the divine will, he must be in constant battle with his desires, with himself and everything that appears beneficial to the body. Yet this constant battle with himself also leads him closer to victory.... Once he has succeeded in completely conquering his will and recognizing only the divine will, divine love gives him far more precious things than he has given up. He slowly slips from this earth into the spheres of the spiritual.... He recognizes more and more the worthlessness of everything he has given up and the precious treasure he has now unearthed.... God Himself offers him something that cannot be acquired earthly in any other way. He imparts to him divine truth, profound knowledge and the highest power of realization. And so the human being begins a second life, as it were, which differs considerably from the previous one, earthly life recedes into the background and the love, wisdom and omnipotence of God is revealed before the human being's spiritual eye.... Man gains insight into divine activity and the meaning and purpose of creation becomes apparent to him. For when man has sacrificed his will, he has fulfilled the actual purpose of life. He has recognized his origin from God and now no longer resists Him but turns to Him with full

awareness and free will.... He has given up his resistance, which for millennia had caused the being to flee from God, and now seeks to achieve the final union with Him.... And thus the subordination of one's own will to the divine will is absolutely necessary for the soul's final redemption....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Correctness of thought and action in God's subordinate will....

B.D. No. 1765

January 5th 1941

The innermost instinct instructs the human being correctly as long as he strives to fulfil God's will. And thus he need not fear doing something wrong, for the intelligences embodied in him, the substances of his soul, instruct him to think and act. The soul **must** now, as it were, will as God wills, since the human will has consciously subordinated itself to the divine will. An own will that is contrary to God is then ruled out. It is impossible that a human being who wants to fulfil God's will can do something that does not correspond to the divine will, only his will must be turned towards God in all seriousness, not just thoughtlessly spoken words outwardly intended to testify to a will subordinate to God. Whoever seeks to come close to God will always endeavour to live in the divine will, and everything he does and thinks is conditioned by (in?) his now present will. The beingness in man is now determined by divine spiritual power, i.e., the spiritual outside of man seeks the connection with the spiritual in man and as it were transfers his will, which is in harmony with the divine will, to the spiritual sheltered in man. This immediately recognizes the will and obeys it without contradiction.... the human being therefore acts out of his innermost impulse, which is the working of spiritual forces from the beyond. What the human being now begins may sometimes give the impression of not being right, and yet the human being should not allow himself to be put off.... it is right, but not always immediately comprehensible to man. For insofar as he turns to God and thus establishes the right relationship with the father as His child, the father also protects him from wrong thinking and from every wrong action. He does not allow His child to go astray, He carefully guides it along the right path, even if this path still seems impassable to the child so that it fears that it has gone wrong. The human being must then prove his firm faith and deep trust in God that God can never allow something to happen which is detrimental to His creature's soul if the latter asks God for help for the sake of his soul. The heartfelt prayer 'lord, Thy will be done' is complete submission and yet at the same time the utilization of His care, for now the earthly child has completely handed over its life, its actions and thoughts to the heavenly father in the belief that it will now be cared for and guided by Him Himself. And God will not let this faith come to nothing.... And from the very beginning the human being is relieved of his responsibility, for God Himself now determines the thoughts and actions of the one who has sacrificed his free will to Him in deepest love and devotion....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Inner prompting is God's instruction.... Subordination of will....

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God informs you of his instructions through your heart.... As soon as you feel prompted to do something, as soon as you are driven to it from within, you will always be instructed by the voice of God, providing you are making an effort to live according to God's will, that you thus strive towards Him and entrust yourselves to His guidance. Then you will be directed by His will such that you have the same will within yourselves because you have consciously submitted yourselves to His will; only then may you comply with the prompting of your heart and your actions will be right and in accordance with God's will. Yet you must seriously scrutinise yourselves as to which power you give the right to guide you.... Heartfelt prayer protects you from the opposing power; however, whatever you do without having requested God's blessing, whatever you do purely to improve your body's well-being, whatever those of you do who are completely apart from God are not His instructions but His

adversary's, and they will damage the soul. The person striving towards God need never be afraid of thinking and behaving wrongly, because his attitude towards God also allows him to be accessed by spiritual forces and entitles them to protectively walk by the person's side, thereby also averting the influences of evil forces. Only the desire for God guarantees divine protection for a person, and anyone being divinely guarded cannot go astray, he can only do what benefits his soul. He is guided by God Himself and every path taken by him is important and leads to the goal.

Although the person acts according to his own discretion, in as much as his will impels him to undertake this or that action, it is nevertheless God's will which manifests itself through his will as long as the person gives in to the inner prompting. If, however, he pays no attention to this urging then he resists it, he becomes undecided since his will has not yet entirely submitted itself to God's will. And this is what he has to beware of, for it is always the result of praying less often.... The more intimately he is in contact with God the more clearly he will see his delineated path and the more willingly he will follow the instructions revealed to him by God through his heart. Only the distance from God deprives him of the keen sense for the divine will, for in that case he has to rely on himself and will be unsure as to what he should or should not do. And God's adversary makes use of such situations by tuning into a person's thoughts, by trying to impel him to base his every action on his own advantage. And then the person will have to fight, he will have to struggle in order to restore his connection with God again which will gain him clarity of thought so that he will be able to resist the temptations. Anyone looking for God will not go wrong; however, the path of anyone excluding Him will lead him astray. This is why nothing should be undertaken without a prayer for God's blessing, then people's thinking will be guided correctly and every activity shall incorporate God's will....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Submission of the will.... Supernatural power....

B.D. No. 3803

June 17th 1946

A supernatural power is at your disposal if you make My will your own will. Then I will work in you and truly do things which go beyond your natural ability. But how must your will be constituted so that it completely conforms to Mine?.... You must no longer want anything which contradicts My law of eternity, which is against the divine order which alone carries My will within itself.... You must therefore always take care of My will, you must always do what I demand of you, i.e., fulfill My commandment of love.... For love underlies My law of eternity, love moves My will, love is My fundamental substance, love is the strength which sustains everything.... and My will can only ever be to make the law of love its fundamental principle, but then you will also be in full possession of strength from Me, Who is Love in Himself. And then you will also be able to work without restriction, you will be able to accomplish things which are purely humanly impossible but which, with the power of love, are feasible for every person who has placed himself under My law. Therefore try to change your nature completely into love, for then nothing will be unattainable for your working. You will be able to command people and animals, the elements of nature, because it is always My will which moves you and nothing is impossible for My will and My strength. Then you will also be relieved of all responsibility, for as soon as My will rules you because you have voluntarily submitted yourselves to Me, you will act accordingly and whatever you do must be right and pleasing to Me. And thus you can already be exceedingly powerful on earth because you are allowed to appropriate My power at any time if you are of the same will as Me, and then you will be urged by the spirit within you to think and act in this or that way. And you will be able to carry out what you want because you will then think and act with Me and with My strength. You will be able to avert suffering and adversity if love impels you to help your fellow human being, and you will be able to command the elements, heal the sick and work miracles of all kinds, for it is only My strength which then expresses itself through you, and with My strength nothing is impossible for you. Thus, I want your will to completely subordinate itself to Mine so that you can then want nothing else but Me and I can now work through you.... Amen

Subordination of the will under the divine will....

B.D. No. 4687

July 10th 1949

Entering into My will inevitably results in union with Me. For then the human being will strive for perfection, he will assimilate himself to My fundamental being and now become My image, so that every gulf between Me and him will be bridged and he will be able to constantly dwell close to Me as a spiritual being full of light. Entering into My will means giving up the former resistance, acknowledging Myself as the highest and most perfect being, inserting Myself into the divine order and shaping Myself into love, because I place love as the first condition in order to unite with My living creations. Furthermore, entering into My will means complete detachment from My adversary, since he tries to transfer completely opposite will onto the human being and the human being has now decided of his own accord to subordinate his will to Mine. Thus the adversary has lost the right to rule over the human being and the latter has liberated himself from his fetters. But entering into My will also presupposes knowledge of My will, and again the reason is given that I must convey My word to earth, which imparts knowledge of Me and My will to people. Hence it is an act of love and mercy that I do not leave people to their self-chosen fate but present their task in life to them, that I show them the path they have to take and that I thus acquaint them with My will, although I leave it up to them to fulfil or reject it....

(11.7.1949) And now it is decisive how far the human being still opens himself to the influence of the adversary of Me. He has free will himself, thus he is not forced to accept My or My adversary's will, which also tries to make itself heard by the human being through physical impressions and sensations. His means are the pleasures and joys of the world, but My means is an emanation from the spiritual kingdom which, if it is used, also draws the human being's soul into the spiritual kingdom, for following My word is already a subordination of the will to Mine and thus an approach to Me which ends in complete unity. Subordinating the will therefore means fulfilling My will, My commandments, which I announce to people through My word.... But My first commandment is: Love God above all else and your neighbour as yourself.... Whoever fulfils this commandment has done everything; he no longer rebels against Me but acknowledges Me with a loving heart.... not under compulsion.... he has eternally returned to Me from Whom he originated, he moves entirely in My will, which is also his will, and as My child and heir he will be placed in all the rights of a child and thus be able to create and shape in fullness of strength and be eternally blissful....

Amen

Subordination of will.... responsibility....

B.D. No. 6273

June 2nd 1955

You are no longer responsible for your earthly life once you have handed yourselves over to Me.... as soon as you have granted Me the right to influence you, as soon as you have relinquished your will and fully subordinate it to Mine. Then I can act on your behalf, then My will can take effect in you, then My spirit can work in you, which will truly always guide you in a way which is beneficial for you.... But this requires a strong faith, a convinced belief that you are My children and can confidently hand yourselves over to your father because He loves you and is powerful and wise. Once you have established this relationship with Me, then you will be blissfully happy already on earth.... Then you will only go your earthly path in order to be able to help others attain the same realization, for you have recognized Me yourselves and have become My own of your own free will through the surrender of your will to Me. Your thoughts, will and actions are now determined by Me and yet you have free will.... You yourselves think, want and act in accordance with My will, because My will has already become so powerful in you that it fills you and you cannot act against it.... But then you need not fear that you can grieve Me either, then everything you undertake will be good and right.... as long

as you maintain the intimate bond with Me.... yet you will always be exposed to temptations.... i.e., My adversary will always want to disturb this intimate bond with Me by trying to direct your eyes and thoughts towards things which belong to his kingdom.... And if he succeeds in making you fall prey to his wishes then you will loosen your bond with Me yourselves, and then you will have to be on your guard.... Therefore commend yourselves anew to My love and grace every day and **want** Me to guide and look after you, and then you will always give Me the right to put Myself between you and My adversary when he wants to seduce you.... This is your sure weapon against him, that you make Me your guardian.... that you **want to be Mine** and surrender yourselves to Me. Then all attempts will bounce off you, then you will close your eyes to the attractions of the world, then you will only live for Me and in Me, then all your thoughts will be directed towards your spiritual perfection, then you will only be tempted by intercourse with Me and your work will only be devoted to spiritual aims.... And then you erect a strong wall around yourselves which My adversary is no longer able to tear down.... You cannot even measure the blessing of devotion to Me.... but when I tell you that you will then be free from all responsibility, from all concern for your spiritual well-being.... when I tell you that you will then no longer be **able** to fall because I will hold you and safely guide you upwards.... then you should not concern yourselves with anything but securing My love, you should want to belong to Me and now leave everything to Me.... And it will turn out right.... Therefore do not worry about earthly things, for everything is included if you devote yourselves to Me, so that I will take care of you.... Spiritually and physically you will now be in My care, and spiritual and physical needs will be covered by Me, for you will have given up all resistance which once separated you from Me, if you now unconditionally hand yourselves over to Me.... Then the separation is lifted and being united with Me again is a sure guarantee for thinking, wanting and acting according to My eternal order.... For you yourselves are now only executors of My will, yet in full freedom, for you no longer feel any compulsion from any side because you carry the same will within yourselves and now belong to Me for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

God's guidance and surrender of will....

B.D. No. 6540

May 5th 1956

You will live a blessed earthly life if you devote yourselves fully to Me and consciously strive to fulfil My will. Then your former resistance will be broken and earthly life will only serve to achieve the deification of your being which will earn you the childship to God. For even if your soul is now completely turned towards Me, your body is still composed of immature substances which you should and can help to spiritualise during your earthly life. And the soul, too, will have substances which are not yet fully matured, which in the previous embodiments did not completely submit to My order from eternity and also first must come to the just order, but which you can easily achieve precisely through your conscious way of life, through your realisation of your purpose of earthly life. But where the will exists to submit completely to My will there is no longer any danger that the human being could fail, for he is guided like a child by the Father's hand and therefore cannot go astray. But in order to submit the will to Mine, there must first be a deep faith in Me as God and Creator and as Father of His children.... For only the latter explains the trust in Him Whose **child** the human being wants to be but who only initially sees himself as His **creature**. The human being now places himself in My care, he places himself under My guidance in the firm belief that he will now also be guided right. How easily all people could attain perfection while still on earth if they had this belief that they need a guide if they want to walk the right path, if they want to pursue their earthly task.... But this first requires the **knowledge** that every human being has to fulfil a task in earthly life. And where this knowledge is lacking it will also be difficult to find faith in a God and Father and therefore the connection with Him will not be established through surrender of will. But every human being would have to consider a **purpose of** his earthly life as probable, and therefore every human being would also have to become restless at times and ask himself questions. But world affairs prevent

him from doing so, and once such questions arise in him, then a thousand other thoughts will quickly chase them away again.... unless he realises the worthlessness and transitoriness of earthly goods and **therefore** looks for another purpose in life.... And therefore I have to keep on making people aware of this 'transitoriness of earthly things', I have to take away from them what their hearts cling to, I have to inflict pain on them so often that they will come to recognise the worthlessness of everything that holds their thoughts captive. Then I can sometimes achieve that they seek and strive for another goal, and then it is also possible that they submit their will to the One Whom they had to recognise in losses and strokes of fate of all kinds. But people often go astray for a long time until they take the right path, whereas it would be extremely easy if they allowed themselves to be guided from the very beginning of their earthly life.... which, however, requires deep faith.... But faith cannot be **given to** them, it must be acquired through loving activity, then the human being will no longer resist accepting the instructions he receives about Me and My nature.... Then he will try to bring himself into contact with the Being in Whom he now wants to believe.... And I assure all of you time and again that the slightest good will will be recognised and heeded by Me, that I will now evidently come close to every person showing this will, and that you can now constantly know yourselves to be guided by Me as soon as you only want to be, as soon as you give up your former resistance and want to live to please Me. This change of will will also irrevocably result in your change of nature, because I Myself will help you, because I will not any more abandon anyone who has once decided to subject his will to Mine. And it should truly be easy for all of you humans to acknowledge a God and Creator.... Who, however, wants to be your **Father** and to Whom you can always turn with complete trust in His help.... He will always be there for you but never determine you against your will....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

Total dedication and complete submission of will....

B.D. No. 9026

August 5th 1965

You shoulder great responsibility during your earthly progress, the burden of which, however, you can place upon Me if you decide to hand yourselves over to Me with all your strength and soul. In that case you will be free from every responsibility in the knowledge that I will guide you, for I will direct your every step such that you will inevitably end up with Me, that you therefore quite freely subordinate your will to Mine and have thereby passed the test of will, which is the sole purpose and goal of your earthly life. Completely entering into My will relieves you from all responsibility, for then you will only be able to live according to My will, your actions will be good and righteous, you will voluntarily fulfil the commandments of love for Me and your neighbour, the adversary will no longer be able to harm you and your earthly path will proceed entirely according to My will so that there will be no danger that you can travel it unsuccessfully. Just place yourselves totally into My hands and through your dedication you will become My Own completely, then you will no longer have to fear the world, earthly matter will leave you unaffected, you will only use it according to My will by causing it to be of service to you and at the same time providing it with the opportunity of advancement.... You should all take this simple path, the path of devotion to Me, for then I will always be prepared to release the chains, for as soon as you hand yourselves over to Me with complete faith and love Jesus Christ's act of Salvation will be understandable to you and you will take the path to Him, thereby recognising Me Myself as your God and Creator, as the Redeemer from all bondage. You need never fear becoming subject to My adversary again, for his control over you will be broken from the moment of your total dedication to Me, your decision will have been in My favour, you will turn away from him and quite deliberately strive towards Me.

From this time on the adversary will no longer be able to deprive Me of My entitlement to you, all your love will belong to Me, and this and My love will never ever be parted again. If you take this path on earth to Me, if you know that you call upon your God and Father in Jesus, Who sacrificed Himself for you on the cross in order to redeem your past sin.... and if you are subsequently released from the adversary, then you have taken the right decision, you have accepted the emanation of love

again without which blissful happiness cannot exist. And your fate will be far more glorious than before, when you indeed emerged from Me in supreme perfection but nevertheless were My creations, whereas now you have matured into My children, which I was unable to create, I was merely able to give you all the abilities to achieve this of your own accord.... And I would like to make it easy for you and merely need your total dedication to Me, then I will even out your every step so that you no longer need to bear responsibility, so that you only ever need to think and act as I make you feel in your heart, and then you will be happy because I Myself guide you and direct your thoughts. In that case you certainly act of your own free will but this will very clearly subordinates itself to Me and thus you can only want and act correctly. For the second time you will have come forth from My hand but in a way that you wanted yourselves and your free will helped to become that which could not emerge from Me in the beginning. Bliss on both your part and mine will constantly increase, for you will be offered splendours in My kingdom which you would never have dreamt of, for 'eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which I have prepared for them that love Me...'

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The subordination of the will to the divine will makes man fit....

B.D. No. 8774

March 9th 1964

My will will always determine your earthly course of life as soon as you subordinate your will to Mine.... Then you will have entered My will, and all your thinking, wanting and acting will now correspond to My will, for you now carry My will within you and cannot want anything else, for I Myself will then be active in you. And so your will remains free and still subordinates itself to Me of its own accord, and then there can only be a spiritual ascent for you; then your earth life will earn you success, for the purpose of which you go through this earth valley. And then you will also obviously recognize that and how I Myself intervene in your life. You always keep up the union with Me, and everything what you undertake will also carry its blessing in it, because My will cooperates and I truly know it, what serves you to perfection. But you can also then let everything approach you with greatest calmness, because I Myself arrange it so as it comes, because I see spiritual successes for Me out of it. And so I will also always supply you with men who are to be informed of Me and My word; I will always give you the right teaching material when you are to enlighten those men, because your will, which now belongs to Me completely, allows this that I can use you as suitable servants in My vineyard, who always only carry out what their lord determines. And such work must be blessed; it must be of success, and that is why I still set great hope on you, you who want to serve Me consciously, that you prepare souls for Me, which I then can also address Myself and which I then also have won for ever. Once your will turned away from Me, and that was your apostasy from Me, your God and creator.... If you now unceremoniously turn your will to Me again, then the return is also already accomplished, then you have passed the earth life test, and then it is only still necessary that you help your soul to mature, that you let love in you flare up so brightly that all slugs, which still prevent the soul the illumination of light, dissolve and you now can be completely radiated through by My love power. For this earth life is at your disposal, and possibilities are offered to you continuously where you can work in love. Use these and always remain connected to Me in thought, and truly, you will still be able to reach a degree of maturity in earth life, which secures you the entrance into the kingdom of light, because all resistance in you is broken, and you belong to Me again, as in the beginning. I do not demand much of you, but to be able to present you with unimagined glories when you enter the kingdom on the other side. I only demand of you that you turn towards Me, that your will again belongs to Me, that you voluntarily break away from My opponent, and I will certainly provide you with power that you reach your aim: the final union with Me. And where one has already reached it, there I also lead others, who are to take an example from him, who are stimulated to likewise unite with Me, because also their inner resistance against Me has already considerably diminished, and also these will slowly submit to My will, and the act of return has taken place.... For I

now leave no-one from Me who has once turned his will towards Me. But one thing is necessary for this, that man recognizes Me in My nature.... For he will only ever strive for what seems desirable to him, and I will only then be desirable to him when he is truthfully informed about My perfect nature, when he knows that the being Who created him is love, wisdom and might and supremely perfect.... And this knowledge is to be supplied to all men. That is why I Myself convey it to earth and instruct you, My servants, to spread it again so that fellow human beings can take note of it and now also decide for themselves in favour of Me.... But the ways I know exactly, on which you men meet each other, which you can exchange and experience for My will. Only when you know about My will, your will can decide, subordinate itself to Mine, but then you are also relieved of all responsibility, then your will has entered Mine, then also your thinking and wanting and acting will correspond to My will, and then the way to perfection is no longer long. But how often does man resist Me, how often does he believe to be able to determine himself and his life; how often does he listen to My opponent, who presents My nature distorted to him, so that man cannot feel love for a being, which must be denied perfection according to the presentation of My opponent. I want to win your love, and I will then also be able to address you, be it directly or indirectly through My messengers, but which I supply to everyone who just has the earnest will to reach his aim on earth, who wants to live according to My will and then can also perfect himself on this earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Submitting your will to God's will...

B.D. No. 5453

August 1st 1952

I recognise all of you as My servants on earth as soon as you merely submit your will to Me and are therefore willing to do the will of your Lord and Master. Then you will have consciously entered My service, and then I Myself can be active through you, that is, you will now carry out what I would like to do Myself for My earthly children, but for which I need mediators because My direct activity would mean a compulsion of faith. And thus you represent Me Myself, you do everything in My place which you perceive as a task from Me within yourselves, you work for Me and My kingdom, you carry out spiritual work which, although it does not yield any earthly profit, will nevertheless be rewarded by Me Myself one day. What is done for My Kingdom will always be work, which is not recognised by worldly people, which is not valued earthly and is, as it were, regarded as a waste of time, and yet it is the most important work because its effect extends to eternal life, because it can result in eternal successes which will continue to exist when the body passes away. But anyone who has submitted his will to Me also recognises the importance of his service for Me and he will carry it out conscientiously even though he will not receive any earthly recognition for it. But he should regard himself as a fighter for Me who goes into battle against My adversary.... He fights for a holy cause, he fights for the eternal life of many souls who are dependent on his help against the enemy. For by submitting his will to Mine he has much strength at his disposal because he draws it from Me and is therefore suitable as a fighter for Me and My kingdom.... You humans can accomplish nothing on your own but everything with Me.... And the human being must possess this faith in order to offer himself to Me for service. He feels weak himself but is fully confident that he can do everything with My Strength, and he wants to utilise this strength of Mine for Me, he wants to help increase My Kingdom by bringing souls to Me who once fell away from Me and turned to the one who is My adversary. And I accept him because I need many servants and because I only find a few who want to serve Me of their own free will. The army of My fighters is indeed small but strong because it can make unlimited use of My Strength.... And I will bless the small number of those who want to serve Me with love and their labour will not be in vain.... I will also protect them against all attacks by My enemy, who time and again tries to run against them because he knows that they represent a great danger for him and his power. He will use all means to make them apostate from Me, yet My servants will recognise and see through him.... For I enlighten their spirit and they will recognise and fight everything that is dark. Therefore, anyone who wants to serve Me should hand himself over to Me

with complete trust and his life will henceforth be in My love and grace; and he will go every way, guided and accompanied by Me.... And he will be able to go wherever he wants, I will always walk beside him and never let him fall into the hands of the enemy.... For I Am a good householder to My servants, Who truly rewards faithful labour....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

Will to God.... power in the last fight.... power from God....

B.D. No. 5665

May 2nd 1953

You need not fear the end if only you have the will to remain faithful to Me, if your thoughts and endeavours are directed towards attaining spiritual maturity, if only you want to be willing to comply with Me.... Then everything will approach you such that you will always think, speak and act as is right. Then your heart will not be seized by fear but you will have strength of will so that you will face everything that comes upon you with your head held high. I know the will of the individual, and according to this will I provide him with strength and grace. As long as you strive for Me and My kingdom you need not fear the world or its rulers, who are also under My will. The coming time will certainly make demands on you but you yourselves will grow with these demands, you will master things which previously seemed overwhelming to you, and everything will take care of itself as long as only your thoughts remain turned towards Me, as long as they don't allow themselves to be captured by the world, which will also approach you with its temptations the closer it gets to the end. Yet this is the greatest danger for you, that you turn your eyes and senses towards the world.... But he who has overcome the world need not fear the coming time, the battle of faith and the end, for he has already won.... Me and My kingdom.... and he can no longer lose anything. Anyone who earnestly seeks Me will also find Me, anyone who has found Me will no longer want to give Me up, and I will also keep him firm and strengthen him against all temptations which approach every person as long as he still lives on earth. And so that you don't slacken in your desire for Me, so that you don't become weak in the afflictions caused by earthly power, I will also force Myself ever more into your thoughts and truly have stronger power over you than My adversary.... For as long as your will is meant for Me it has no power over you. And therefore fear nothing, whatever may come; I know about everything and guide you such that you unite with Me ever more intimately, that you find your bliss in the hours of silent dialogue with Me, that you use every opportunity to take refuge in My arms, that you always draw comfort and strength when you let Me speak to you.... I repeatedly come to you in the word and thus directly impart the strength to you which will make you strong and resilient so that you need not fear the coming time.... For My own possess My love and are never forsaken by Me.... And My own include all who love Me and keep My commandments, who work for Me and My kingdom.... who are willingly devoted to Me and want to remain faithful to Me until the end....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Life in the divine will.... inner voice....

B.D. No. 1116

September 26th 1939

Man should scrutinize himself with relentless rigour as to how far he complies with God's will, and he should always keep his actions and omissions in mind, he should ask God for the strength to do so in a constant endeavour to always do what is right, he should never tire of working on himself and always and constantly answer to Him and listen to the inner voice that rebukes him if he wants to go astray. Always living in the will of God is only feasible if all thoughts are turned towards the eternal deity, if love for God dominates the person.... Then man will also always fulfil the will of Him Whom his soul loves. However, this also requires self-conquest, for in order to be able to fulfil the divine will, man must willingly renounce everything that gives him earthly pleasure.... he must be able to sacrifice.... he must tame his worldly desires and seek fulfilment of his longing only in

love for God.... he must also avoid everything that could tempt him to sin. These are the thoughts that want to go astray and do not correspond to the divine will. The enemy tries to influence precisely those souls who want to serve God and any means is right for him to do so. And thus he tries to dissuade the striving earthly child from its serious striving for God through mental whisperings, and a struggling soul will therefore often have to fight against such thoughts which have to be recognized as opposing influence and therefore rejected. And again the inner voice has to be listened to, which instructs the earthly child correctly in every way. And thus every danger will also be overcome if only the human being's will is always willing to submit itself to divine will, if he entrusts all his actions and thoughts to the lord, asks Him for His grace and for the right enlightenment in all things.... The father in heaven will hear this prayer of His child and his walk on earth will truly correspond to God's will, for the father demands nothing but free human will, if this is sacrificed to Him He will guide and direct His children so that they will safely reach their goal, their eternal home.

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The soul's hardship necessitates suffering.... 'Father, Your will be done....'

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Infinite trust in divine guidance makes your earthly way of life easy, for you accept everything with a certain calm providing you bear in mind that it was determined by God in this and no other way due to His boundless concern for your soul. Every burden life imposes on you is necessary for the maturing of your soul, and the more you are in need of it the more burdensome it will be. Thus, you should first shape yourselves according to divine will and the suffering will gradually lessen and will finally entirely be taken from you. Practise love, meekness and patience, practise compassion, peacefulness, and always appeal to God for strength to do so and you will rise above everything with ease, you will be a blessing for your surrounding neighbours for they will strive to emulate you.... And your earthly life will become easier, you will have emerged victoriously from the battle against evil and through your appeals for strength have come closer to God. If you want to reach God you must completely hand yourselves over to Him, always pray 'Father, Your will be done....' You thereby give evidence of your trust in His guidance, you sacrifice your will to Him, you humbly submit yourselves to His will and acknowledge Him as your Father, and then you will have become as it is pleasing to God.... patient, gentle, humble, peaceful, you practise love if you also compassionately turn towards your fellow human being and try to make him live in the same way. It will refine your nature and the soul will become light and bright for it will become ever more capable of absorbing divine light and of spreading it as well.

Therefore, don't complain if you have to suffer, bear everything patiently and know that you still need to suffer, that your soul is still distressed and that God in His love wants to help you and release it from its still oppressing shell....The soul is still struggling for its freedom; it is still constrained by a force which refuses to set it free. Its own will is still too weak, and in order to strengthen its will it must call upon God for strength. If it fails to do so of its own accord then God must encourage it through suffering to turn to Him for help.... And it often takes an unbelievably long time before the soul takes the path to God, and just as long it will have to suffer and endure a depressing state. And yet it would be so easy to release itself from it, however, it often gives way to the adversary's urging and revolts against its fate, it grumbles and complains and therefore cannot be released from suffering either.... And your mistake rests in the fact that you do not recognise God's love and are grateful to Him that He wants to lead you into higher spheres.... If you believe in His love it will also be easy for you to confide in Him and every day, regardless how distressing it may be, will be a blessing for your soul and beneficial for your spiritual higher development....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The entire fulfilment of earthly life lies in the striving to come closer to God, for then the will has also turned towards Him and the return to God is therefore already accomplished in terms of the will. But the former turning away from God had also changed the being and turned it into an imperfect creature, and just as the will has to change to God, so the being has to change again to perfection before it can unite with God again in order to be able to create and work with Him and in His will in the spiritual kingdom. Thus the human being must strive for this perfection during his earthly change, and this means that he must consciously work on himself in order to remove all characteristics of imperfection from himself, in order to turn himself into the opposite: in order to discard all vices, faults and errors and change them into virtues. This is a difficult beginning, and it requires strength. But God turns the strength to every person who strives towards Himself.... And as soon as the will for God awakens in the heart, God's love takes hold of him and now constantly provides him with strength to come closer to his aim.... But how few have this serious will.... for it is not enough for the mouth to express it that the human being desires to God, but this desire must arise in the heart and completely without external pressure lead to the bond with God.... The **human being's will** is demanded by God, and this is free. For this reason, however, every person is blessed and certain of his ascent if this will towards God moves him, and he need never ever fear sinking into the depth again which he has left. And again you will now understand that the will to God can never be the will to the world, for it is a matter of two opposites, there are **two** aims which can be man's striving, God **or** the world, but never God **and** the world.... Anyone who earnestly desires God will no longer be tempted by the world, but anyone who desires the world and its goods is still so far from God in his inner being, the depth has not yet released him and he is in great danger of sinking to the depth again. Nor will he ever work on himself in order to change his nature, instead he will regard his nature as right and good, he will know how to assert himself everywhere and thereby also disregard love, for his nature is only dominated by all those urges which prove his opposition to God. And even if he has great physical strength at his disposal, even if he will be able to master earthly life, he will not be able to accomplish the work on his soul because the strength from God has to flow to him for this, but it cannot flow to him as long as his will is still turned away from God. And his will cannot detach itself from the world if it is not granted help.... But the help is **Jesus Christ**, the help is the treasure of grace which Jesus Christ acquired for you humans on the cross in order to strengthen your weak will. And anyone who turns to Jesus Christ and appeals to Him for strength also acknowledges God Himself in Jesus, and this is like the devotion of the will to God, which is also always rewarded with the influx of strength. But the world does not release a soul so easily, and a worldly person will also only rarely take the path to Jesus Christ.... And therefore he can only be instructed by the word of God to mentally occupy himself with Jesus Christ and His act of salvation. A worldly person can only be won through God's word, for this is strength itself as soon as it is not rejected. For God Himself addresses every human being in order to motivate him to give Him his will, to abandon opposition to Him and to fully surrender to Him.... But the will always has to be ready to hear God's address beforehand, for this is the human being's decision on earth that he gives up his resistance, that he acknowledges God and now surrenders himself to Him.... And God will seize him and lift him up to Himself, he will return to his father's house which he once voluntarily left....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

God's word gives knowledge of His will....

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Only My will needs to be observed and followed in order to gain My pleasure for you. And My will is very easy to fulfil, for it only calls you to love, it demands something from you which is not unnatural, since you came forth from love yourselves.... Just as I once created you, so shall you become again, and this necessitates love.... Thus you can only please Me if you shape yourselves as

you have been since the beginning. And therefore you must fulfil My commandments of love which include My will. And therefore I convey My word to you humans so that you take notice of My will, and My word will always call upon you to live a way of life which testifies to love, My word will prescribe to you in detail what you should do and what you should refrain from doing in order to become perfect. Therefore you cannot live on earth without My word, for it first brings you knowledge of Me and My will, it points you to your original state and your task in life on earth, My word encourages you to seek contact with its giver, and once you have entered into this contact your will is also willing to submit itself to Mine. To want what is right in order to gain My pleasure is what you have to do in order to fulfil your earthly task of life. You must take My will as your guideline, then you will reach your aim. Anyone who takes notice of My word will then also let himself be guided by Me, he will acknowledge Me and make an effort to do what I ask, he will endeavour to live in love, his upward development will take its course and the aim is certain to him.... He becomes again what he was, a powerful being which has united itself with Me through love and can now have an unlimited effect itself and is inconceivably blissful....

Amen

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Right prayer.... fulfilment.... "Father, Thy will be done...."

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The greatest power lies in the conscious call to God. Everything can be achieved by a person whose attitude towards God is such that he enters into contact with Him when he is in earthly or spiritual adversity, for he can be relieved of all worry. Another, Whose power is the greatest, now cares for him. God has provided His children with a bridge to Him, prayer. Whoever uses this bridge always and constantly has the opportunity to present his worries and troubles to Him; and to be able to present worries to God also means to become free of them, for God relieves every person of suffering, the more willingly the more trustingly it is presented to Him. Once man has freed himself from the feeling of unbridgeable distance from God, once he feels like His creature, once he recognizes that he belongs to God, then his prayer is also right, for he will now speak to his creator, his father from eternity, like a child and come to Him confidentially in all his needs. Man is powerless.... whatever he begins, it can only be completed as desired if God gives His consent. So if man wants to become master of his worries and suffering by his own efforts and disregard divine help, his endeavours and striving will be unsuccessful if God does not give His approval. After all, all success is dependent on God, and understandably God will help the person who comes to Him directly and asks for His help. The right prayer testifies to the right filial relationship that God wants to be established, and then the father's love comes into action and He fulfils every request of the person.... The relationship with God should be free of any outward appearance, as well as free of exaggerated submissiveness, which is expressed in posture and gestures. The relationship between child and father should be an intimate one, childlike and submissive in obedience, but intimate love should bind the child to the father. Such an intimate relationship must also bring the child fulfilment of every request, for God is love, and love denies His child nothing that brings him joy. The child will also be allowed to make earthly requests as long as it has recognized that the father's love considers the child in a way that is beneficial to it.... This realization has the consequence that the fulfilment of every request is left to the father, that the child prays "Father, Thy will be done" and that he now trustingly abandons himself to the father's love and humbly receives from His hand what is intended for him. Faith and trust in His goodness and wisdom should form the basis of every prayer, then the earthly child leaves the fulfilment of its requests to the heavenly father, and then the prayer is as it is pleasing to Him and He will answer it....

Amen

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Pray to Me, and I will be your father.... not only creator and sustainer but also father who cares for you with ardent love, Who also finds His happiness in His children's happiness.... I call you again and again, and so let yourselves be drawn by My love, likewise come to Me with love in your heart, take hold of My fatherly hand and stay with Me from now on, stay close to Him Who can offer you all glories and satisfy your longing, Who can delight you with spiritual gifts and provide you with light and strength in abundance. Come to Me, leave all earthly things behind which stand between Me and you, only bring Me your soul, your will, and let Me take the lead and you will truly be guided correctly. For I lead My children to the aim and never ever let them go. Anyone who has found his way to Me of his own free will, who therefore sacrifices his free will to Me, is My child and deserves My deepest fatherly love and care.... But anyone who sacrifices his will to Me must have detached it from earthly things, he must have overcome all desire for the world, otherwise his will is not yet undividedly meant for Me. Make yourselves My own, then I will take possession of you, and what now belongs to Me will remain Mine forever. But then no bodily worry may weigh down your heart, for your father in heaven will take it upon Himself as I have promised. A loving father does everything for His children, He keeps suffering and worry away from them if only they trust Him unreservedly, take refuge in His arms and expect protection and help from Him. And your father in heaven truly bears the most ardent love for His children in His heart, and His children will be allowed to feel this love in times of hardest earthly adversity.... They will be allowed to hear My voice and their hearts will beat towards Me and completely detach themselves from the world. Strive for this by striving to completely submit your will to Mine, by making yourselves My own so that My fatherly love can embrace you.... Don't pay attention to the hardship and suffering of the world but lift your eyes and hearts to Me, Who is above the earthly world and Who can put a stop to all adversity through His might. Seek to gain My fatherly love by turning all your love towards Me, by merely longing for Me, and I will take care of you forever, for then you will be My true children who are loved by My father, who travel their earthly path under My guidance and therefore also reach the aim....

Amen