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Work Of Love In The Beyond

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Preconditions for entering the realm of light....

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Inly the soul enters the kingdom of light which has made the divine will the guiding principle of its way of life on earth in intimate union with God, which has purified itself of all impurities through this way of life and has worked in love on earth. The gates of paradise have been opened to it, the goal of its longing has become of it in the most radiant fullness of light, it is united with God.... This state requires a way of life that is pleasing to God, it requires the human being's full will to reach God. And as soon as this will moves the human being his life will also be such that it corresponds to divine will, for a will devoted to Him is reluctant to do anything that is not good, and thus the human being matures in his soul.... The soul assimilates itself to the eternal deity, and this signifies the worthiness to dwell close to God and to receive His emanation of love. This blissful state can be bestowed upon a person when he dies on earth. The soul can be raptured from the heaviness of earth and taken up into the heavenly realms if it was serious on earth about the soul's higher development.... if the person's life corresponded to the divine commandments... if he has practiced love, i.e. if his earthly life can be called a labour of love. The degree of man's love also determines the degree of happiness in the hereafter, for just as he has measured out to his neighbour, so will God measure out to him. Only that person can receive God's emanation of love whose heart is capable of love itself, who has therefore likewise given love. Without loving activity on earth there is no bliss, for God's love only floods the soul which has shaped itself through loving activity in such a way that it can receive God's emanation of love, which presupposes a soul capable of love and active in love. Lack of love is also lack of bliss and therefore a state of darkness, because bliss consists of the soul being flooded by the brightest light. People on earth are no longer aware of their lightless state, for the degree of maturity of their souls is so low that they are unaware of a state of light, which signifies a state of bliss for them, and therefore they do not consciously strive for this state either. They live well but have no desire to ascend. And thus they do not know the benefits of light either, but they do feel comfortable in the state of darkness. And therefore they also do not know about the strength and power of love, which can bring them unspeakably great happiness in the beyond. And without this knowledge they will not transform their life into a life of love and thus never be honoured with God's radiance. Consequently, these souls come away empty-handed and they cannot attain eternal bliss in the beyond until the spark of love has become a flame within them and thus a bright light shines in the darkness of the spirit. Only then does the soul come to know the happiness of eternal bliss, which increases according to the soul's will to love, which is expressed in diligent loving activity towards the needy souls in the beyond....

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Activity in the beyond

Life in the hereafter perpetual regulated activity, no state of rest....

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ife on earth is the preparation time for eternity. If now this time is used in such a way that life Lafter death is always thought of and therefore life is lived consciously, then man shapes himself so that he can register a certain maturity at the end of his earth life, and then this has earned him the success that he can now enter the eternal kingdom and can again fulfil the tasks there, which wait for him. For life in eternity is a perpetual activity; it is not a state of rest but only then truly blissful when it is filled with constant activity. If a person is accustomed to lively activity on earth, he will be able to fulfil every task that is set for him in the beyond, and therefore a busy life on earth is a good preparation time for the actual task in the beyond. No hour should remain unused and the strength from God, which is imparted to the human being, should spur him on to fulfil all the demands that earthly life places on him. For one day even more will be demanded of him and it will only ever depend on his will which work he is assigned. For now again he is free to be active, only the state of happiness depends on what his will tells him to do. For being active in the beyond means receiving and distributing.... being active means constantly receiving new knowledge and passing it on, i.e. instructing souls who lack knowledge. Anyone who has already practiced caring for others on earth will have a very large field of activity in the beyond, for he will always carry out what he is told to do because love urges him to give what makes him happy and what he constantly receives. He will want to help to spread the light, he will be undauntedly active, and love will always underlie all activity, for love is strength which wants to express itself and thus expresses itself in lively activity. And therefore the human being should never find joy in an idle existence in earthly life, for this will burden him one day and he will hardly be able to fit in with regular activity which, however, is the epitome of that which signifies eternal happiness for the beings......

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Acquiring graces in the afterlife.... activity in spheres of light....

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he time of earthly life rich in grace comes to an end with the human being's death, for then his soul returns to the spiritual kingdom and is either richly blessed with spiritual possessions or poor and meagre, depending on whether it has utilized the blessings which were at its disposal during earthly life. As soon as earthly life is over the supply of grace ceases insofar as that the being now has to struggle for it itself, that it therefore only acquires new favours through its right attitude towards God.... that it is therefore granted divine grace, i.e. with His help, if it professes God, thus acquires His emanation of love through the will to work with love. This is a favour in the truest sense of the word, since the test of earthly life should actually bring final perfection to the human being and now God, out of greater than great love, will not deny the being His help in the beyond either, in such a way that He grants the being an insight into the suffering of other souls and thereby wants to cause the former to help these suffering souls. Through this will to help it acquires God's grace again, which God hands out unmeasured in order to save the souls from darkest adversity. And the soul thanks its creator when it has become knowledgeable, i.e. when it can receive God's emanation of love, for then it is full of bliss and praises and glorifies God uninterruptedly.... (16.8.1942) The spheres of light are now accessible to this soul, they are its constant environment. It no longer has to fear a decline, it can only enter ever brighter spheres of light, but no shadow will ever cloud its bliss.... And now its

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otherworldly activity begins, which brings it supreme satisfaction, for it only carries out what deepest love impels it to do, and therefore its present activity is blissful. A loving soul is only anxious to give happiness, thus to hand out what makes it happy itself, and since it has gone through the state of lightlessness itself and felt the agonizing lack of freedom, it wants to help the souls in its love who have to endure the same fate. For now it also knows that it thereby fulfils God's will; it feels as if it is permeated by the divine will and carries it out without resistance. And yet it does not curtail the freedom of will of the souls it wants to lead upwards. Hence its work is laborious and requires utmost patience, yet its love will not let it tire, and the effort will also be rewarded, for it feels utmost bliss when the soul listens to its whisperings and begins to detach itself from the world. This work on the souls in the beyond and on earth is redeeming activity, the significance of which the human being on earth only rarely realizes, for only the knowledge of eternal bliss makes the necessity of such activity understandable. But as soon as the soul in the beyond is in the realm of the divine emanation of love, it also knows about its task and its importance, and it now fulfils it with a devotion that is only based on its love, love and beatitude are inseparable, the soul has to prepare beatitude with love because it constantly receives beatitude, and it has to help the still bound souls to remove all obstacles which prevent access to beatitude.... The soul must pass on the knowledge through which the unfree souls also attain freedom and can now likewise enter spheres of light, eternal bliss....

Amen

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Education for forbearance.... work in the hereafter....

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he human being must train himself to be patient, for this virtue is absolutely necessary if the soul wants to participate in the work of redemption in the beyond. The soul is often resisted more than on earth if it wants to persuade the ignorant and suffering souls to accept admonitions and instructions, and only through utmost patience can it win these souls for itself and then start its work on them. The state of suffering of these souls does not contribute to their willingness to accept, but rather they reject the souls who want to help them, for they still lack all patience as they are imperfect. The already more mature soul, however, must not allow itself to be put off, it must try again and again with tireless patience to get in contact with them, it must lovingly stand by their side and try to change their initial aversion, it must repeat every unsuccessful attempt and thus approach these souls again and again and present to them their painful state and at the same time suggest to them what they should do in order to improve their state of soul. Only extreme patience and great love will bring about success. But this success is unspeakably happy for the helpful being and spurs it on to be constantly active in the spiritual kingdom. The soul that has once tasted this happiness, that has seen into the depths of the kingdom beyond, will never cease to work for the redemption of these beings. Its own state of light enables it to pass on light, and love for the imperfect beings constantly drives it to do so. Yet the gentlest mind is required if the mature soul wants to achieve success. This is why patience has to be practiced on earth, the human being has to be gentle, peaceable and always willing to help his neighbour, then he will also be able to fulfil his task in the beyond, which consists of winning the spiritual beings which are distant from God and making the possessions accessible to them which alone are valuable for eternity....

Amen

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Progress - standstill - decline in the spiritual world....

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In the spiritual world there is neither a standstill nor a decline as soon as the being is in realization, thus it has entered the kingdom of light. For since it then constantly receives strength it is also constantly active, and every activity is an activity in love which signifies spiritual progress. Light and

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strength receivers in the spiritual kingdom can never remain in inactivity, which would be equal to a standstill, or never think and act without love and thus cause a decline. Instead, the being constantly strives upwards, its strength constantly increases through its emission, and it can radiate ever brighter light and therefore be inconceivably blissful. For the state of light is bliss.... And therefore all spiritual beings must one day be released from their dark state, because this is the activity of the beings of light in the spiritual kingdom to break through the darkness, to bring light to the lightless beings. Only endless times will pass before all spiritual beings are in the state of light, thus in unlimited bliss. And that is why innumerable creations are still needed where the spiritual can mature, and these creations are also products of the spiritual working of love. The activity of the beings of light in the spiritual kingdom varies according to their degree of perfection and consists of transmitting light and strength, of imparting knowledge to the ignorant and supplying vitality or also of creating and shaping earthly creations according to God's will, thus an increased emanation of God's strength, so that this strength becomes visible in creations which carry life within themselves because they contain the still immature spiritual substances for the purpose of maturing. These creations are therefore the spiritual will which has become form, which in union with God has a measure of strength at its disposal and fulfils and expresses His will through these creations. These creations are God's works because His strength and power become visible in them, yet countless beings work in His will and participate in the shaping and preservation of all material creation because they find highest happiness in it and bring to bear the strength which constantly flows to them from God. For they cannot help but be active in love and therefore again and again create new opportunities for the still undeveloped spiritual to mature. This is the privilege of God's children who take on the father's inheritance and can therefore create and shape like Him, using the strength from God which constantly flows to them because they are in the most intimate union with Him....

And yet for them there is no limit to their bliss.... their spiritual abilities will never reach a limit, for the unlimited is the characteristic of perfection.... And thus they approach God more and more, although they are merged with Him eternally. But the eternal deity Itself is an entity Which is nevertheless constantly striven for because It is perfected beyond all measure and can never be reached in Its perfection. Thus, in the kingdom of light there is only constant upward development and constantly increasing abundance of light, yet whatever is outside the kingdom of light remains at a standstill or declines in its development because it is powerless and left to its own devices and therefore cannot receive strength either, unless it decides of its own free will to be of service with love.... Then strength will be imparted to it, and then the union with equally mature beings will take place and the slow ascent into the spheres of light will begin. But if this will is not present then it will remain in a powerless, dark state for eternities, or it will sink down into the deepest depths and harden again in its substance until it is banished again in new works of creation for the purpose of overcoming matter. And this state is inconceivably agonizing for the spiritual, it is inactive, unfree and ignorant, it is God-distant and powerless.... It has to cover the path of ascent development until it reaches the stage of freedom of will, until it can receive spiritual strength again which God imparts to it through His messengers, as soon as it is willing to use it itself to approach God. Only then does the activity of the beings of light begin, which then provide the being with love and patience in order to enable it to unite with God, in order to make it mature for the spiritual kingdom, for the spheres of light in which it can attain the vision of God and be blissfully happy, because it is constantly nourished with His strength and thus tangibly feels the closeness to God, which makes it the most blissful being....

Amen

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Transmission of light and power

Feeding the light and power current....

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o be close to the primal light means light and strength in all abundance.... for the primal light, the eternal love itself, continues to radiate light and strength, and recipients are all beings who have found union with the eternal love through love. All these beings are permeated by light, for everything about them is purified spiritual substance which can receive God's permeation of love unhindered. Consequently, these beings are also light and strength, and since they constantly receive they also constantly give away light and strength, because this is their activity in the spiritual kingdom, to pass on light and strength. And the being will always be able to receive its spiritual substance accordingly.... For this spiritual substance can have many different characteristics, depending on the being's degree of love. Pure, selfless love is the prerequisite for God's emanation of love to touch a being, yet the radiation of light and strength can take place in infinitely many gradations, for the being can attain ever higher perfection, thus let the strength of its love take effect ever more intensively, which is why there is no limit to beatitude in eternity but it can increase because the being can always approach God and be seized ever more intimately by His love. There is a constant flow of light and strength from God into all spheres of light, and understandably the light and strength is strongest at the original source of the flow, which is why the highest bliss is also there, which prepares the beings for both receiving and giving. However, the beings of light have no self-love whatsoever and therefore the passing on of light makes them extraordinarily happy, for their love has to be active and thus they always consider the spiritual, which is in a lower degree of maturity and strives upwards. The final union with God is the aim of all spiritual which stands in recognition, thus has already found entrance into the spheres of light. The bliss of receiving therefore drives them again and again to help people who dwell in darkness, who are still devoid of all love and therefore languish in greatest adversity. They are without light and without strength and therefore also without bliss, and this pities the souls of light. They try to help them by informing them of the power and strength of love, by trying to persuade them to help other souls in need. For without love no human being can become blissfully happy, and without love no soul can purify itself, but without purification no light can be received either.... This mission of the beings of light is to participate in Christ's act of salvation, which Jesus began on earth and which is continued in the spiritual kingdom by all beings who have united with Him through love.... For only the redeemed can come close to God, only the redeemed can receive His emanation of light and strength and therefore become blissfully happy....

Amen

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Life of the soul - activity....

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The soul's life is guaranteed as soon as it receives strength and light on earth or in the spiritual kingdom. For it needs both for activity, and activity is life. The soul's activity is a spiritual one, it involves itself in the entire activity of all spiritual things, in the process of redeeming the unfree spiritual, which also includes the creation and shaping of new creations, which is incumbent upon the spiritual being in highest abundance of strength and light. For the soul's activity is also determined by its degree of strength and light, and therefore, once it has gained knowledge, it will always strive for the highest degree of maturity in order to be able to be active in a way which completely corresponds to God's will and makes itself extremely happy. A soul's degree of maturity can only be increased

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through incessant activity of love.... Thus the eternal life, the imperishable life of the soul, necessitates its activity of love, which only then brings it light and strength. Life, that is, activity without love, does not exist, even though the human being on earth believes himself to be alive, even if he is devoid of all love. It is only his physical life which, however, he loses at the moment of his departure from earth, for the soul is already dead and powerless on earth and enters the spiritual kingdom in this state because it cannot completely pass away, thus it has to endure its powerless state in the consciousness of its existence.... It is dead until it decides to work with love and struggles for strength. Only then will it slowly awaken to life if it receives strength through loving prayer from people on earth or help from beings of light.... of souls which therefore live, i.e. are active in love, in order to release the souls from darkness. Without the supply of light and strength the soul is unable to do anything, but the supply of light and strength is only the result of the loving desire to be helpfully active itself. Everything that has emerged from God is imperishable, but more or less active. The state of inactivity, of complete powerlessness, is the state of death, which means an unspeakable agony for the spiritual, which was originally active in creating and shaping. And this agony cannot be ended in any other way than by supplying the soul with light and strength so that it awakens to life. Therefore it has to awaken love in itself, it has to muster the will to be lovingly active through the supply of strength, which makes God's mercy or the human being's mercy possible for it, otherwise it can never ever become a recipient of light and strength and falls into the state of complete torpor, from which it can no longer redeem itself in eternities until it is forcibly guided through creation again and a slow change of will is the result of the walk through creation. So-called dead matter is then its abode, whose life is only recognizable again when the resistance of the spiritual subsides and the deformation around it can be loosened. Then earthly life begins again, an albeit minimal activity which intensifies the more the spiritual gives up its resistance. Earthly life is only the preschool for spiritual life, for the vitality which God grants to the spiritual being in ascent development is only a means for the attainment of spiritual strength which then secures life for the soul in the spiritual kingdom. The strength of life is a means to be able to work on earth with love, so that the soul receives light and strength on earth and can enter the spiritual kingdom with it, where it can now be constantly active and thus live in bliss....

Amen

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Power supply in the hereafter requires loving will to help....

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veryone should strive to perfect himself as long as he lives on this earth, for once he has entered the kingdom of the beyond in an imperfect state he will have far less strength than on earth, and for the time being he will have to acquire strength through loving activity which, however, also requires strength again, whereas on earth he has the vitality at his disposal which he can use according to his own will, thus also for loving activity. Consider that only loving activity will ever bring about your perfection, that your soul can only mature through loving activity, regardless of whether on earth or in the beyond.... Consider that you always need strength for this.... You are to be pitied if you arrive over there in a powerless state and are now dependent on the help of people on earth or the beings of light in the spiritual kingdom in order to regain some strength for the time being. People can impart this supply of strength to you through loving intercession, but that is why you should also gain the love of your fellow human beings on earth, who will now include you in their intercession so that you will gain strength. The beings of light will also come to your aid but they cannot arbitrarily convey strength to you.... You must be willing to help other souls in their adversity with this supply of strength, and precisely this will to love must awaken in you yourselves, only then will you receive the necessary strength to work with love. There is certainly much adversity in the kingdom of the beyond, yet anyone who has passed by his fellow human being's adversity on earth will also be little affected by it in the beyond, because his self-love is still too great and he only thinks of his own adversity. For this reason it is far more difficult to attain a higher degree of perfection than on earth, and therefore you humans should not be indifferent but make good use of the vitality at your disposal for your

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salvation in the beyond.... You can truly gather many treasures on earth if only you diligently carry out works of unselfish neighbourly love, and you will enter the spiritual kingdom full of strength and light and thus immediately be able to utilize your spiritual treasures as helpers for the wretched beings who failed to gather spiritual wealth on earth and who are therefore dependent on loving help in utmost adversity. For only love can bring them help, even if their own will first has to be willing to accept this love and likewise help their suffering companions again, who, like themselves, failed to acquire spiritual treasures on earth. The adversity is great in the kingdom of the beyond, and anyone who therefore knows, who believes the reports about it, should still try to attain maturity of his soul on earth, and when he enters the spiritual kingdom he will be happy to have followed these admonitions, for he will never be able to make up for what is extremely easily possible for him on earth with good will.... He will certainly still be able to attain light and beatitude, but it will take much longer and require great effort to take only a few steps further, whereas earthly life had sufficed to enable him to attain the highest degree.... the degree of childship to God.... which, however, he will no longer be able to attain in the kingdom of the beyond. Therefore live in love, do everything to bring your soul to perfection while still on earth, and one day you will be blessed in abundance and, as true helpers, also be able to carry out redemptive work in the beyond for those who, through their own fault, have remained in darkness and can only reach light and freedom with great effort....

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Work of love in the beyond

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

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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

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still take eternities before the last being is led out of darkness into the light, thus all spiritual beings are finally redeemed....

Amen

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Higher development in the hereafter.... working of love....

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September 29th 1943

\(\) / ith the last embodiment as a human being the soul completes its course of development on earth and enters a new phase of development, which now only takes place spiritually and again according to the soul's will. Thus, in the beyond, just as on earth, the soul's will determines its relationship to love, for love is also the only path to progress in the spiritual kingdom. love, however, can only be practiced on other souls.... Souls in need of help must also cross a soul's path in the beyond to whom it can turn its willingness to help, otherwise it would never be able to mature spiritually. But the souls' plight in the beyond consists of the fact that they walk along in complete ignorance, in spiritual darkness, and according to their ignorance their surroundings are also desolate, poor and very distressing and they now feel unhappy and abandoned. And now the beings can help them, whose degree of maturity is higher, and reduce their misery by informing them of their state and of the possibility of an improvement of their situation. The soul must take the other souls' hardship to heart, it must try to encourage them to think, it must try to influence their will to undergo a task, and it must inform the soul that only the lack of love makes them suffer and that they can only attain a freer life in the beyond through loving activity and that this is also the only way to attain the degree of maturity in the beyond which was not achieved on earth. If the soul is willing, then it will also feel happiness in every little deed of love. It does not help the compassionate souls because it thereby improves its own state, but it does so from within only out of the urge to help them, and in the same proportion it itself is introduced to a deeper knowledge, which it now also learns to recognize through its activity of love. And now it constantly ascends, for it feels great happiness in every activity of love, and its state thereby becomes ever brighter and freer, it develops upwards because its own will has decided to be lovingly active and this is the only way to still reach maturity in the beyond....

amen

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Spheres of light.... meet again.... bliss....

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fter the death of its body the mature soul will rise like a cloud of light from the earthly realm into The spheres of the beyond, and then it will have overcome all matter, then it will be free from every bondage, it will be again what it originally was, a free spiritual being full of light and strength. It is only visible and recognizable to the equally mature spiritual being, which is therefore able to see spiritually, whereas it remains invisible to the immature spiritual being, thus it cannot be recognized by it either. And therefore there can be no reunion between the mature and the immature spirits, thus between the souls departed from earth, which enter the beyond in different states of maturity, until the imperfect spirit has attained a certain degree of maturity which opens the spheres of light to it. The imperfect spiritual substance can indeed be recognized by the beings of light, for they see everything and nothing is hidden from them; thus they also know every soul which is still in spiritual darkness, but they cannot be recognized by them. But the souls' longing for their loved ones is sometimes so strong that it is a driving force for higher development in the beyond as soon as the soul has entered the stage of recognition and knows about the possibility of ascent in the spiritual kingdom through loving activity. Then it is restlessly active because the desire for souls close to it constantly drives it upwards. For it recognizes its own kind and therefore knows that it will also see its loved ones again, and this awareness gives it strength again and again, and this strength is supplied to it by precisely those beings which are the aim of its longing; they can convey strength to the souls, yet unrecognized

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by them. If they approach them to give them helpful advice, then they cover themselves because the immature souls cannot bear their abundance of light. Thus they see themselves surrounded by beings who are, however, alien to them and who seemingly do not belong to any other sphere of light than themselves. But since they assist them with advice and deeds the imperfect souls are grateful and favoured by them and they follow their advice. And thus the mature beings draw their loved ones towards them until they have reached a degree of maturity where they become receivers of light. Then they are also able to see spiritually, they recognize their surroundings, they recognize the beings of light of equal maturity, and their bliss constantly increases because they can unite with those, because they see their loved ones again and now in turn assist those again who languish in the darkness of spirit. Only when the degree of maturity is reached which allows spiritual seeing is the soul free from all burden, for then it too stands in the light, in the realization of pure truth and in love. And every activity it now carries out is blissful because only love impels it to do so and loving activity always triggers bliss. Merging with equally mature souls which complement each other in most intimate harmony is the actual bliss, for it is most intimate love which seeks and finds union. And love is always blissful if it applies to the purely spiritual, for it is giving, not demanding. And yet this love culminates in the desire for God, in the final union with Him. And this desire will always be fulfilled, for the being may desire God at any time and it can also count on the satisfaction of its longing at any time, for God constantly gives, He constantly distributes His love and thereby makes the inhabitants of the spiritual kingdom the most blissful beings.... Their bliss is inconceivable, for love and light fill those spheres where the beings are allowed to dwell close to God, Who is eternal love and the source of light Himself....

Amen

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Repentance of the soul in the afterlife....

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Tor the soul in the beyond, the consciousness of having caused its own situation and of being deprived of any possibility to change its condition by its own efforts is immensely burdensome. But it only has this consciousness when the desire arises in it to create an improvement. Before that it is apathetic, it strives neither upwards nor downwards, it only feels unparalleled agony and is completely without will until, with the help of beings of light which approach it in disguise, it is offered the opportunity again to meet with other souls, and now the urge awakens in it to enter another environment, in the belief that it will then also have escaped the agonising state. And now it realises that it has to make up for what it missed on earth, that it has to work in love. And now it also recognises her idle period on earth, and its remorse for the many passed-up opportunities is extremely deep. With good will it will soon feel an improvement, for as soon as it feels remorse it will also use every opportunity to be lovingly active towards the needy souls, for a hardened soul will turn more downwards and never feel remorse about its own guilt, because such a soul can never recognise its wrongdoing through the influence of evil forces and therefore also feels no remorse. Only the realisation of its guilt is capable of stimulating the soul in its striving upwards. And then loving activity sets in, which supplies it with the strength to ascend. The awareness of its guilt is always the result of compassion for the souls which, like it, have to endure an agonising state, and this impulse already earns the soul the help of the beings of light which now do not slacken until it has found and entered the path upwards. And the further the soul progresses in realisation the more diligently it pursues its activity of love in the beyond and helps all those who are still below it, because it knows about their agonies and would like to help reduce them. And this activity of love now makes its own remorse diminish, after all, it still has the opportunity to mature, and even if it can never reach the highest degree, the childship to God, which can only be acquired through a life of love on earth, it is nevertheless blissfully aware that it can serve God, Whom it now loves above all else, for all eternity....

Amen

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Working together in the kingdom beyond.... help the unknowings....

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Leartfelt love unites the spiritual beings in the kingdom of the beyond who no longer dwell in darkness, and therefore they also work with united strength as soon as they want to accomplish something for which their own strength is insufficient; that is, they can certainly already be recipients of strength in the beyond but still to a limited extent as long as they are not yet perfected, that is, beings of light which are in direct contact with God. Nevertheless, they can already be active according to their reception of strength. But if they work in unity then everything they want is possible for them, yet their will is always equal to God's will. The common love of the spiritual beings mostly extends to the souls on earth and in the spiritual kingdom which still dwell in darkness. They seek to bring help to them, and where they do not succeed on their own they unite for joint work and also have great success.

(10/28/1950) All their efforts aim to bring light to the beings still in darkness, thus to enlighten them about their present and future state, but they can only do this in the form of mental transmissions. It is often difficult to exert mental influence on souls, especially those still on earth, because they turn more towards earthly life and also believe little in a continuation of the soul as well as in beings which are in the spiritual kingdom and want to have contact with people on earth. Then the strength of a loving soul is often not enough and it seeks help from equally mature friends in the kingdom of light. It is a process of extraordinary importance to transfer thought currents to the human being without forcing the will.... it is an application of strength which is not allowed to break any resistance. And that is why these thought waves play around the human being's soul again and again and seek to gain entrance into the human heart, which emotionally turns towards such currents once it has opened itself. The opening of the heart is usually a consequence of miserable situations in life, of sorrow and suffering and disappointments of all kinds.... This is why people's fate in life is often a chain of such sorrowful events, all of which are only intended to open the heart voluntarily when it is touched by currents from the kingdom of light, so that it will then be receptive for the thought currents imparted to it by the beings of light as an effect of love. This is why these beings often intervene in life's fate in a decisive way, yet not according to their own will but according to God's will, Who has entrusted people to them as His charges and thus also gives them the authority to influence them in such a way that their spiritual development is successful. And the light beings' work on the imperfect souls in the beyond is just the same, they have to be considered according to their respective state and their course of development in the beyond is also incumbent on guardian spirits who are in knowledge and therefore also see every possibility which could bring help to the souls of darkness. The process of development in the beyond can go further upwards, but it can also go backwards, because even then the being's will is still free. Thus the will can only be influenced completely without constraint, which can only be judged by a being of light and which is incumbent upon it according to God's will. But just as people on earth often unite in their work against God by adopting each other's views and also representing them to their fellow human beings, so united activity must also take place in the spiritual kingdom so that the human being's will on earth remains free and yet it is possible for it to change. Consequently, it is a perpetual battle of light against darkness which, however, is not fought with hostility and the will to destroy, as it is on earth, but is only waged with spiritual weapons by the beings of light struggling for people's hearts, so that they voluntarily submit to their influence, so that they allow themselves to be guided in their thoughts and actions, so that they turn their thoughts away from the earthly world and towards the spiritual kingdom in which they shall one day lead the right life which will make them eternally blissful....

Amen

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Transmit knowledge to the unknowing

Activity of the beings in the beyond.... transmission of knowledge....

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The spiritual eye recognizes the processes in the spiritual kingdom and can therefore also see the L beings' activity, that is, it can gain an overview of the activity of those beings which extends both to earth as well as to the creations outside of earth. Yet only rarely does the human being on earth have the ability to see with spiritual eyes because this requires a high degree of maturity. And this is why people usually have a completely wrong idea of the beyond, of the kingdom which is outside of earth and which receives the souls of those who have ended their earthly life. And because their knowledge is inadequate they form a wrong idea, for the knowledgeable person realizes that the spiritual kingdom also makes demands on its inhabitants, only the activity is different from that on earth. And as soon as he would be able to see spiritually he would also be able to recognize the nature of the activity and explain to his fellow human beings what the activity of the beings in the beyond consists of. But divine love nevertheless wants to inform people of it, it wants to impart knowledge to them which is intended to contribute towards eager activity of love on earth. For this activity in the beyond is likewise an extremely busy activity of love. The spiritual kingdom harbours more or less Godconnected and God-distant beings which live a life full of light or without light in eternity.... they are beings who constantly enjoy bliss or lead a pitiful life in agonizing poverty. And the spiritual being full of light tries to change the latter state in order to likewise lead the beings of darkness to the state of happiness. And this endeavour requires an extremely lively activity, a constant work of love in untiring patience and perseverance. An activity like on earth is out of the question, because the spiritual kingdom is not a material world, it is only a world of thoughts and wishes, it is a spiritual world where nothing physical, visible or tangible exists, but everything is only present in the thought world of the being and the thought is again the epitome of the love power from God flowing towards the being. It is a rich knowledge possessed by beings whose fullness of light testifies to their union with God. And this knowledge also constitutes the being's state of happiness, for through knowledge everything is bright, light and clear. The state of darkness is therefore a state of ignorance, which depresses the being inconceivably, so that the light-filled being takes pity on it and wants to help the being of darkness. On earth the loving human being alleviates his fellow human being's hardship with earthly gifts, in the beyond such gifts are no longer possible, and thus only spiritual gifts can be offered to the being in need, which suffers due to its lack of knowledge. Thus only a mental transfer can take place, and this is the activity of the beings in the beyond, that they try to increase the thought material of the beings without light and direct it into such channels that this thought material corresponds to truth. And this can only happen through perpetual teaching, through a transfer of that which gives joy to the giving being itself.... through a passing on of divine strength to the completely powerless beings which desire strength....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Teaching in the hereafter and on earth....

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In the spiritual kingdom only those beings are admitted to the teaching ministry who possess knowledge which covers all areas. Every being can certainly pass on the knowledge it calls its own to the ignorant souls in the beyond, but all-encompassing knowledge is required of beings whose activity is to constantly instruct the children of earth or even the souls in the beyond. These beings

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have a high degree of maturity, they always and constantly receive their knowledge from God and therefore constantly increase in wisdom, even though they distribute it accordingly. Hence, as soon as a person on earth is destined to introduce fellow human beings to divine wisdom he must have received this wisdom beforehand, he himself must have been taught beforehand in a way which completely excludes error.... And this teaching ministry is carried out by those beings which are in closest contact with God and receive the truth from God Himself as a flow of strength which constantly flows to them. The activity of all beings in the beyond who are in the light consists of passing on what the being itself receives. However, every being can only pass on what its degree of maturity has brought to it; thus the degree of light varies and so does the knowledge. And they also have to receive this knowledge again from beings of light who are responsible for the teaching activity. This is why people on earth who are taught by God's spirit can confidently entrust themselves to the teachers, for they are the recipients of light and strength who receive light and strength directly from God.... the emanation of His spirit.... and transmit it to earth. They are the people in whom the spirit of God is at work, thus they are taught by God Himself, as it were, although the knowledge is conveyed to them through those beings of light which are most intimately united with God, for everything full of light is one with God, except that the individual being finds the flow of divine strength inconceivably blissful and God therefore transfers this activity of love to the beings which have already found union with Him because He wants to make them happy. Yet even in the spiritual kingdom God's laws are observed and the beings cannot act arbitrarily but have to subordinate themselves to divine will which, however, they feel as their own will. And therefore no being will push itself forward to an activity which goes beyond its degree of maturity, which therefore requires greater knowledge than the being possesses. And therefore the receiving human being on earth need not fear that he will be approached by beings which, due to their own ignorance, could impart insufficient or wrong knowledge to him, for completely ignorant beings have no access to the human being who abandons himself to the working of the spirit. beings of light, which have not reached the degree that they can carry out the teaching activity, only come to receive spiritual knowledge at the same time, so that the human being is instructed on earth, because this corresponds to divine will. But as soon as the human being is mentally instructed, those beings who are informed about the disputed questions can express themselves mentally, provided that the human being desires the pure truth and makes himself worthy of being instructed in the truth through his way of life.... i.e. does not grant the opposing forces power over himself through a way of life contrary to God....

(17.6.1943) The most important thing, however, is to open oneself up to these instructions, to allow the beings distributing light and knowledge to have an effect on oneself and not to oppose this working. For the knowing beings of the spiritual kingdom are close to every human being and they constantly try to guide him mentally into the spiritual kingdom. If the human being now gives in to their influence and desires to penetrate the truth he can be constantly instructed, and the more demanding he is the more detailed he will be. And now those forces come into action whose knowledge is unlimited. For the desire for truth also testifies to the desire for God, and the eternal deity therefore approaches a desiring human being Itself by allowing the emanation of Its own strength to flow to him through bearers of light and strength.... And light and power is knowledge, deepest divine wisdom, which is now offered to man, mentally or through the audible inner word. The degrees of light in the spiritual kingdom are therefore decisive as to which degree of knowledge the spiritual being calls its own, and it now works with this knowledge, and indeed again in the sphere assigned to it, where its knowledge is desired and therefore can also be distributed. These spheres can now also extend to earth, for they are not bound to space but depend on the willingness to receive and on the degree of ignorance, both on earth as well as in the spiritual kingdom. And therefore all beings, which are already receivers of light, can always work there, where the degree of maturity of the souls corresponds to the knowledge of the giving beings, where therefore the distributing being possesses the knowledge, which the receiving being still lacks. But if an earthly child now offers itself to God for service, that it therefore consciously wants to work on the winning back of souls for God, then it also needs a special knowledge for this work, i.e., the man must also receive that, what he wants to hand out as labourer of the lord, in clearest and most comprehensible way; he must be instructed in a

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way that all knowledge is made accessible to him, that he is well instructed about the spiritual connections of all things and himself walks in fullest truth. But such instruction is only carried out by the teachers appointed for this purpose, who now introduce the human being to all wisdom on God's behalf. For he can only fulfil the demands that are now placed on him if he is well instructed about everything that concerns the reign and work of God. His office is to spread the knowledge he receives himself, thus to be active on earth as a teacher again, and this teaching activity understandably requires complete knowledge, which can only be conveyed to him by the beings of light who are themselves in the most profound knowledge. But they also watch over the human being's spiritual knowledge, thus they prevent any wrong transmission through spiritual forces, they protect the human being from erroneous thinking and always guide his thoughts towards the right realization. For with the deepest knowledge they also have the highest power at their disposal, against which all less perfect beings are powerless. The ignorant, imperfect beings are denied access because the desire for truth of the receiving human being sets them a barrier that they cannot cross. And this is why the human being can accept the spiritual knowledge imparted to him as profound truth with complete conviction; he need not fear being misguided as soon as he places himself at God's disposal in humility and love in order to be active for Him on earth.... His God-centred will and the desire for the pure truth protect him from all error and also make him capable of a task which is again dedicated to spreading the truth on earth.... He can trustingly abandon himself to the beings of light and allow them to teach him....

amen

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Flashes of rays of light in the afterlife.... spiritual hunger....

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Piritual hunger is often very great in the beings in the spiritual kingdom, especially when they are in dark surroundings and have noticed a relief of their state for brief moments through flashes of light rays. Then they long for light, then a desire is awakened in them which they can only fulfil by attending a circle where ignorant beings are instructed, since such instructions also signify an imparting of strength for the listeners as soon as they are accepted with an earnest will. The desire for such instructions will now constantly increase, and such spiritual hunger is evident to every being of light and will never remain unsatisfied. And thus continuous instructions can also take place in the beyond but they will always coincide with those conducted to earth, because here as there only pure truth is imparted where the beings desire light. Darkness will always oppress the beings and light will always trigger a feeling of well-being in them; yet the light must always be desired. This applies to people on earth as well as to the beings in the kingdom of the beyond, and the state of the beings on earth and also in the spiritual kingdom is accordingly. A soul which has already sought truth on earth will also desire truth in the beyond, and such can also be imparted to it, and according to its wealth of light it can also increase it itself, because it can give such to poor souls which still lack realization. And thus, anyone who has acquired spiritual knowledge on earth will not hesitate for long in the spiritual kingdom but also impart his knowledge to other souls which arrive in the beyond less rich. He will instruct them, and always in the same way as he himself was instructed.... And all who want to escape the darkness, who long for the light and are therefore guided by God to where they will be cared for by the messengers of light according to their degree of maturity, by those who already have knowledge and feel the benefit of spiritual wealth, will take part in these instructions. Every connection from earth with the spiritual kingdom also has an indescribably stimulating effect in the beyond, for the beings of darkness see the flashing of rays of light and they strive towards their exit and seek to join the circle from which the ray of light originates. Access is never denied to them as long as they want to receive themselves, yet overzealous people then want to instruct others before they have the necessary knowledge themselves, which they, however, also acquire as soon as they only have the serious will to acquire spiritual wealth. All will be considered according to their will, and thus every soul can expose itself to the radiation of light until it is completely permeated by

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light.... i.e., the gospel will also be proclaimed to every soul in the spiritual kingdom.... Anyone who accepts it inevitably attains beatitude, light, eternal life....

Amen

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Simultaneous teaching of the souls in the hereafter....

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beyond who, like you, are still imperfect or dwell in deepest darkness, because I also want to bring salvation to them and leave no stone unturned to motivate all these souls to change their will. You all lack light.... All of you, on earth and in the beyond, you are still darkened in spirit and therefore do not see the path which leads to Me. But I want you to find your way to Me and therefore illuminate the path for you so that you will emerge from darkness and walk towards the light. And the fate of imperfect souls in the beyond is a very sad one, which is why I show them My mercy and also kindle a light for them which shall shine for them. And the light emanates from the truth.... I must turn the truth to all these souls which are still immature so that it will become bright in them. I must also speak to them as I speak to the people on earth.... These souls must also be instructed, My word must also be conveyed to them, because only My word can bring them salvation. And wherever My word is preached on earth and this happens in the right way I will also guide souls in the beyond so that they can likewise receive teachings if they want to accept them. But I Myself will also address the souls as soon as they only desire the light of truth. And My word always resounds where My spirit is given the opportunity to work.... Where a person unites with Me in love and is filled with desire for truth, where he surrenders himself to Me and wants to be aware of My presence, there My spirit can work and direct all his thinking according to truth.... And there a light will also shine which is visible to the souls in the beyond and which they now rush towards.... and all My thoughts, which I convey to the human being through My spirit, will also be communicated to those souls and will not remain without impression on them.... My working of the spirit is that the human being becomes aware of My thoughts coined into words, thus he hears Me Myself speaking to him, as it were, and the souls also hear these words because they pay attention to the human being's thoughts and through these they also understand what they hear. For these souls, in their state of imperfection, are not yet able to hear My word themselves; on the other hand they can follow people's thoughts like spoken words, and thus they will mostly stay where people are in spiritual contact with Me, with the light of truth, because only there can they perceive the shine of light, whereas it is often just as dark around other people as around the souls in the beyond. And therefore it is understandable that there are not many sources on earth where the supply of My word guarantees truth, where it is therefore light, because a ray of eternal light pours out onto all those who shelter around that source.... But it is understandable that countless souls gather there and that they are often insatiable.... but will also always receive what they desire, because My love is always willing to help them, as well as I Myself am desired as the eternal truth. On earth My gifts of grace are rarely appreciated and people pass by what they recognize and desire in the beyond as solely giving help. And therefore I remember these souls in the beyond full of mercy and satisfy them with the bread of heaven.... I also convey the gospel to them so that they may attain beatitude....

Amen

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Redemptive work in the beyond

Redeeming work in the beyond....

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And you will be able to participate in the work of salvation, for this will be your activity in the kingdom of the beyond when you are sufficiently mature enough to be assigned an activity. You will bring light into the darkness, because you have experienced yourselves how agonising it is to live in darkness and how much happiness the light has given you. No redeemed soul will be inactive, and therefore every soul will be integrated into the host of those who carry out redemption work.... For they all are motivated by their love to help those who are wretched in returning to God, for Whom they are now tirelessly active and work because they share His will and are full of love for Him. And thus the deliverance of all souls is guaranteed, even if infinitely long times will still pass by until all spirits have found their way back to God, from Whom they once separated of their own free will. But this free decision will also determine how long the salvation process will take for each individual soul.... The soul is also able to offer resistance and delay its return to God for an endless time, but already redeemed souls will always take care of them, therefore no human being on earth and no soul in the kingdom of the beyond will be completely without help, which also explains the fact that time and again they will be offered the opportunity to enter the path of return to God, because it will be shown to them.

If, however, a human being adamantly rejects every incentive to enter the spiritual path during his earthly life, then small openings of light will repeatedly be provided to the souls in the beyond which will make the path visible to them, because the soul of light takes pity on the souls which wander around in profound darkness.... And thus begins the redeemed beings' activity of helping these poor souls achieve salvation too. Hence no soul is without a sphere of activity, just as no dark soul is without guidance, only the free will of the latter determines the success. But once the work of redemption has been successfully achieved on just one soul, then another redeeming power will have been gained again to help the dark world, which in turn can and will accomplish inconceivable work, since it is now full of love and, due to its gratitude, willing to render the greatest possible help. And every soul has its adherents with whom it will work particularly diligently, even if it will meet with resistance for a long time.... But its love will not diminish, and love will always liberate, because no being will be able to resist love forever.

Indeed, it would be possible for complete salvation to take place on earth already, because Jesus Christ has suffered and died on the cross so that people are able to receive strength, that they are able to partake in the graces of the act of Salvation if they want to.... But Jesus Christ has not compelled people's will either, and it is up to the will to either make use of the act of Salvation or to ignore it.... But whatever was neglected on earth can be continued in the beyond, because redemption work is carried out there as well, and even then an appeal for His grace and mercy can still be sent to Jesus Christ.... And every soul having found Him itself, having been redeemed by Him from sin and death, will also draw attention to Him, it will inform every unredeemed soul of His love, it will direct their thoughts to the great act of compassion by the human being Jesus and thus try to lead every as yet unredeemed soul to the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ.... And its steadily growing love will also be successful, for love will achieve everything, and love can't help but participate in the act of Salvation, which began with Jesus' crucifixion and will not end until all still unredeemed souls are delivered from every constraint and thus have also attained life and beatitude, until the complete return to God has been accomplished, until all spirits that have emerged from God have returned home into their Father's house....

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Overcoming the gulf in the beyond: Jesus Christ....

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vast gulf still exists in the spiritual world between those who kept their distance from Me during their life on earth and those who had already found Me and were able to enter the spiritual. kingdom in a garment of light. They can certainly see the former and ascertain their miserable state, but the former are staying in a realm where they can see nothing else but themselves or like-minded spiritual beings whose constant discord and dispute among each other poisons their existence and prevents them from feeling any kind of happiness. Nor will these souls ever be able to see their loved ones again if these have already departed with a higher degree of maturity; instead, they must first reach a certain degree before a blissful reunion can happen.... Hence, such souls inhabit two worlds, although all souls enter the spiritual kingdom after their body's death.... They are two worlds which are very distant from each other, which is not to be understood spatially but merely relates to the nature of each individual world.... A vast gulf exists, and yet, this gulf must be bridged sooner or later. Time and again beings from the kingdom of light must descent unrecognised and try to do their redemptive work on the souls by attempting to persuade them to detach themselves from their environment and to follow the beings of light, which then will aim to lead them ever closer to their own region.... that is, they must inform the souls in darkness of the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ and His immense act of mercy which was accomplished for these souls should they want My mercy for themselves. Only then will the gulf diminish between them and Me, between the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of light.... Only then will the souls take the path which leads out of the abyss into higher spheres, and only then will the blessings of the act of Salvation take effect on them and gradually also result in a state of maturity where they themselves can and want to do redemptive work, because they want to repay their gratitude, which impels their willingness to help the wretched beings which still linger in the abyss.

The gulf must be overcome and there is only **one** bridge: Jesus Christ, the divine Redeemer.... Anyone who takes the path to Him also takes it to Me, even though he did not want to acknowledge Me on earth or was still vastly distanced from Me. He can only come back to Me by way of Jesus Christ, and He is therefore the bridge which leads from the dark region into the kingdom of light.... This should be remembered by all people who on earth certainly deem themselves to be in contact with Me and who nevertheless have not yet found the right attitude towards Jesus Christ, who only call themselves Christians by name and in reality have not established a heartfelt bond with Me in Jesus Christ, who therefore have not yet availed themselves of the blessings of the act of Salvation and so cannot speak of a redemption of their original sin either.... They, too, will face a deep gulf when they arrive in the beyond, for they will first have to seek and find Him, the divine Redeemer, so that He will release them from their guilt as well, for they only acknowledged Him with their mouth on Earth without involving their heart. But I look into the heart, and regardless of how loud and how often the mouth voices My name, I will not be deceived and cannot place the soul where it doesn't actually belong.... It will be confronted by a vast gulf when it passes into the spiritual kingdom.... in other words: It will see nothing else but what its earthly-inclined senses want it to believe, and it will only be to its advantage if it can detach itself quickly and does not resist the helpers notions, so that it can quickly be introduced to the divine Redeemer as the only Saviour from its situation.... The connection must be made, the soul must take the path to Me by way of Jesus Christ and it will safely be guided by Him through the gate into the kingdom of light when it has bridged the vast gulf, when its will impels it to Jesus Christ and it desires and finds salvation through Him. Then it will also have taken the path to the Father.... I will receive it into My kingdom of light and blissful happiness....

Amen

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Mental action on the humans

Mental influence of spiritual beings.... connection from earth to the beyond....

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People are constantly influenced from the kingdom of light so that they mentally deal with that kingdom which lies outside the earthly world, which cannot be grasped with earthly senses but which irrefutably exists even if it cannot be proven. But every human being knows that there is a realm which is still closed to him as long as he is unbelieving, for even if he would like to deny it he cannot do so with the certainty which could provide him with evidence, and there is no proof that that realm does not exist. The beings of light, however, endeavour to influence people mentally in such a way that they deal with the state after their death.... that they consider the possibility of a continuation, and then they can also continue to influence people through ideas which people explain to them as their own assumption. The human being's train of thought must be directed towards his existence after his death.... even though he would prefer to believe that there is no longer any existence after death, thoughts will nevertheless force themselves upon him again and again, and this is the work of the beings in the spiritual kingdom who want to help him attain the right realiz

ation. But it will constantly become more laborious and unsuccessful the closer the end is.... For the kingdom of darkness also tries to take hold of people's thoughts and teaches them in the opposite sense.... it only presents the tangible to him and seeks to destroy all belief in a continuation of life. And precisely these people will often experience things which are a visible influence of the beings of light which could lead to faith if the person is of good will. The kingdom of the beyond will make itself felt, people will at times be harassed by beings or even receive small signs which they only needed to pay attention to in order to become aware of visible spiritual contact with the world which they deny.... The time of the end has come where people will be influenced in many ways, for it shall be made easy for all people if only they possess the slightest desire for truth. The last days are a final time of grace when extraordinary things will happen because it has become much more difficult to believe due to the general lack of love which does not allow a living faith to arise. That is why there is visible intervention from above, that is why beings of light instruct people who are turned towards the light, and that is why beings from the beyond also come to people's aid who, although they cannot yet instruct them as bearers of truth, nevertheless want to announce their continued life to those with whom they were connected on earth. For this reason the connections from earth to the spiritual kingdom are also permitted in order to restore the faith of completely unbelievers in a continuation of life after death. For this faith alone can cause the human being to change his will and nature, and faith can be gained by everyone who seriously strives for truth. It is a time of united activity of the beings of light and people on earth who believe.... For the aim of both is to make people believe that life does not end with the death of the body but continues in spheres which the human being chooses himself through his life on earth. Only this faith awakens the sense of responsibility and also determines the human will....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Shine of light recognizable to the souls in the beyond....

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The beings in the spiritual kingdom are indescribably happy when they see a flash of light, especially when the beings are in darkness which is a torment for them. Then they follow this shine of light and it will always lead them to where the light has its origin.... where beings of light

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distribute to those who want to receive light. Such emanations can always be sent from the spiritual kingdom, for light-hungry souls are always ready to receive what light beings offer them. But people on earth who are willing to receive can also establish a connection with those beings of light which are also recognizable as rays of light for the souls in the beyond and which are therefore also welcomed by souls in the beyond because they hope to receive light through them. A light will always flash up where people on earth mentally seek the spiritual kingdom, where they mentally converse with beings of light, asking them or communicating their thoughts to them. Then a bright light shines forth which shines so brightly that it beckons many souls out of darkness or twilight who feel beneficently touched for a short time and always feel relief when they come close to such rays of light. These souls are not denied access to the light, but they themselves are free to take advantage of it. Not all souls can muster the understanding for the act of a light transmission from the spiritual kingdom to earth. The significance is explained to them by spiritual guides but they are never forcibly induced to accept light. Yet for the most part they do not leave such light transmissions without an impression, they will again and again return to the place and to the people where connections to the world of light are established, and they participate in it to a certain extent by being attentive listeners and absorbing and thinking through everything that is comprehensible to them in terms of spiritual teachings.... They satisfy their hunger and thirst by accepting the bread of heaven which beings of light offer to people on earth and which every being in the beyond may also claim for itself. People on earth don't know how to help these souls which dwell in darkness by consciously directing their thoughts to God, to the world of light and also directly to those beings which need their help in order to be able to be spiritually instructed. Every thought upwards has an effect as a ray of light, and every ray of light attracts countless souls which want to escape the darkness. And the darkness on earth as well as in the beyond is dispelled by people who walk in the light themselves, i.e. who seek the truth and live in love.... Light constantly emanates from them which makes the souls in darkness happy and attracts them until they are allowed to receive light themselves, until they are allowed to participate in the teachings from the kingdom of light to earth and have finally overcome the darkness....

Amen

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Support the vineyard workers

Light bearers on earth organs of spiritual light beings.... their activity....

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The beings of light always dwell close to earth in expectation that a soul will open itself for the ray of light from above. But people rarely turn their thoughts to the spiritual kingdom, and therefore only a few can be mentally influenced as it is helpful for their souls. People's will is far more turned towards the earthly world, and this drowns out the voice from the spiritual world. And that is why voices must also sound on earth, voices must become loud in the midst of the worldly hustle and bustle which announce the same thing the beings of light would like to convey to people. People must convey to their fellow human beings what they have received from the kingdom of light, and thus they are, as it were, the organs through which the beings of light announce themselves, through which they make themselves heard for the spiritual gifts, for their mental emanation, which is intended to touch all people through them who open their hearts to the spiritual influx. The beings of light are constantly active because their help is urgently needed in the last time before the end. And thus they try to direct people's thoughts into the spiritual realm, they try to introduce them to the truth by guiding the ignorant to the knowledgeable or by initiating spiritual conversations in order to mentally influence the teachers and listeners and then exert their own influence on all those whose thoughts dwell on the questions raised. Then the right answer can reach them, it can be conveyed to them by the beings of light, then the beings of light can work according to their task, they can express their love for people by conveying the pure truth, they can be active and continuously distribute what they themselves receive from God.... spiritual knowledge which corresponds to the truth.... Every spiritual conversation on earth is the work of these beings of light which diligently endeavour to guide the earthly children into right thinking and thus try to achieve this through mental transmission if people do not offer resistance through too worldly an attitude, through worldly desire or conscious defence of spiritual thoughts. As soon as light bearers on earth work for the kingdom of God, the spiritual beings of light can work more successfully by also influencing the light bearers such that they express the right thoughts to their fellow human beings and have a stimulating effect on them through instruction. And thus spiritual work is continuously carried out on earth as well as in the spiritual kingdom in order to reduce people's hardship, in order to mentally guide them onto the right path, for it has become urgently necessary in the last days before the end that people are instructed from above, that a light is kindled for them, that the truth is brought to them so that their souls can seek and also find the kingdom of God.... For the time is approaching its end and the spiritual hardship on earth is so great that all spiritual beings full of light are ready to help on earth as well as in the spiritual kingdom....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Support through powers of heaven in the work of redemption....

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September 1st 1952

You only have a short time left where you can work in My name. Yet you will still be able to make good use of this time because all forces of heaven will support you and therefore you will not carry out unsuccessful work. The spiritual community of those who want to be redemptively active will be enlarged from the spiritual side, each one of you has helpers at his side whom he does not see but who guide and lead him to those who are in spiritual need. Each one of you is spiritually cared for and influenced as it were. His activity therefore not only rests on his shoulder but it is carried by beings full of light, which have the will of redemption inherent in them and which therefore determine

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every man of the same will to the right and beneficial work. There will be no standstill because you have the will to serve Me and to be accomplices in the redemption of erring souls.... And yet you will have to overcome resistance because My adversary will use every opportunity to stop you from doing this work, to hinder you and to make you tired of fighting. He will try, yet you are not alone, and he will not be able to counter the beings of light protecting you, and therefore it may well seem as if your work is not progressing, yet the beings of light will continue to work in the meantime, until your resistance has been removed and you can return again to blissful activity.

The work you are meant to accomplish in the last days before the end is too important for Me to seriously jeopardise it. You will always act in accordance with My will because you carry My will within yourselves through your willingness to help, which you always prove to Me, and thus you can calmly allow yourselves to be guided by your feelings, which will guide you correctly and will always be placed into your heart by Me Myself if you want to serve Me.... Your activity will only be as it has been up to now for a short time.... Soon, however, changes will occur which would not yet seem plausible to you today. Soon you will become more public, that is, larger circles will have knowledge of your spiritual work and desire information, and you will be able to give it to them in My name and I will bless you and your work. But as long as you are still working in secret you should make use of every opportunity to inform your fellow human beings that they are living in the last days.... You should mention this as often as you can, for people will soon remember your words when everything comes to pass as you have predicted.... For the time being, however, all forces of heaven will be stirred, and wherever a willing soul is found it will be seized by their love, and My grace will likewise take effect on those who do not resist and allow themselves to be taught by you. The time is approaching its end.... The time limit for this earth will soon expire, yet great work still awaits you. Yet you need not accomplish anything alone, I Am always with you with My power of love, and the beings of light will carry out what I instruct them to do.... they will protect you in adversity and danger, they will support you so that your work will not remain unsuccessful....

Amen

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Creation and design of creation according to the will of God

Becoming a child of God.... their activity in the hereafter....

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an should strive forwards and not remain at his stage of development. The short earth life has been given to him for perfection; his soul is to mature in order to get rid of its last outer fetters. The human being who is not aware of this, who closes himself to the knowledge of it when it is offered to him, does not use his earthly life energy for the actual purpose and therefore lives earthly life in vain. Although he has the opportunity to also mature in the beyond, he will never be able to make up for the time he missed on earth, for the spiritual success of a properly utilized earthly life is completely different from what he can achieve in the beyond through an arduous ascent. A life on earth in accordance with God's will earns the soul childship to God, it can attain the highest perfection on earth, it can shape itself into a being of light which may enjoy all the glories of eternal life.... Becoming a child of God is only possible for beings who have lived their earthly life in the most faithful fulfilment of God's commandments, in the exercise of most unselfish neighbourly love and righteous conduct before God out of love for Him. The childship to God is the entitlement to all children's rights, and the child of God has restored the right relationship as it existed in the very beginning.... It will be able to create and mould the being out of its own strength, it will be perfect as the father in heaven is perfect.... A being will never reach this degree of perfection if it did not live on earth in accordance with divine will and thus developed upwards. It can certainly rectify its deficient state in the beyond, it can still work on itself and become light and a recipient of strength, thus also achieve a high degree of bliss, but its activity in the beyond is completely different from that of the true children of God....

They receive power directly from God and their abundance of light is unimaginable.... Their will is equal to the accomplished deed, because with the power flowing to them from God they are able to do everything they want and can therefore create and shape like God. They themselves are a part of God, having emerged from His strength and returned to the original strength and, by merging with the original strength, have become an extremely powerful angelic being, because the will and the thought have remained with it and it is therefore a free, self-aware being of light which is now extremely creatively active. Every thought becomes an act because it conforms to God's will and the strength to carry it out is constantly at its disposal. Creating and shaping is the most delightful activity because it is likewise based on deep love, love for the unredeemed, to whom the spiritual beings full of light, the children of God, again give new possibilities for redemption by constantly letting new creations arise as a cover for the still unredeemed spiritual beings so that they can develop upwards. The children of God are imbued with profound wisdom, they know the purpose and goal of every work of creation, and they also know the degree of maturity of every being which is allowed to embody itself in creation on earth, and thus they also know the most appropriate means for its maturing. And they can apply every means themselves, they can will it and also accomplish it, they can let every thought become a work, they are completely unhindered in their work, always filled by God's strength, and their will is equal to God's will.... And they are also in complete harmony with each other because love is everywhere in the kingdom of light, which is the power from God. God's love radiates through all beings and impels them to ever more intense activity, it urges the beings of light towards each other, towards unification, and since all are animated by God's equal will to allow new creations to arise in order to redeem the imperfect, divine strength flows uninterruptedly into the universe. It constantly generates new creations which are received and realized by the beings of light as God's thought and which therefore again testify to God's unsurpassable wisdom and His greater than great love, because

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the creators and shapers of those are in closest union with God, who always and constantly fulfilled His will on earth as well as in the beyond....

Amen

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Creating and shaping in the kingdom of light.... no man's eye....

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ou will be seized by an indescribable longing for My presence once your soul has entered the kingdom of light, and the fulfilment of this longing is bliss. You will feel love for Me to an ever increasing degree and therefore also sincerely long for unity with Me, and so that you will find fulfilment I will draw close to you and you will feel My closeness as a blissful feeling of strength, as an increased impetus for activity, as an inner urge to make yourselves happy by distributing what you possess. In order for you to be able to distribute, I constantly provide you with spiritual wealth, I impart profound knowledge to you and therefore place you in an everlasting state of happiness which offers you variety in every way. You will be allowed to see and hear what you will never be granted to see or hear on earth. You will be blessed.... What love can offer you, that you will receive, for My love for you is boundless and constantly intent on turning happiness towards you. Yet you will only ever be spiritually considered, for earthly goods no longer appeal to you in the state of perfection. The desire for earthly goods is a sign of a lack of maturity of soul which can never earn you a state of light. But you will hunger and thirst and always have the desire to be satisfied, and your desire will always be satisfied by My love.... Shape yourselves on earth such that you only desire spiritual goods, try to overcome all matter, only attain spiritual gifts, and you will already be able to enjoy the state of bliss on earth, for as soon as earthly things are overcome I will never ever leave you, then My presence will be assured to you and with it the supply of strength which you will feel as bliss, which will impel you into constant activity for Me and My kingdom. Giving and wanting to please is right love, giving and wanting to please characterizes the degree of neighbourly love, and thus only the urge for pleasing activity can be called love, although the human being's desire is also for things which are only purely material; yet this love is a perverse love which does not lead to Me but distances itself from Me. I want to draw your attention to the fact that only love which has Me as its aim, which therefore expresses itself through unselfish neighbourly love, is strength-inspiring. Love for the world will never put you into a state of bliss which approximately equals that of the beings of light. And never will the desire and fulfilment be as blissful as in the spiritual kingdom, where I alone am the object of your love and longing....

(2.5.1948) Do you now understand why I constantly court your love? Why do I want to win you for eternity? I don't want to improve your lot on earth but I want you to be happy for all of eternity. You shall work together with My angels as beings of light and develop an activity which gives rise to wonderful things, which brings about creations of wondrous design. And thus you shall be allowed to use My might and strength without restriction, but this first requires unity with Me. I want you to become blessed through the use of My strength. I want to give unlimitedly, and you shall be so filled with My strength that you can create and shape like Me according to your will, which is then also My will. The integration of your will into My will is the first condition to find unity with Me, yet you will always think, want and act in free will if you have subordinated it to Me; you will never be active in a feeling of compulsion because this would impair your beatitude and diminish your perfection. In the kingdom of light My will fulfils all beings which nevertheless are active according to their own will, and all beings only have one aim.... to dwell close to Me. Yet it is impossible and incomprehensible for the human being to specialize life in eternity, to take cognizance of the activity of the individual beings, because this eludes all conception of human thought. The spiritual kingdom is a different world than the earthly one, and therefore the latter is also not to be mentioned comparatively. Only a certain degree of maturity of the soul makes the human being able to see and to receive and reproduce spiritual impressions. But if the soul leaves the body and enters the kingdom of light it will understand My infinite love and marvel at all the glories of which the human being on earth cannot imagine. Then

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My word will come true: No human eye has ever seen and no human ear ever heard what I have prepared for those who love Me....

Amen

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Earthly work of redemption for otherworldly souls

Salvation from the deep.... rescue work....

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_ e who languishes in darkness shall receive light as soon as he desires it. My merciful love applies to all these unhappy beings who, partly in the flesh and partly in the spirit, are in a state which is agonizing and sad because they cannot release themselves from it and are dependent on loving help. It is certainly their own fault, for they could reach the light as long as they live on earth, yet I do not reject them for this reason but again and again help them up to the light as soon as they want to be helped. But precisely their will often pushes back the loving hand which stretches itself towards them, and then darkness remains their fate until they change their will. Yet again and again I let rays of light flash to release them from their torpor, to let them feel a benefit for seconds which shall move them to long for such rays of light.... For only then can they be helped, only then can they be given what they desire.... A redemption from the abyss always signifies a comprehensive work of salvation, for a single soul draws countless souls up with it because it knows the adversity itself and cannot help but help the suffering souls as soon as it has received a glimmer of light itself. And therefore the salvation of a single soul is an indescribable blessing, which has an even greater effect in the kingdom of the beyond than on earth, for the soul which still dwells on earth does not feel the state of darkness so much and can also muster little understanding again if it is offered a light. But the work of redemption, which is successful in the beyond, will have a great effect, for these souls lack everything and a ray of light is an overwhelming abundance for them which they now also want to distribute. But light means realization.... As soon as a soul is given a glimmer of knowledge it always desires more knowledge, it also grasps everything immediately as soon as the will is in it to attain knowledge. And with knowledge the desire to give it away also grows in it, and love is kindled in the soul, and the path to ascent is taken.... Where only a weak will is recognizable I help, and My means are truly wise and loving.... I don't want to leave My living creations in the abyss, I know that they are too weak themselves, that they need help, and I send them this help in many ways, always such that the soul's will is stimulated, so that I Myself can then approach it, so that it will be touched by a ray of My strength of love and awaken.... I send forth My rays of love into My adversary's darkest realms. He cannot prevent Me, yet he likewise affects the souls of darkness, yet a spark of love already weakens his power and strengthens the soul.... And you humans should kindle this spark of love in them through your intercession, through loving remembrance, which you give to these souls by consciously helping them, by instructing them in thought, by informing them of their redeemer Jesus Christ, Who is their salvation and Whom they can call upon at any time for strength and grace and forgiveness of their sins. You humans can contribute a great deal to accomplish a work of salvation, and if it is only one soul which you have helped, which you have released from satan's shackles, then an unspeakable amount has been gained, for every soul has its followers who, as it were, are also saved, because the soul itself does this in its gratitude and bliss, which is transferred to the unhappy souls, and thus eager co-workers are gained with every saved soul who participate in the work of salvation in the kingdom of the beyond. My love does not abandon any of My living creations, and I bless all who serve Me and help to release the wretched from their situation....

Amen

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Bringing the Gospel to souls in the beyond.... Love....

Onvey the Gospel to the souls in the beyond, remind them of My commandments of love which also have to be fulfilled in the kingdom of the beyond if the soul wants to ascend. Inform them of My will, which only ever requires them to turn to Me and which has to be heeded in order to be seized by My love.... What is applicable for earth also applies to the kingdom of the beyond.... the transformation of the being's will, which at first opposes Me and therefore has to be changed, and that can only ever happen through love, for an unselfish act of love is the first step towards Me and gives the being strength. Helpless souls in the beyond lack love.... and you have to explain to them that they can only expect help if they are willing to give love to those who are as poor and as wretched as themselves. Without love their thinking is wrong and, just like on earth, they can be approached by beings who will instruct them wrongly, without being able to recognise the error....

Only a helpful soul will recognise the truth, subsequently you first have to bring My commandments of love to the souls and draw their attention to the fact that they were only given so that people would establish the connection with Me by fulfilling these commandments of love.... since deeds of love will provide them with strength and always help them to ascend further. You can instruct the souls over and over again.... they will not believe or understand you if they are unwilling to love, and if you want to help them then you first and foremost will have to take care to motivate them into lovingly supporting other distressed souls which turn to them for help. Only this willingness to love will open their spiritual eyes and ears, and then they will be able to understand everything you present to them. My Gospel is just the teaching of love, for everything else will fall into place if this teaching of love is complied with. It is not enough only to convey knowledge to the soul in the beyond for it will not understand it as long it is unwilling to carry out works of love, which have to and can be carried out in the kingdom of the beyond just as on earth but which always necessitate the willingness to do so, otherwise the soul will be without strength.

As long as the soul is mentally only involved with itself and its sad fate there is no possibility to provide it with help or to convey strength.... It first has to look at its surroundings or.... if it is alone in a barren region, it has to remember people on earth whom it could have helped but neglected to do so.... It has to regret this and wish to make

Amends, in that case it will be joined by beings in serious need, and as soon as it is willing to help it will instantly receive the strength to accomplish its intentions. First love has to be kindled within itself, which can often take a very long time, but it is possible with loving support from a human being if he explains to the soul what it is lacking and tries to educate it, always being prompted by a loving will to help....

Love achieves everything, love prevails over everything, love itself is the strength which helps the soul to salvation. As long as the soul only considers itself it can hardly be released from its unpleasant situation, but it can become tender and loving if it is touched by small rays of light, because these are just sparks of love intended to touch and kindle its heart.... Every soul which experiences darkness as torment will be soothingly affected by such rays of light, and there is a good chance that it will pursue the light.... that it thus will also be willing to take other souls to the light. And these souls should only ever be preached to of the love which found its culmination in Jesus Christ and His act of Salvation.... No other information is necessary for such souls at first, yet they have to know the reason for their hardship and also how to remedy it.... And only when they have this understanding will their progress be assured, only when they want to carry out loving actions themselves will they receive strength and be able to work with love in order to receive ever more strength and enter into increasingly brighter light.

Light makes the souls tremendously happy, and in this happiness their willingness to love will constantly grow, hence a single soul in the beyond is able to carry out a most extensive amount of redemptive work. For as soon as it understands, it will also impart its realisation to other souls and try

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to encourage them into the same loving endeavour.... For just as on earth there is only one applicable commandment in the spiritual kingdom: Love God above all else and your neighbour as yourself....

Amen

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Redeemer's work has an effect in the hereafter....

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any souls are waiting for the spiritual flow of grace which they gratefully receive and from which they refresh and strengthen themselves. The spiritual world certainly offers them the same, yet these souls are still earthbound and therefore stay more in earthly regions until they have received so much strength that they can swing upwards, that is, that they now also accept what is offered to them in the spiritual kingdom by the beings of light because they recognize the same effect of strength in it. However, the offering of spiritual food by earthly people is an extremely great help for souls which have not yet lived in the kingdom of the beyond for long, which lived on earth completely indifferently and were unable to accept any spiritual possessions because they never aspired to them without having been ill-disposed.... Those souls are now offered the opportunity to acquire light without being compelled to accept it.... This is a special grace that spiritual knowledge is once again supplied to them after their demise and they can decide again to accept or reject before an endless lonely region receives them, which they have to wander through until they reach the same, which is now offered to them.... Only very occasionally do lights flash in the earth spheres to attract them, and blessed are those who follow these rays of light and come to people who strive spiritually, who have contact with the kingdom of light and who also remember those unhappy souls who languish in spiritual poverty.... The unusual ray of light in dark surroundings makes many a soul come to its senses, and as soon as questioning thoughts arise for it, an opportunity will always be found where it will be given an answer.... And once it has only participated in such teachings, it will always be drawn back to where it has discovered light. Then it will have escaped the deepest darkness, it will still have used the last gift of grace for its salvation.... This kingdom of earthbound souls is extremely densely populated and successful work can be done on those souls, which is why you humans are always besieged as soon as you only direct your thoughts spiritually and connect yourselves with the kingdom of light.... In view of the approaching end and people's spiritual low, an unusual action of help is urgently required, for many people will still be called away, all of whom cannot demonstrate the degree of maturity which allows entrance into the kingdom of light but who should also be protected from still sinking into the abyss in the kingdom of the beyond. But where redemptive work is carried out on earth, where consciously or unconsciously help is brought to those souls through good thoughts, loving intercession or spiritual instructions, many souls can still experience a spiritual awakening in a short time if they are not completely hardened and then run the risk of sinking or need a very long time for their change of heart, which will always be a time of agony and darkness, of unhappiness. But since every soul which is willing to accept spiritual instructions reaches the light and then continues its redemptive activity on souls which still dwell in dark regions, the smallest earthly work of redemption can already spread far and wide and will therefore always be blessed. Far more is often achieved in the kingdom of the beyond than on earth, where the world prevents people from spiritual striving. For on earth deaf ears can be preached to, but in the spiritual kingdom countless souls wait for God's address, and such an address will never remain without impression, unless a soul is completely opposed to God and still in satan's power.... But then it will not remain in those places where the light shines but turn away into dark areas. But they too will be followed by the souls who found salvation.... to do redemptive work in the depths again.... You humans can contribute immeasurably to the redemption of the spiritual world as soon as you let your thoughts wander into the kingdom of light, for then a light will also shine in you towards which the souls are now hastening.... Surround all these souls with your love, try to convey the gospel of love to them and teach them to believe in Jesus Christ.... Then He Himself will lead them to light and bliss....

Amen

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Force receiving the worldly souls through vineyard work

Souls in the beyond pay attention to every spiritual work....

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f you could see the multitudes surrounding you who want to draw nourishment from you, you Levould be overjoyed to be able to help all of them in their spiritual need. You are truly saviours for them who pull them up from the depths because you can bring them what they can cling to, what gives them comfort and hope and what makes them find their way to Me, Whom they now strive towards with all eagerness once they have felt the power of My word. Countless souls surround you, and time and again new souls are brought into your circle by those who found help with you and in their gratitude also want to help the other needy souls again. And all of them are only awaiting the hour when you will make contact with Me in order to be able to participate in the spiritual exchange. You are constantly surrounded by seeking souls, for the sphere of light in which you dwell attracts the souls, and as soon as you are spiritually active a ray of light becomes recognisable, and the souls are waiting for this, which know that they may receive light and strength from you.... This certainty alone should spur you on to spiritual activity, and then you will also understand that these beings constantly urge you and that you feel this as an admonition to work in the vineyard, that you only find satisfaction in this work and want to detach ever more from earthly activity. Spiritual work is blessed a thousand times over, and multitudes of souls are redeemed insofar as that they now get to know the path which leads out of darkness. It is the knowledge of Jesus Christ which these souls must receive so that they then take the path to Him themselves, Who alone can open the gate to everlasting life for them. That is why you should time and again mention the act of Salvation. You cannot talk enough about what Jesus has done for humanity.... You cannot let your minds wander to Him often enough, so that the souls surrounding you will also turn their eyes to where they behold the cross, where they can carry their sins in the knowledge that He alone is able to redeem them. All these souls eagerly accept the knowledge from you and they do not doubt it either, because they are beneficially touched by all My words, and they believe it, because they at the same time behold a light.... because My word also has the power to accomplish an inner change in them, and because the souls which approach you have little resistance within themselves, because they feel your love which wants to help them and they willingly submit to this love.... If you knew what redeeming power emanates from you when you are spiritually active.... if you knew how grateful all souls are when they are allowed to gather again in order to participate, when you yourselves are taught through My word or pass on My word.... You would only take care of these souls with utmost joy and willingness to help and find far greater inner satisfaction than any earthly work you have done can give you.... And therefore you should not grow weary, for this is the only help which can still be brought to the immature souls from earth. Your love shall follow them even beyond the grave, and you shall never cease to remember all those who departed before you into the kingdom of the beyond.... Every good thought has a beneficial effect on these souls, and you draw all those close to you and can help them through the transmission of My word, so that they attain salvation through Jesus Christ, Whom they now learn to know and love through My word, which is offered to them through you....

Amen

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Participation of the souls in the hereafter in the transmission of the word....

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Ou humans are illuminated by My love when you receive My word and love light and strength.... ▲ So you can also radiate light and strength again to all beings which surround you, which are attracted by the rays of light and long for light and strength. You can hand out to them what you yourselves receive.... Then you will be very successful in your vineyard work, for you will not only accept My word from Me but countless souls in the spiritual kingdom will participate in it, and they will be blissfully happy about the strength they receive, which they will feel even more than you yourselves because it has a spiritual effect and these beings can only be spiritually provided for in their adversity. My flow of love energy reaches you because you want it yourselves, because you consciously establish the connection with Me and now also give Me the opportunity to let the flow of love energy flow into your heart.... But those beings are still in darkness or in light twilight and they only wait for the flashing rays to rush to their exit.... They suffer from darkness and lack of strength and feel it that they can receive light and strength from you.... And once this has been the case they will no longer leave you and only wait for the moment when they will be beneficially touched again, which happens through the supply of My word. You humans don't know about their great hardship, yet as soon as they are willing to accept My bestowal of grace I also bestow grace upon them and I also speak to them Myself if they willingly listen to My word. And these souls will also not doubt that they are addressed by Me Myself, and they will find their way to Me, i.e. to salvation, the sooner they accept the knowledge of Jesus Christ and His act of salvation, then they will desire Him, call upon Him and appeal for His forgiveness.... Hence this knowledge is what **first has** to be imparted to the souls in the beyond if they don't already possess it.... And mostly the unredeemed souls are without this knowledge because they did not believe in Him on earth and because they were not imparted the right knowledge, the truth, and lacked the understanding for Jesus' great act of mercy. Thus, as soon as you humans inform them of the divine redeemer, as soon as you use every opportunity to speak or read about Him, you will also be marked by sparks of light and the souls will take part in your teachings.... Then you will be doing irreplaceable vineyard work, and you will be able to help those souls to salvation, because then they will turn to Jesus Christ themselves once they have gained knowledge of **Whom** they can call upon as their Saviour. For the influx of strength and light proves to them the truth of what they experience with you, and therefore they don't hesitate for long to act in accordance with My word.... Love also awakens in them and they now help those in turn whom they know to be in the same need.... they also try to bring them to you and induce them to listen to you when you receive spiritual instructions.... You have no idea how wide a circle you draw through your willingness to receive My word.... you don't know how grateful the souls are who found relief with you, who were able to receive light and strength and now also utilize them again in accordance with My will to work in love for those who are in the same need. For this is the effect of My word that it impels you into loving activity because it conveys strength and the strength from Me is expressed in works of love.... And therefore you should not let yourselves be discouraged if you have little success on earth with your vineyard work.... You don't do it in vain, and the success in the kingdom of the beyond is truly not small, for the work of redemption also continues there because many souls still have to be redeemed before the end comes, before everything spiritual is transferred again to where it belongs according to its degree of maturity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

In the hereafter only the truth brings bliss....

B.D. No. 8335

November 22nd 1962

Everything you need to mature in earthly life is presented to you. Yet time and again questions are asked, either by people on earth or by souls in the kingdom of the beyond, which I want to answer through you, My servants on earth, so that you will be able to teach again and at the same time fulfil the desire of those souls which have become hungry for light through My word, which they, too,

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may hear when I convey My word to you from above. Souls which are ignorantly secluded from earth are quickly receptive as soon as they have once felt the strength of My word.... Yet the souls which have entered the spiritual kingdom with knowledge which is not free from error are far more difficult to dissuade from their error and to convince of the truth, yet they keep asking questions because they, too, recognise the strength which flows to them from My word. And therefore I am always ready to answer them, so that you also have the explanation which occasions underlie the various teachings. They are often the same questions asked by those souls in the beyond who first have to free themselves from their previous thinking, who have to realise in the beyond that certain blessings they were promised on earth by their church will not be forthcoming.... It is the 'eternal bliss' expected by those who have made it their business to fulfil everything demanded by their church.... who believe that by keeping the commandments.... but which were issued humanly.... they have received eternal beatitude and cannot understand that they are not yet blessed indefinitely. These souls must first be led to the light of truth before they can distribute it again and thereby be happy themselves..... Time and again they must be made aware of the fact that love is the most important thing and that they..., if they did not pay enough attention to this commandment of love on earth, must practise much love in the beyond and they will have to practise much love for the unhappy souls around them in order to be able to partake of the truth which will only make them happy now.... And this is why My instructions from above through My word will time and again be based on My divine commandments of love. You will understand that I cannot speak enough about love, both to people on earth as well as to the souls in the beyond, who would truly already have a higher degree of light and increased knowledge if they had practised love more on earth and thereby also acquired a higher degree of knowledge. The commandments of love are the only commandments I have given on earth, and these commandments of **Mine** are not heeded enough, on the other hand, people use all their strength to fulfil humanly decreed commandments which do not result in any spiritual success for them and therefore they look for or expect the hoped-for beatitude in the kingdom of the beyond in vain until they receive enlightenment if they don't close their minds to My words, which they, too, are allowed to hear, for My love wants to help them all to life and beatitude. This is why you, My servants on earth, also know about the importance of your mission, even if you can record little success on earth, yet no work you do for Me and My kingdom is in vain, after all, it is pursued by countless souls in the spiritual kingdom who have not yet reached the degree of maturity that they can receive My illumination directly themselves. You are constantly surrounded by these souls, and every thought which applies to Me is a ray of light which they now rush towards and will always participate in as soon as contact is established between Me and you which results in the supply of My word, My flow of strength of love to earth. And I also make every soul happy which desires My address by always receiving strength and increased impetus to work with love for needy souls.... Then it will also communicate itself to them and try to motivate them to likewise come to the place where a light shines. Believe that the redeemer's work is extremely extensive and that I bless everyone who participates in it, on earth or in the spiritual kingdom.... For I only want everyone to attain eternal life, and therefore I Myself will convey the truth to those who desire it in order to be able to become blissfully happy....

Amen

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Power to turn the souls by loving intercession

Prayers for souls in the beyond which had not acquired love on earth....

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An unredeemed soul's path of suffering is impossible to describe to people, and yet they should know that it must endure an inconceivably hopeless state because this knowledge is intended to impel people into helpfully supporting such souls, hence they are constantly admonished not to forget these souls. They will thank those people a thousand fold who ease their agony by praying for them. Souls in the beyond which leave people behind on earth with whom they were lovingly connected have an advantage compared to those which did not acquire love for themselves on earth. Loving thoughts and devout wishes follow the former, or such souls receive strength through heartfelt prayer, which can substantially improve their situation. Every loving thought is soothingly experienced by the souls and awakens love again, which then will manifest itself towards equally suffering souls. However, souls which lived without love on earth must starve and suffer unspeakably. They are quickly forgotten or they are only thought of unkindly, and this has appalling consequences on their state in the beyond. Every kind thought of people on earth for the souls in the beyond alleviates their torments, every bad thought increases them and the souls themselves are unable to defend themselves or enforce people's love for them.

Now the soul is perceptively affected by love or heartlessness which either ease or impede its struggle towards ascent. Souls which entirely lack people's love on earth have to completely depend on themselves in utterly dark surroundings and suffer indescribable hardship. These souls should be particularly considered on earth in prayer so that they, too, feel the blessing of intercession, so that they feel the strength of love within themselves and thus an inner change takes place. For as soon as a loving thought fleetingly touches such lonely souls they notice it and turn towards the place of origin of this thought, they come close to the person who mercifully thought of them and observe him and his characteristics, his actions and his train of thought. They will never harass a person who is good to them either, although they themselves are rarely capable of good feelings. Yet they dwell on the reason why their state of suffering eases when they are close to these people and they sense noticeable relief through the prayer on behalf of the struggling souls in darkness. And they learn to recognise that love is the only means for improving their situation. And once the soul has gained this realisation then it will also become gentle and helpful towards other souls and they will have escaped the bitterest hardship. People on earth would be able to redeem infinitely many souls from their hardship if they tried to imagine the helplessness of these souls. For if they feel a spark of love within themselves their great suffering should move them and arouse their will to help these souls. People should include these poor souls which lack the strength to help themselves in their prayer, they should call upon God for grace and mercy for these souls, they shall give them their love and never think heartlessly of a deceased person so as not to increase his pain. For then the soul will be in great danger of becoming completely hard and every good inclination in it dying.... But the souls should be redeemed and people on earth can contribute an awful lot towards achieving it....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Power of intercession.... ascension through love.... free will also in the hereafter....

B.D. No. **5158** June 24th 1951

The same applies in the kingdom of the beyond as on earth.... the will to love activity must be present if an ascent from the abyss is to take place, for the being's will is not compelled over there

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either but it can determine itself, yet its state is also correspondingly. The souls in the beyond remain on the level in which they entered the spiritual kingdom until they have the desire within themselves to ascend and change their present state. And as on earth, love must awaken in them, they must want to help in view of the hardship they see around them. Only this will to help will give them so much strength that they can carry it out. The helping activity can already consist of kind encouragement, advice or warnings, only love for the suffering brothers and sisters must always determine them to do so; the desire to help will then become stronger and stronger and the supply of strength will increase accordingly. Then, however, their own condition will also become more bearable, the surroundings will appear brighter and clearer before their eyes, and the oppressive darkness will give way to a first dull, then ever more luminous light, and the souls will then strive steadfastly upwards. Their thinking becomes clearer and full of desire they also accept instructions which are offered to them by beings of light, however in veiled form. With increasing activity of love the knowledge of these souls also increases and now they themselves are able to hand out to the beings who still stand below them and suffer in the darkness just as those before. Once compassion for suffering souls has awakened in them, they are also saved from sinking into the abyss, but this compassion must first come alive in them because otherwise an ascent is impossible. For love then also directs the will right.... And in order for love to flare up in the unhappy souls, much intercession is necessary which lets them feel the strength of love themselves and awakens counter-love in them. Only love can save the poor souls, because only a prayer sent after them in love has the effect of kindling love in them, whereas prayers without love are completely useless and only put the souls in harness, because they increase their disgust against pseudo-piety and can easily even stifle their faith in God, if they have not yet completely lost it. Everything that happens without love is without effect, on earth as well as in the spiritual kingdom; love, however, loosens the hardest fetters. And therefore every soul's redemption in the beyond is assured if a person on earth takes pity on these souls with true love and, wanting to help, also transfers the will to help to them, for a soul cannot resist a loving intercession, it feels it as a benefit, and in this feeling it also wants to help and do good deeds. Then its ascent is assured, and it steps out of the darkness which enclosed it into the light....

Amen

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Collect spiritual treasures

Value of spiritual and earthly knowledge in the hereafter....

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Everything spiritual has eternal value and eternal duration.... everything earthly passes away with the death of the human body. Joys and sufferings pass away and therefore need not be taken seriously. However, what has been spiritually achieved or missed is decisive for the stay in eternity and therefore significant for the soul of man. Spiritual endeavour will now always relate to the human being's inner life and to everything that is separate from earthly matter.... which therefore has nothing to do with a pleasurable earthly life or any physical desires but completely eliminates the body and only touches (concerns) spiritual questions and spiritual experiences. Spiritual endeavour is everything that is connected with God, i.e. that concerns life that does not end with the death of the body....

For only that which belongs to earth is transient, thus also man's thought material, which only comprises earthly things. Whatever knowledge the human being has absorbed that was of value for earthly existence, for the human being as such, is completely worthless from the moment he enters the beyond. It belongs to another world, it is therefore useless for the new world. And if the human being now considers what spiritual possessions will then remain to him, he will be able to understand why he should strive for spiritual good on earth.... spiritual treasures on earth. For he is in the greatest poverty if he has not likewise received spiritual possessions on earth. And in most cases it is precisely the person possessing earthly knowledge who will concern himself little with spiritual questions and thus also pass over into the beyond correspondingly poor in spiritual treasures. And it is then unspeakably bitter for such a soul to have to recognize its lack.... whereas, conversely, some souls possess spiritual wealth which had no knowledge worth mentioning on earth because they only focused their attention on the soul's maturing, because earthly questions did not affect them that much and their desire was not for earthly possessions and earthly knowledge. This soul also retains the success of earthly life in the beyond, it does not need to give anything away because it is spiritual good that it has gathered and because this good is imperishable and cannot be taken from it in eternity. While earthly knowledge is no longer of use to anyone in the beyond, the soul who possesses spiritual possessions can be indescribably blessed with it.... it can give it to ignorant souls and itself finds its most beautiful reward in being able to help those who enter the kingdom of the beyond in utmost poverty, whereas the people who strived for earthly knowledge also found their reward on earth, honour, reputation and earthly wealth.... which all comes to an end with bodily death. For they can carry none of this over into eternity. But how short is the enjoyment of earthly pleasures.... and how endlessly long is life after death.... For what illusory happiness have men used their mental activity and what inconceivable bliss have they forfeited, which could easily be attained through spiritual endeavour. And if man would first concern himself with that which has a connection with God, then his earthly knowledge would be imparted to him effortlessly at the same time, as soon as he strives for it out of love for humanity, i.e. he would like to serve his fellow human being through earthly knowledge. This earthly knowledge alone has value and at the same time brings him spiritual wealth. For his will to serve his fellow human beings will be valued when the earthly knowledge has become obsolete.... Yet the spiritual hardship of those who only absorbed earthly knowledge for the sake of their earthly success will be indescribable in eternity, for they will stand naked and bare in an environment where what they possess is of no value whatsoever. And it takes a long time until they decide to receive what they lack from loving souls.... until they decide to do what they should do on earth.... to collect spiritual goods in order to be able to pass them on in love to those who, like them, have failed to do so on earth....

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Spiritual wealth.... activity in the afterlife....

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y using spiritual strength the human being can create wealth on earth which will bring him D supreme happiness in eternity, for through this spiritual wealth he is able to be redemptively active in the kingdom of the beyond for his own happiness. He is himself a bearer of strength and light and can therefore also distribute what he already possesses in abundance, and his love can be active. This is a blissful state which is completely independent of earthly activity, thus it does not require any material creations but only spiritual wealth.... a truthful knowledge which he can now impart spiritually to the ignorant souls in the spiritual kingdom and also to people on earth. The human being should gather these treasures on earth, he should try to penetrate truthful spiritual knowledge, and therefore he should practice love, because spiritual knowledge can only be attained by way of love and thus love is the only path to beatitude. In the beyond the spiritual beings' activity only consists of working in love, of distributing spiritual gifts, and therefore the being first has to possess these gifts before it can work in love. Now the greater a soul's spiritual wealth is at its demise the more blissful it will now be, for an extensive field of activity is at its disposal, and it can bring infinite blessings to souls which are without knowledge and therefore also without strength and which therefore are in a state of hardship which they can only remedy when the spiritual treasures are at their disposal. And thus a soul of light can constantly alleviate hardship by giving away from its wealth. Yet it constantly receives new wealth, for its activity of love is rewarded again by God through the supply of ever new strength of love.... wisdom and bliss.... The soul can constantly receive this strength and constantly distribute it. And it will be exceedingly happy in teaching the ignorant. The spiritual hardship on earth is caused by the fact that too little love is practiced and therefore the pure truth is not recognized, the spiritual treasures are not striven for and therefore no-one wants to be active in distributing these treasures in order to remedy the spiritual hardship. He who possesses nothing himself can also give nothing.... but what people offer each other is not spiritual goods but pretence, as well as they are (not) earthly goods. It is spiritual knowledge which does not correspond to the truth, which is therefore spread by God's adversary in the world in order to mislead people. Spiritual possessions which are meant to make people happy must be unconditional truth, only truth is spiritual wealth, and only pure truth can cause bliss upon entry into the spiritual kingdom, only truth carries the soul into spheres of light and otherworldly activity in love presupposes the possession of truth. And therefore the human being on earth should only strive for pure truth and make himself worthy of it through unselfish activity of love. Then he will be able to collect spiritual treasures on earth which will make him a blissful being as soon as he departs from earth and can enter the kingdom of light....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Spiritual wealth in the afterlife.... power....

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You will lose all earthly strength when you enter the kingdom of the beyond. Only spiritual strength remains for you, and with this alone you will be able to create and work for your own and other souls' happiness who are powerless and dependent on your support. And therefore you must acquire this spiritual strength on earth so that you will not arrive powerless and miserable on the other side when your earthly life ends and you leave your heavy body. You cannot be told often enough that in earthly life you should only think of acquiring spiritual goods, spiritual wealth, treasures which will follow you into eternity and which no one can take away from you. And acquiring these spiritual treasures only requires eager activity of love in complete unselfishness, they require constant remembrance of the one Who created you, Who is your God and father from eternity. For from Him

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emanates the strength which shall fill you and can only fill you in intimate union with Him, in eager activity of love.... For He is love Itself, and anyone who lives in love lives in Him and with Him, he is, as it were, united through love with Him, Who is love Itself.... And every work of love increases the treasure of spiritual possessions, every work of love bestows increased spiritual knowledge, and every work of love signifies the supply of strength from God and thus spiritual strength and wealth itself. But anyone who is devoid of all love will remain poor and powerless, and he will enter the kingdom of the beyond in his wretched state, no matter how rich he may be in goods on earth, no matter how seemingly righteous he may be.... where love is missing everything is just an illusion, and there is no righteousness without love, there are no virtues without love, everything is just an illusion before the world but cannot be concealed from God Who sees into the heart and knows the human being's innermost thoughts. You must first make an effort to love, you must know that these are the most important commandments which God Himself gave on earth through the man Jesus, and you must know that only the fulfilment of these commandments leads to eternal beatitude, because love alone is the **strength** and without love you will lead an unhappy life one day in the spiritual kingdom. Then you will be dependent on the help of the beings of light or the intercession of people on earth, who alone can help you in spiritual adversity. For you cannot do anything yourselves in your powerless state, moreover, you are completely weak-willed, and therefore it is difficult to bring help to you, because you also have to accept this help voluntarily and often lack the will to do so. Therefore, make sure on earth that you acquire spiritual strength, make sure that you have at least a small spiritual wealth at your disposal which will then open the path into the kingdom of light and lead you upwards into bright heights....

Amen

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Battle between light and darkness....

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November 6th 1947

t will remain an eternal battle between light and darkness, i.e., eternities will pass until the light has **▲**completely overcome the darkness and only an infinite kingdom of light exists where no more darkness can enter. But then there will also no longer be a battle of spirits against each other but deepest love will unite all spiritual beings in their common work for God. The striving for perfection will never cease and thus a new basis will have been created for the activity of all beings in the spiritual kingdom.... For this will then no longer apply to the redemption of erring souls, because the kingdom of light only contains redeemed souls, but it is a mutual spurring on to ever greater perfection, a constant uniting of the equally mature spiritual and intensified activity through constantly increased strength, which is exclusively used for approaching God.... to lively activity of love, for activity in love will eternally remain the first law in the spiritual kingdom. But it mainly turns to the creation and shaping of spiritual creations, to the happiness of spiritually like-minded souls which unite in order to let new creations arise by means of increased strength, which in turn help other spiritual beings to ever higher perfection. It is an incessant life, i.e. constant activity in the most lightfilled surroundings, yet driven by the desire for the face of God, for His love and His word, for constant emanation of God, which triggers unspeakable happiness. And this desire is constantly fulfilled and yet never decreases, for God's love will always remain worth striving for even for the most light-filled, perfect spiritual being, and therefore beatitude will also never end, the beings in the spiritual kingdom will be blissfully happy for eternity....

Amen

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Fulfilment of the commandments of love.... light - intercession - beyond....

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y will is always to fulfil the commandment of love for Me and for your neighbour.... You ■ should fulfil these commandments of Mine from the innermost impulse of your heart, for true love cannot be demanded, it has to awaken in the heart and then determine the person's thoughts and actions. Love can certainly be won, on the one hand through the idea of the highest and most perfect being Which is inclined towards you in love, and on the other hand through the realization that the neighbour is also a creature of the highest God being. These ideas can awaken the feeling of love in the human being and now determine his actions and thoughts. A spark of divine love is present in every human being, only it can be buried or also inflamed, and precisely the latter is your earthly task. This is My will that you shape yourselves into love by nourishing the spark in your heart and letting it grow ever larger. For you are dead creatures without love, because only love enlivens you and gives you the strength to work, be it on earth or in the spiritual kingdom. Love alone brings you forward in your development, and without love you will always be dead, even if you are still alive on earth. And you will enter the spiritual kingdom just as dead if you don't have love within you. Then you will lack light, warmth, life and bliss.... Blessed is he who has practiced love on earth, who has shaped himself in such a way that he takes a garment of light with him into the kingdom of the beyond, for he will easily find his way around and be able to work for the benefit of those who are still of dark spirit. Blessed are those who have expanded their knowledge on earth through the light of love and can already help to dispel the darkness on earth. Only light gives you beatitude, whereas darkness means torment for your souls, for it is simultaneously powerlessness, fear and ignorance, it is a state of complete blindness which is felt as torment. And therefore this state can also only be remedied in the beyond through loving activity, which again is only possible when the soul itself receives enough strength to be able to use it for this purpose. But it will not be left without strength if it has the will to work with love. But the will must first arise in a soul, otherwise it will always remain without strength. That is why your intercession for powerless souls is of utmost value, for the love of a person on earth can find resonance in those unhappy souls and help them to receive strength. A person's love on earth can be the means to also soften hardened souls in the beyond and awaken love in them. This is why only love should ever be preached on earth, for the fulfilment of the commandments of love is of such immense importance because it also affects the kingdom of the beyond, where the lack of love is felt as unspeakable agony and yet cannot be remedied other than with love. You humans don't know how miserable you will be in the beyond if you have lived a loveless earthly life; you humans don't know how unspeakably the soul has to suffer as long as it is not helped from any side, which only love can do, for only loving remembrance helps such a soul and releases it from its great adversity. You are not yet aware of the immense strength of love, therefore I want to point out to you again and again that you, as long as you live on earth, should make an effort to live an active life of love, so that you can already work successfully on earth and one day in eternity and reduce the suffering of those who were negligent in fulfilling My commandment of love for Me and their neighbour....

Amen

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