# Word of God

Go The Way Of Cross Of Love!

A selection of godly proclamations received through the 'Inner Word' by Bertha Dudde

Translation handled by Doris Boekers, Heidi Hanna, Christian Taffertshofer, Sven Immecke

Published by Friends of the New Revelation

Hans-Willi Schmitz St. Bernardinstr. 47 47608 Geldern-Kapellen Germany ++++++++

Please take special notice of the fact that God's Words addressed to us are non-denominational. The contents of this publication by no means intends to attract members of any Christian religious affiliation nor to recruit members into any other religious affiliation. Its sole purpose is to make the present-day Word of God accessible to all people.

+++++++

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 2/43

# **Table of Contents**

5273 Effect of the divine word sermon power	
Case in depth and upward trend of being human	6
7670 Apostasy and return of essence Love of God	
8702 The beings' gradual higher development in Creation	
7354 Agonizing way before being human	8
Responsible way of life	10
5897 Earthly life is the path but not the goal	
8869 The path through Satan's world	
The narrow and the broad way	
5405 The narrow path.	
6359 The narrow and the broad path	
<b>Full of thorns, arduous path of ascent</b> 1106 The thorny path to the eternal home	
4804 The arduous path to the top earthly reward	
Way intersection - Decide for the right path	
4367 Crossroads inner voice right guides	
6115 Crossroads way up right	
The right and wrong way	
1374 Right Ways roman catholic	
6752 The right path the right guide	
The path of following Jesus - the way of love and suffering	
3920 Following Jesus A life of love and self-denial	
8139 "Take up your cross"	
The path to the cross	
6512 Way to the cross over Golgotha	
6700 Attaining freedom by the time of the end Jesus Christ	
Strength to rise to a high amount	
5458 Power of light from above Deceptive light of Satan	
6520 Conveying the truth Exchange of light and power	
Messengers as guide to a high amount	
5728 Right light in the dark of night right way	
6284 Spiritual guides on earth Jesus Christ	
6547 Mere conformists will be unsuccessful.	
8316 The messengers along the path of ascent	

God's help and guidance to the rise	35
5011 God's help to rise God's word	35
5667 Right path with Jesus Christ as leader	35
6755 Companion Jesus Christ	36
6664 Total surrender to God	37
Go to the source!	39
7050 Resting place on the pilgrimage path on earth	39
8342 Go to the source	39
The road to the height will be paved with stones of love	41
1847 Love activity way to the heights	41
5113 Blessing of love aim of the human being	41
6549 The path to the eternal home	42
7241 Right use of life force great responsibility	43

#### Effect of the divine word.... sermon.... power....

B.D. No. **5273** December 15th 1951

here My word is preached there is a possibility to enter the right path which leads upwards. My word is a call from above. My word is a call from above. word is a call from above, My word is an indication of the right path, My word is a transmission of strength for every earthly wanderer, My word is the hand which reaches out to you humans from the spiritual kingdom to help you upwards. Where My word resounds I Myself will meet the human being, and through My word he can make the acquaintance of his creator and father of eternity, if I had previously remained a stranger to him. My word is the utterance of Myself as soon as I can speak through the mouth of an enlightened servant. But a person who is still unawakened in spirit can also make use of My word, then his attention will be drawn to it, and as he then inwardly attunes himself to the word he has heard, he will further be allowed to receive.... But he will always receive the gift blessed by My strength if he accepts My word of good will, no matter in which way. My word will always remain a call from above, for it once came forth from Me and thus contains its strength, even if it has remained incomprehensible to you humans. I always speak to the human being, no matter whether he hears or reads My word, the divine element in it will never lose its strength, and whether it speaks to you humans is entirely up to you and your will. For I approach you as you yourselves desire Me. But you express the desire yourselves through your will, to what extent it desires Me Myself when receiving My word. Preacher and listener can be in contact with each other if both have directed their serious will towards Me and now both become recipients of My word by Me Myself speaking to you humans through the preacher. Then a great blessing will flow over both of them and then I can truly say: "I am the way, the truth and the life...." For My word shows you the right path of ascent, My word is therefore also purest truth and deepest wisdom, and in this realization the human being now also feels powerful and his spirit awakens to life, because he endeavours to put My word into action, thus the soul's dead state is overcome and the soul's true life awakens. Therefore, anyone who devoutly accepts My word, regardless of where and how it is offered to him, has entered the path which leads upwards.... he seeks Me and will also find Me, for I will surely come to meet him and help him to cover the last path easily. Yet without My word he can never become blissfully happy.... because My word signifies everything, light and strength and also My constant presence, otherwise you would not be able to recognize and understand My word if I Myself wanted to offer you My gift as food for the journey through earthly life. I Myself am present where My word is preached, but make sure that you make yourselves worthy of My presence, make sure that you hear My word with your heart and not just with your ears, so that it will come alive in you and your ascent upwards

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 4/43

will be effortless, so that you will reach the aim and return to the father's house, to Me, to your father of eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 5/43

# Case in depth and upward trend of being human

#### Apostasy and return of essence.... Love of God....

B.D. No. **7670** August 9th 1960

ou may have fallen away from Me but you still belong to Me, since it was My strength which made you arise.... And you also have the divine spiritual spark within you, which is My share, which is and remains indissolubly connected with the father-spirit from eternity.... So you are Mine.... but you yourselves, your free will, have created a distance between us; you have consciously strayed from Me, you have loosened the bond with Me, you have distanced yourselves abysmally from Me.... Admittedly, only willingly, for you are and nevertheless remain My Own, otherwise you would not be able to exist if I wanted to completely sever the bond between us and thus separated Myself from you. Then My strength of love could no longer be in you which secures your existence, you would disintegrate into nothing if I wanted to completely withdraw My strength from you. But this cannot and will not happen eternally, because My strength is love which let you arise, and because love will never ever destroy what has emerged from it. You are My creatures.... created by the will of the one who is now My adversary and will remain so for eternities.... But when you were created My strength of love flowed into My first-created spirit and enabled it to create in the first place, and thus you were products of My strength of love which was utilized by it through its will to create beings which could never pass away again. But through his stimulation and through your free will you placed yourselves into a state which excluded My nearness, and thus I was no longer able to make you happy either, as was the case in the beginning. For My radiance of love meant unlimited bliss for the being which, however, it voluntarily relinquished or rejected when it willingly distanced itself from Me. Nevertheless, it will remain My Being for all eternity, and it will certainly change its state again one day, it will emerge from the imperfection into which it had placed itself into the state of perfection again and then also come close to Me again of its own free will, and then it will also be able to be blissfully happy again as it once was.... But for this reason I do not relinquish My right to My living creations either, because they emerged from My love. But since their free will once turned more towards My present adversary, he also had a right to these creatures, which gave rise to our mutual love. And I will not deny him this right, but I will also never stop influencing My creations such that they voluntarily take the path of return to Me without, however, forcing them. And My adversary does the same, who uses everything to finally win the creatures over for himself but likewise cannot use any coercion. And now it will be decided who is stronger and what is stronger: love or hatred.... Love will win the victory, for My love never ends.... it pursues the beingness into the deepest depths, it does not let anything fall, it does not separate itself eternally from the beings it has created, and one day it will also achieve that the being will open itself again to the love it once rejected.... that it will let itself be illuminated by Me again and slowly change itself back to its original being, which was love.... It belongs to Me and will also eternally not be let go by Me, I will follow it with My love, I will do everything to also win its love, and love is of such strength that everything is possible for it, that it defeats the strongest enemy, that it breaks the strongest resistance, that the being will once give itself to Me again and then eternally no longer be able to sink, that it will enjoy unlimited bliss at the father's heart, Who never ever lets His child perish....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 6/43

nd thus listen to the following: When I transformed the beings, which I had once emanated as strength, into many different kinds of works of creation, it started the gradual higher development of these beings in their dissolved state.... At first it was an incredible mass of spiritual substance which slowly took on form when My will solidified the spiritual strength into matter, and this matter was so differently natured again that it cannot be made understandable to you humans. According to My wisdom and My love I had devised a plan of Salvation for the fallen spirits which was to be implemented in the creation. The purpose of My creation was to induce the bound spiritual substances within to be of service, thus one work of creation was needed for another in order to make it possible for a gradual higher development to take place. The serving functions at the beginning of creation cannot be made conceivable to you humans.... only when the works of creation became somewhat more solidified some activity, albeit very slight, commenced. And every activity testifies to life, every activity achieves a change, therefore the forms also changed constantly, developing into ever larger works of creation, each one of which had to fulfil a task determined by My will and which was also carried out according to My will, because the spiritual substance was unable to resist My will. Therefore the creation did not arise in an instant through My will, instead, the spiritual substances, or 'transformed strength', bound therein covered a slow path of development so that its resistance gradually subsided which manifested itself in being of service which, admittedly, still happened under My law of compulsion but nevertheless proved a reduction of opposition.... And so the process of higher development through the mineral, plant and animal world until the stage of a human being, has been explained to you such that the external forms constantly released the bound spiritual substances within, which linked up in order to take abode in a larger form again and continue their service, until all tiny particles belonging to a fallen original spirit had come together again and were able to embody themselves as 'soul' in a human being.... But just as it happens in the animal world, that, after dying, the smallest living organisms join other spiritual substances of the same degree of development and enter a larger external shape, so the process of development continued, and My love and My wisdom constantly created new forms which were able to accept the destined spiritual substance.... In nature you look upon this as 'evolution' of a small living being into an ever larger one.... Yet first I had to create a new form which previously had not yet existed. And although these forms constantly became larger and resembled the previous forms, it always involved an act of creation on My part which, however, could not be observed by people because no-one endowed with intellect and free will populated the earth as yet.

However, My eternal plan was definite, therefore I also knew about the living creation which was intended to live on earth as a 'human being' for the purpose of taking its final test of will.... And thus the spiritual substances which were still bound in the various works of creation were continuously placed into new creations the closer the individual being's spiritual substance approached maturity.... The works of creation became increasingly larger.... which is not to be understood in terms of physical size but the individual living being's constitution, their functions and their abilities are referred to in this instance.... Yet each new living creature was the work of My infinite love and wisdom and omnipotence.... which subsequently reproduced itself but always remained the same creation as I had externalised it.... Do understand that no living being will change its constitution, and where you believe you notice a change or further development, its emergence has been an act of creation on My part. Thus every human-like creature inhabiting the earth before the creation of the first human being always were new creations which, however, remained the species they were created as a product of My omnipotence. And since the bound spiritual substance within them constantly developed further, My will also created an increasingly more human-like external form, yet this creation was always based on My will, which manifested itself as natural law again.... what you humans now describe as the natural evolution of the beings.... But the human being can never be regarded as a product of natural evolution, for he is a separate creation, having emerged from My omnipotence, love and wisdom and being designed such that he shall and is able to fulfil an eminent task on earth. Even if you try to train the most intelligent animals to think and decide independently you will never succeed,

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 7/43

for the abilities possessed by a human being are not hidden in any animal, for the human being is the only life form on earth in possession of thinking ability, intellect and free will.... which can never be slowly developed nor are they attributes of a creature's gradual higher development, instead it merely proves that the human being is a work of creation in its own right, called into being through My will and My power in order to accomplish a task. And it was only possible to place the creation work 'man' into the world after the once fallen original spirits had already covered the gradual higher development through the creations because the human being was intended to shelter one such fallen original spirit within himself as soul. The word 'development' only ever applies to the sheltering or bound spiritual substance in every work of creation which has to go through this upward development, whereas the material works of creation must always be regarded as acts of creation, because My will brought these external forms into existence in order to serve the spiritual substance as external shapes, which themselves should advance through being of service.

The fact that My will simultaneously also signifies 'natural law', which no work of creation can resist as long as it does not yet shelter a spiritually mature being like people do, will also explain the word 'development'.... but it will never justify the allegation that the human being evolved by himself.... for he was a separate work of creation which My will and My strength of love brought into life....

#### Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

#### Agonizing way before being human....

B.D. No. **7354** May 4th 1959

You have made a tremendous ascent. You would only be able to judge this if you could look back into the depths from which you have broken from the depths from which you have broken from the depths from which you have broken from the depths from the depth into the depths from which you have broken free in order to reach the heights step by step. But you would shudder and be horrified that you once dwelled in these depths, and be glad to find yourselves already at a height that only needs to be climbed a little further, that you would finally have reached the aim. You don't know about this dreadfully long path of return and must also not receive evidence of it so as not to make your will unfree for the final ascent to the height, but you should believe that you bear great responsibility for your soul so as not to push it down again into this depth from which it had thus worked its way up so far. Again and again the responsibility is therefore held up to you, again and again the horrors of the past are presented to you, but just as the aim is described to you as a blissful state in freedom and light and strength. For you shall cover the last short distance as a human being of your own free will for love of God, Whom you shall come ever closer to in order to be infinitely happy in His presence one day. But in the last time before the end you will be given much information about your past life, about the time of ascent development which you all already have behind you according to your soul.... You will be given knowledge of it, even if it cannot be proven to you, but you shall not be able to say that you knew nothing about what earthly life means for your soul.... You will be given the knowledge of it, which you may or may not believe but which can always stimulate you to think about it and to make your own statement about it, so that you will now live your earthly life consciously or even disregard all indications and they will remain without impression.... But it is called to you again and again: Believe that it is your last stretch on this earth, the last stretch of a path which was endlessly long and which you have already covered in the creations of earth. And now live according to this belief.... so that the last stretch of the way brings you complete freedom from the form.... Only live according to the divine commandments and transform your being into love in free will.... For you cannot be transformed by compulsion, but your will can achieve a change of nature which will clear the way for all the glories of the spiritual kingdom when your earthly progress is over and you are allowed to cast off the last material form.... Then you will be able to rejoice and in retrospect see your course of development as successful, you will praise and glorify God for His love which was also meant for you in the depths and which has led you to the aim.... For once every soul will find its way home to the father, but that this aim will soon be reached is determined by your own free will, and therefore you should listen to God when He

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 8/43

speaks to you in His love in order to soon be able to draw you to His heart, in order to be able to fetch you home into the father's house....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 9/43

## Responsible way of life

#### Earthly life is the path but not the goal....

B.D. No. **5897** March 7th 1954

The world was given to you for the test of your will, i.e. you had to be placed into a sphere of activity which should stimulate you to use your will in one direction. This world cannot be avoided but has to be overcome by the person who wants to reach his goal. The final embodiment of the soul, the spiritual essence in you, as a human being on this earth is absolutely necessary because an opportunity had to be created for you to exercise your free will which, until then, had been constrained due to your past apostasy from Me. A soul trying to avoid this last embodiment will not be able to come into possession of free will, for its considerable opposition to Me would not allow for it. Only when it is willing to take the path of helpful love on earth will it receive the grace of embodiment, for this willingness testifies of its degree of maturity which is necessary for the last test of will. And every soul prior to its embodiment is indeed willing to take this final path because it can result in its total release from the form, and it has the will to become free.

But it loses all recollection, it enters earth completely without knowledge and then slowly starts to develop.... it learns to use its will, it gets educated and taught until its will begins to make its own decisions, and then it will be offered by Me every kind of assistance to recognise what is right and good and to voluntarily also do both. I on My part will do everything to promote a right decision of will.... And yet the human being maintains his freedom of will, and then the whole of earthly life will effectively affect him like an object which he can select or reject.... For the human being should experience everything in order to reach Me in My kingdom.... but he should not get drawn into it.... he should not get caught up in captivity again when his final freedom beckons. Earthly life is a path he has to take but not the goal itself.... And if he keeps his eyes on the pinnacle then he will follow his path determinedly and without fail, but if his eyes stay glued to the ground he will only see what happens around him and risk being held fast to the ground so that his flight of ascent cannot take place....

He has to muster the will and the strength to liberate himself from everything he finds desirable on earth, then he will be victorious, he will travel the earthly path as a necessary final phase of his higher development and pass his test of will. His will was and remains directed towards Me in spite of My adversary's artful temptations, who equally fights for his soul, for his will.... He became a conqueror of this world and an aspirant for My kingdom which is not of this world....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

# The path through Satan's world....

B.D. No. **8869** 

October 17th 1964

The world is Satan's domain and yet you have to pass through it because all of you are more or less still attached to the lord of this world, since you have not yet completed the last work of spiritualising yourselves in this world.... you are still imperfect and therefore not entirely free from his control.... However, you are all aware of My will which only ever asks you to selflessly love your neighbour. Hence you know what will bring you closer to perfection and therefore you shall only ever endeavour to release yourselves from selfish love and turn it into love for your neighbour. Then you will detach yourselves more and more from his world, you will pass through this world and it will no longer hold on to you, but has to release you if you want to carry out this will of Mine. Then your

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 10/43

earthly life will only be a short stage on the path to your eternal home, you will remove your fetters with My help, for then you have surrendered to Me, and wherever your goal is, there is also your heart.... Your longing applies to Me and this world has nothing else to offer you, it can no longer stop you on your path of ascent.... However, if you don't carry out this change from selfish love into unselfish neighbourly love you will take your last short path across the earth in vain.... then you will remain attached to the one who wants to pull you into the abyss again.

Yet I cannot force your will, you have to strive for this change entirely of your own accord so that you will be able to gain immeasurable happiness. For this reason you cannot be given absolute proof of what will await you in eternal life if you strive towards Me, or what will happen to you if you deliver yourselves to My adversary.... or you would be compelled to believe which, however, cannot be valued as 'faith'. Even so, My Word explains everything to you and besides, you have within yourselves the still small voice of conscience which warns and admonishes you.... You, however, drown out this voice in you with the world and ignore it, but there is not a single human being whose attention is not somehow drawn to the consequences of his way of life.... And therefore no-one can evade the hour of responsibility when he stands at the gate to eternity.... I approach people time and again trying to inform them of My will, which requires nothing other than shaping themselves into love, and by means of strokes of fate try to bring Myself to their attention so that they will call upon Me in their distress, when I shall truly be willing to help; yet I cannot reveal Myself more distinctly than through My direct speech from above so as not to compel anyone's will.

But you lack faith and don't value My Word from above as a truly significant blessing which is to help you in your lack of resolve.... If only you would get used to the idea that My Word might be true so that you could arrange your life accordingly, then much would be gained already, for I look at the slightest will concerning Me and will help you find Me completely.... so that you no longer attach too much importance to the world, that you detach yourselves from it and thus also from its master. Just your will to free yourselves from his bondage is seen by Me as your first step of return to Me, and I will bless all further effort and give you the strength to accomplish what will lead to your release from him. Nevertheless, you must take the path through the world, for it is the last opportunity to liberate yourselves from the one who is lord of this world, and you must pass this last test of will if you want to enter the kingdom of beatitude....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 11/43

# The narrow and the broad way

#### The narrow path....

B.D. No. **5405**June 4th 1952

want to dwell within you, I want to reign in your hearts, yet with a love that is to fill you with bliss. I want to be within you. This My presence also makes you to My children, I thus have come to My own and they have received Me.... To you who are on this earth as My creatures belongs my whole love, it looks after you and leads you on paths that, admitted, are often stoney and need to be covered laboriously. I'm leading you and yet again, I'm standing at the destination, expecting you. So you thus have My everlasting help, and no one can say having never experienced My help. Though, if the one does not follow My loving urging and My love-call, that one will stay behind and the ones who follow Me will gain a lead by a wide margin... and they will reach the destination... I will personally press them on My Father's heart and lead them into My house.... the child has found its way home to the father from whom it was away a long time by its own fault.... It now has finally returned back because it set foot unto the only path that leads to Me.... the path of love.... However, this path is not easily to walk, it offers no allurements, no feast for the eyes, it is not smooth and to be walked without any effort, but it needs to be conquered step by step, because it leads up steeply and because of the many obstacles that need to be removed before it becomes passable.... But it is passable because of a guide Who constantly walks along your side, supporting and protecting you, supplying you with strength when you're about to fail. He comforts you full of love, He relieves you of the load you are to carry, He carefully leads you across dangerous cliffs, He is your constant companion. Thus you can reach the destination, provided you have the will for it. But now it is certainly possible for you to direct your look towards the broad path, and this broad path can easily appear desirable for you because it is bordered by joys and pleasures of all kind. The loveliest scenes tempt the wanderer to risk a jump from the narrow, hard passable path to the broad, tempting street where many bustle about in the worldly enjoyments.... The temptation is very big and a great many cannot resist it.... The one leaves the laborious path and will always be helped across to the broad path.... for everywhere there are figures who wave at the one and offer their hand to the one and are happy to be able to lure the wanderer away from the narrow path. The broad way, however, does not lead to the same destination.... it leads downward as certain as the narrow path leads up to the top.

This picture is making it clear to you that the last destination is only achievable by surmounting, that it costs a certain fight with one's self and the obstacles that put themselves in one's way. Hence, man can only get to the last destination if the one is serious about it, when the one disregards all the stumbling-blocks, when the one directs his eye nowhere else but to the top where I wave at the one, being the most glorious destination....

(4.6.1952) I then will personally carry the one's feet away across obstacles, the one then won't see them but his look will beamingly cling to Me Who stretches His hand towards him, the hand of which he can hold on to, that will lead the one to the end of the path.... How different though is the life of those who walk on different paths.... how many joys and worldly pleasures can the one have, how many wants, sufferings and hardships the other one.... The days present themselves eventful for the one while the other one just sees miseries with one's self and with others, and the first one will, beside one's own burden, even carry the burden of the fellow human being, because love drives the one to it. But once the reward will come and this will be just according to how man's desire was and the way they had furnished evidence for it. Whoever did endeavor spiritually, whoever did not forget Me, in spite of all the hardship, but perseveringly approached Me, will receive spiritual goods. But those who walked the broad path will all of a sudden see that it will terminate in the depth.... The depth will

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 12/43

receive them all, for they have been descending unswervingly, the path that certainly may have been started with good intensions but may soon have been abandoned because of the temptations that dispelled all the concerns, because of the taking over of sin where My opponent is able to have an effect upon the souls of the humans. And the broad path has been prepared by him with the aim to ruin the humans.

And thus two powers are attracting you people and you can decide yourselves, you can choose yourselves whom you want to strive for. You can become **My** children, but you can also remain his children.... This is the decision you people on earth have to make. This decision is an exceedingly responsible one for it is decisive about your whole eternity. That's why each one of the two rulers sends out their messengers. None of those who walks the broad path will exist who did not meet warners and admonishers, for they stand alongside the path, they know the Lord Who alone can offer salvation and this also inspires them to pass on knowledge to their fellow humans as well and to allure them away from the extremely dangerous broad path.... Only rarely are they successful to influence the wanderer in such a way that they leave the broad path and join the pilgrims on the narrow path. But My love and mercy seizes these and and I make the ascent easy for them, since they did surmount themselves. And to the conquerers a glorious crown will be in store.... they will be the first ones because they possess My whole love of the Father which I also intended to give away to the others, yet had to experience rejection from them.... For whoever walks the broad path walks without Me.... because the love for the world choked every love for Me and the fellow humans and thus the gap cannot be bridged over without love.

Walk the way of the cross of love.... be loving and suffering and carry your earthly weight in humbleness and submission and be aware that you will considerably shorten the path to Me by that, that your soul will become continuously brighter and clearer the higher you mount....

Be aware that, some day in the spiritual kingdom, you will surpass those souls who did not act like you, you will be able to have an effect on those who remained behind in their spiritual development, that you then ought to, and can help them that they, too, get to the light. For I cannot arbitrarily transfer into the kingdom of light those who failed in the earthly life, who did not live according to my will, but let themselves be determined by the one who is My opponent.... Yet, they are not to be lost forever.... And this is your mission in some days to come, to snatch away the souls from the darkness, to help those attain bliss, even though they will never reach the degree of light that a proper path on earth will yield....

Amen

Translated by: Fred Badertsher

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

# The narrow and the broad path....

B.D. No. **6359** 

September 19th 1955

The path you travel on earth can be glorious, comfortable and full of joy.... but also laborious and difficult for you, and as a rule you choose the easy, even path and enjoy all the joys and pleasures this path offers to you.... You shrink back from the laborious narrow path and don't ask where the path you are taking will lead you. You are satisfied for the moment with being able to relish the luxuries promised to you by the broad path but fail to consider where it will lead to. Yet time and again narrow paths branch off from it and at these junctions there are always messengers who call you and advise you to take these paths, even though they are not even but require you to climb upwards, on account of which must exert strength in order to accomplish the ascent.... However, the messengers also promise you a glorious goal, they assure you that you will not go through the laboriousness of the path in vain, that the goal will richly reward you for all hardship and sacrifices demanded of you by the narrow path. Time and again you will have the opportunity to leave the wide road for you will repeatedly meet these messengers who caution you not to continue your path and who try to entice you onto the path leading uphill. You ought to pay attention to them, you must seriously consider that you are in danger

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 13/43

if you continue to steadfastly follow the path which can never lead upwards, because it does not require any effort of you if it is seemingly even but steadily leads downwards.

You should become suspicious yourselves if your earthly life always results in the fulfilment of your desires, for you ought to admit that you only ever desire and grant yourselves worldly pleasures.... pleasures which fade away like figments of dreams of which nothing of value remains, instead they are more likely to leave you with a stale and uneasy feeling if you take serious stock of yourselves.... The road you are taking is indeed lined with richly flowering hedges and you feel comfortable in this environment but it is nothing real, they are just deceptions and disguises which intend to cover what lies behind, and you would be horrified were you able to see through it and discover the mire these flowering hedges are intended to hide. Upwards leading paths, however, necessitate the surmounting of unevenness, it is not easy to cover such paths yet at the top a glorious goal beckons the traveller, the light he sees shining above himself permeates him incomparably pleasantly and lets him forget all hardship.... And the traveller knows that it is not a deceptive light, he knows that his true home is waiting for him and will then offer him all glories. And he will gladly and joyfully cover the arduous path, he will pay no attention to the difficulties, for he constantly receives strength from above and will therefore also safely reach his goal.... He will return into the Father's house in order to be and forever remain happy....

#### Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 14/43

# Full of thorns, arduous path of ascent

#### The thorny path to the eternal home....

B.D. No. **1106** September 22nd 1939

will protect the one who desires to stand in truth from all error.... And he who trustingly abandons ⚠ himself to Me so that I may lead him, his steps will never go astray, for I watch over him and prevent him from going astray. And now hear My voice: The path to the eternal home is like a steeply ascending footpath that leads through undergrowth and thorns.... He who bravely and powerfully overcomes all obstacles will safely reach his goal and rejoice in his ascent, for now that he has reached the end, all the difficulties of the path lie behind him, but before him lies the most magnificent view of all the land that lies beneath his feet.... And he will revel in the pleasure of being able to take in the picture that now presents itself to his eyes after his arduous ascent. And the same will happen to an earthly child at the end of its days if it has chosen Me as its guide and has travelled the thorny path of life by My hand. There are indeed many paths through earthly life, and they are often easy to walk and bordered with ornamental shrubs of all kinds, and they entice the traveller to rest and promise refreshment and rest to him who walks these paths, but he will never reach his destination.... For such paths certainly lead far from the goal, and in his restlessness and sluggishness, man does not regocnize where he is heading and moves further and further away from the right path, which, although arduous and difficult, inevitably leads to the heights. And this alone is the certainty that you have found the right path when you are weighed down by suffering, which are the thorns and undergrowth on the path to your eternal home. Whoever disregards these and courageously continues on his way will easily overcome all subsequent obstacles.... Only you must not shy away from them, you must not seek the comforts, but your mind must be simple and uneducated, then the path upwards will not seem difficult to you.... Everywhere along the way My messengers wait and support the traveller who wants to tire and is looking for a place to rest.... For such is only a danger for the one striving upwards. The path must be continued undeterred in joyfulness of heart and driven by the desire to see Me at the end of the path.... And all distractions must be avoided, all resting places inviting rest must be shunned, for they make the spirit of man sluggish and unwilling to make the arduous ascent. Yet without overcoming oneself, without renouncing all comforts, it is impossible to reach Me, and again My love draws every being upwards if only it is willing and does not resist Me.... And so I also advise you again to patiently bear your little cross, not to become weary, even if the path seems difficult to you, and to always trust your lord and saviour with a bright eye and a believing heart, Who holds everyone's fate in His hands and considers people as it is necessary for them.... And My love protects you and all My little children from missing the right path, I guard all My little sheep and carry them carefully over insurmountable, difficult paths, so that they reach the heights, the eternal home, undamaged....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## The arduous path to the top.... earthly reward

B.D. No. **4804** 

December 28th 1949

hat will be your salvation is your fate in life. A person's education into a child of God will always be a path of suffering which has to be travelled with a will turned towards Me until the end, so that I can then accept him into My kingdom, so that I can draw him to My heart in order to reward his loyalty. And thus souls of light also have to take this path if their embodiment on earth is to be successful for the sake of which they entered the embodiment. An earthly life without hardship and

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 15/43

suffering also reduces the possibilities of maturing and is only granted to those who make no effort to gather spiritual wealth, who therefore only strive for earthly aims, who devote themselves to My adversary who grants them worldly support in order to no longer lose their souls. Therefore never envy people who succeed in everything, who revel in earthly prosperity and have to endure few trials. Know that their souls achieve almost no progress from the beginning of their embodiment until the end, that they certainly live but are doomed to spiritual death, that they therefore already receive the reward on earth, as it were, for deeds which were not motivated by love but which helped their fellow human beings in their hardship. Nothing remains unrewarded for people, but woe betide them if only earthly reward is granted.... People will enter the beyond miserable after their death, and their hardship and darkness will be great there. Endure everything that is imposed on you and increase your spiritual possessions when earthly hardship oppresses you, so that you will be rewarded in the spiritual kingdom and don't need to live in want there. And know that only a thorny path will lead you to the aim, that it is the right path which leads laboriously and steeply upwards. And if the path is even, ask for a quick ascent and for strength to be able to walk every path, no matter how arduous. And don't look with envy at those who can enjoy their earthly life, for one day they will be pitied, while the just reward still beckons to you, which I Myself will grant you if you have entered My kingdom....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 16/43

## Way intersection - Decide for the right path

#### Crossroads.... inner voice.... right guides....

B.D. No. **4367** July 8th 1948

an goes his own way and for the most part does not keep to the direction that is given to him. He also has no fixed aim in mind but relies on luck that the path will lead him to where he hopes to find advantage. And this aimless wandering leads astray, for invisible forces push him away from the right path as soon as they are not resisted, and he hands it over to himself as long as he lets himself drift. His willpower is small and will also be lacking if he comes to a crossroads and has to decide which path to choose. Then he chooses the most comfortable one and does not consider that a flat path does not lead to the height which he must reach if his earthly course is not to have been in vain. But if he would pay attention to the inner voice he could certainly make the right decision, for it always announces itself when the human being's will is undecided and gives him the right direction in which he should move. This voice also presents to him the advantages of the path he cannot take, and truly not unclear or unfounded. Anyone who allows himself to be warned or instructed by it is doing the right thing, for the inner voice is an expression of the right guide Who knows all paths and wants to lead the human being to the aim by the shortest route. But anyone who disregards the voice, who ignores it or acts against it despite better knowledge, must also accept the consequences of his own actions and will. Although he will sometimes walk more easily, his path will be long and unsuccessful and lead away from the aim, for this can only be reached by an arduous path, and only overcome resistance will allow the human being to mature his soul, for earthly life remains a struggle if it is to be successful for the soul....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

# Development of the soul to the height....

B.D. No. **6007** July 21st 1954

You will only be able to constantly increase the soul's spiritual nature by using all your willpower, because God's adversary will do everything to prevent you from doing so, but your will can set barriers for him if it is directed towards God. Thus, as long as you humans strive towards God first, as long as your aim is and remains God, your will is also directed towards God, and it sets barriers and denies the adversary access. And then the soul will also always ascend, for wherever its will is directed it will also be drawn from there.... Therefore there will usually only be an ascent or descent, only rarely will a soul remain on the same level, and that is when it is completely indifferent, when it does not set itself a firm aim, when it certainly resists the adversary through its way of life but also has no real connection upwards because it does not believe.... because it still turns its gaze towards the world without, however, being completely its slave. These people are now influenced by both forces.... positive and negative forces, because both want to win them. And so even the indifferent people will one day arrive at a crossroads and not know which way to turn.... up and down the paths, and the soul will have to decide. The will will become active.... And it is good when this hour of decision comes in good time, when the human being still has so much time left that he can still cover long distances in order to be able to reach the aim before the end of his life.... It is good if the crossroads is not only reached at the end, even though a correct decision then also still means a plus for the soul but cannot earn it an excessive degree of maturity for the hour of death. The soul must constantly progress upwards, for the path to perfection is far.... But every lost hour is a shortcoming for the soul which is difficult to make up for in the kingdom of the beyond, which can nowhere be remedied more easily

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 17/43

than on earth with the right direction of will, with the right attitude towards God.... For then God will safely pull the soul upwards, then He Himself will give the soul the strength to ascend and it will also safely reach the aim.... the unification with the one Whom its will strives for.... with the creator and father of eternity, Whose **child** it can **only** become as long as it lives on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

#### Crossroads.... way up right....

B.D. No. 6115

November 21st 1954

I f you come to a crossroads and do not know which way to turn, then choose the path that leads Lupwards.... Do not fear the hardship of the path, do not shrink back if it sometimes seems impassable, but remember that you can only reach the aim by overcoming it, but that you will be compensated a thousand fold for your efforts and exertions. Never let yourselves be tempted to take a path downwards, even if it seems appealing and easy.... it leads to the depths.... But your gain is above, and the fact that the path upwards is difficult already proves that it is also the right one.... You should prove yourselves during earthly life, you should overcome, fight and steadily advance.... but never stop or go back, for I will always await you above, not in the abyss. And if you stand undecided at a crossroads, then guides will also approach you, and then pay attention to what they suggest to you.... pay attention to whether they lovingly offer you their company, their help, or whether they only try to entice you with hints of the joys and pleasures awaiting you, if you follow their advice.... Take heed of what your friends offer you as an aim.... and you will already recognize the right leaders, if I Myself am your aim.... Then accept their leadership and they will support you and help you over cliffs and rocks, over thorns and brushwood, for they are My messengers whom I send to meet you so that you will not become weak or turn back. And soon you will no longer feel the hardship like that, for a light will shine above you and you will now walk towards this light and no longer pay attention to the discomfort of the path because your eyes are only directed heavenwards. A downward path is a danger, a level path unsuccessful.... Only a path which leads upwards can lead you humans to the aim for the sake of which you cover the earthly path. For this aim can only be reached through overcoming and arduous striving. You must be active of your own free will and thereby provide the evidence that you want to escape from the lord of the abyss and enter the kingdom which belongs to Me, and that you consciously take everything upon yourselves in order to reach Me. And then you will truly also receive the strength and even overcome the seemingly insurmountable obstacles. For your will, which now openly professes itself for Me Whom it once resisted, will give you this strength....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 18/43

## The right and wrong way

#### Right Ways.... roman catholic....

B.D. No. **1374** April 7th 1940

ou should not argue about which ways are right before God, if only you have the will to reach God. The divine will provides you with the bread of heaven wherever you desire it. And whoever accepts it as the bread of heaven into his heart will also be nourished, and this spiritual nourishment will lead to eternal salvation. Establishing intimate contact with the divine saviour and redeemer is the sole emblem of Christ's church, and thus everyone will be a disciple of Christ and follower of His teaching who only regocnizes the saviour, loves Him and unites himself with Him eternally. And he can now reach this in various ways, where the light of realization shines for him.... But first he has to establish the connection with God, for this is the only purpose of his earthly life, to unite with the father-spirit of eternity. Thus, those people who earnestly seek God will also reach Him, even if they take different paths, for they always see the divine lord and saviour at the end of their path and strive towards His figure of light.... On the other hand, a certain path is not a guarantee that it will lead to the goal if it is only travelled because of a tradition but the figure of light is not consciously longed for. For this path will drag on endlessly, it will always appear to lead back to the starting point, for the right goal has not yet been regocnized.... Everyone considers the path he is travelling to be the only right one, and it can also be the right path for the individual if it is only travelled in order to finally come closer to the eternal deity. Every path becomes practicable through this desire, and every path leads to the goal. However, it must not be misjudged that great energy is often wasted on the completely unimportant fulfilment of requirements which are in no way conducive to the connection with God and which could therefore be better utilized; i.e., that too little thought is given to the actual purpose of earthly life, namely union with God, whereas completely irrelevant commandments decreed by people are followed with utmost importance and the actual task, union with God, is not always placed before all endeavours, but such a deepening into God's greatest love and grace is often even put out of question. And thus the desire for the lord alone will always be the decisive factor as to whether the earthly child is on the right track, but not the various schools of thought, none of which need exclude this desire for God. Yet if you are given clear instructions from above you would do well to accept them, for they will lead you on the most practicable path towards your eternal home and you will clearly see the saviour's figure of light before you, so that you will courageously and undauntedly take the path which corresponds to divine will and you will not run the risk of going astray, for the lord and saviour Himself will come to meet you and, guided by His hand, you will safely reach your goal....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## The right and the wrong way....

B.D. No. **1779** January 18th 1941

The path to God is difficult for many people to pass because another path seems more appealing to them, i.e. the path they want to take seems to lead them to the right destination. However, they are unaware of the goal that has been set for them as human beings. And thus they strive for something that does not even remotely come close to the task they have been set for their earthly life. Their strength, their thoughts and endeavours are directed towards solving problems which are extremely unimportant for the salvation of the human being's soul. They are eagerly in favour of a violent transformation of existing laws, they grant all rights to one person while completely denying

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 19/43

them to another, and they call this serving the nation. The last resistance to such reorganizations is to be broken by force, supposedly for the blessing of a nation. The right of free expression is taken away from those who think legally, and only those who endeavour to think in the same direction as those who are responsible for leading the masses are recognized. This direction is therefore decisive, and thus countless people are pushed onto a path that cannot be called the path to God. For this path has many stumbling blocks, it is not the path that leads over thorns and undergrowth but inevitably to the heights. It is a path that may seem to lead straight ahead, but which is always further away from the right goal, from the right knowledge of God. For anyone who wants to recognize God properly must acknowledge all His creatures.... He cannot grant one creature more right to live than another. Anyone who wants to recognize God correctly must regard everything in creation as His work and therefore not least also human beings, who are likewise His product and also have a purpose.... He must respect God's wisdom, which truly does not bring creatures into the world without a plan. It is therefore not up to people to determine the value of the individual, i.e. to present a certain class of people as valuable and the other as inferior in the eyes of the world and to make their decisions according to this attitude, which are completely contrary to God's will. The miscalculation consists of the fact that God Himself can intervene in every human destiny if He wants to; and He will also do so if people's actions take on such forms that there is great danger of completely overlooking the right path to God if the wrong path is taken by all those who deem themselves clever and wise.... and those are ridiculed who choose the narrow path to God in right realization.... Then God Himself will express Himself and His voice will also be heard by those who walk the wrong path, so that they can now decide to leave it and enter the right path which leads upwards.... to God....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## The right path.... the right guide....

B.D. No. **6752** 

February 2nd 1957

Inter all the path that leads to the heights.... It is narrow and impassable but the obstacles can be overcome if you entrust yourselves to a good guide Who knows the path, Who will lead you past all obstacles and cliffs with a sure hand and Who also chooses the shortest path to the aim. Do not let yourselves be frightened by the efforts and strains that lie ahead of you, for your guide will also give you strength for this, and you will overcome everything effortlessly and also no longer feel the path to be as steep and impassable as you initially believed. And if you look back, it will seem like child's play to you and you will also call out to your fellow human beings to choose that path which brought you to the aim. But the aim is the gate into the kingdom of light which is open for you who have walked this narrow path upwards. And thus you must regard all difficulties in your earthly life, all strokes of fate, adversity, illness and failures as obstacles which again and again obstruct your path to ascent and which you must bravely **overcome**, but **not flee** from them and stray onto side paths which seem easier to you.... For these lead far away from the right aim. Therefore, accept everything that earthly life offers you in terms of difficulties.... Ask for strength, turn to the right guide and be certain that you will overcome them, because the guide will help you and His help is always a guarantee to reach the aim. A level path does not require any effort, but you will also constantly remain on the same level.... But you shall reach the height. Your bliss is at the top, for you are still at the bottom, where the kingdom of the wretched is, from which you should ascend in order to be able to be blissful.... Hence you also have to use strength and therefore entrust yourselves to a powerful guide, and once **He** has taken over the leadership you will, as it were, be carried upwards, for your will to reach the top is already the strength which will accomplish your ascent. For this reason a laborious, arduous earthly life should always be proof to you that you are on the path to ascent.... Whereas you run the risk of having deviated if life does not demand any effort from you. You must not only think of physical exertion but rather of that strength which requires you to overcome suffering and hardship of all kinds, for you must become still in all the trials you face, and this 'becoming still', this 'bearing in submission' also requires strength which you may draw from your faith and love.... To bear suffering

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 20/43

patiently is **also** to overcome the obstacles on the path upwards by humbly taking upon yourselves what is good for the salvation of your soul, which now becomes increasingly lighter when it can cast off its dross and now the ascent also becomes increasingly easier for it. There is only one thing for you: to entrust yourselves to the divine leader Jesus Christ with complete faith that He will take over the guidance and that you will now follow Him without hesitation, no matter how and where He leads you.... And if it is over suffering and adversity, then He also knows that this path will bring you success, that it is the right and shortest path for you, and then you must be willing to take it without contradiction and you will not regret having entrusted yourselves to His guidance. Only ask for strength to be able to cope with all resistance, but don't ask for averting this.... For your guide is always at your side, and He sustains you and gives you assistance wherever obstacles stand in your way.... And every overcoming of such obstacles signifies the safe distance from the abyss, and the ascent will become ever easier for you the more firmly you trust in Jesus Christ's help that He will open the gate for you which leads into the kingdom of light....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 21/43

# The path of following Jesus - the way of love and suffering

## Following Jesus.... A life of love and self-denial....

B.D. No. **3920** 

November 1st 1946

Anyone who is not as gentle and patient as Me, who does not practise his discipleship by discarding all attributes which conform to My adversary, who does not persistently strive for virtues that are the hallmark of a divine being, will hardly reach the goal of finding unification with the eternal Father Who is pure love Himself and Who can only unite with living creations which, like Him, have become love. My life on earth should serve you as an example, for as a human being I was subject to the same temptations as you because I had to take the only path which could lead a soul into perfection....

Like you, I had to fight against all longings of the flesh as well as against all attributes of an ungodly being or My life could not have served you as an example if I had been born without all human flaws and able to bypass the test of My will. I had to experience the depths of earthly life, i.e. I had to have the opportunity to voluntarily refrain from the same physical sins and avoid all incentives for them.... I had to fight against carnal longings and thereby strengthen and prepare the soul in Me to unite with the spirit. The sinfulness in My surroundings often sorely tested My love and patience, yet I wanted to remain gentle and whole-heartedly humble without exalting Myself.... And I took pity on My fellow human beings' weakness for not resisting temptations, and My love intensified.... I wanted to help those on the ground unable to get up by themselves.... For being human Myself I knew a person's weakness, and this knowledge increased My kindness and patience.

Being human Myself I was at all times able to put Myself into the situation of a sinful person's soul even though I Myself was without sin, even though I Myself, by virtue of My will, had remained victorious over all temptations of body and soul. Yet I took the strength to do so from love, and every person practising love will also muster the strength and resolve to fight against his faults and weaknesses, and he will also be victorious, for love itself is strength.... And therefore, every actively loving person will also practise all virtues which denote a divine being: he will be gentle and patient, merciful, peaceable, humble and just.... For if he meets a fellow human being with love his thoughts are loving too, and he fights all weaknesses and faults with ease. Follow Me.... live a life of love and self-denial like Me and you will release yourselves from all sinful longings, you will not become subject to sin yourselves, you will bring yourselves into line with the nature of eternal love and already find union with it on earth, and the attainment of your goal will be certain for you. Hence, like Me, you too have to take the cross upon yourselves at all times, and you should not become impatient, for if you sincerely appeal for My help I will help you carry it, and the more willingly the soul carries the cross imposed on it by the Father's love for the sake of its full maturity, the sooner it will deliver itself from earthly longings.

Follow Me and take My life on earth as an example, and you will never become subject to sin again, you will release yourselves by virtue of your determination and love, you will become free and infinitely happy beings, equipped with all divine characteristics, you will be full of light and strength in the spiritual kingdom and live blissfully happy in eternity....

#### Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 22/43

December 7th 1958

want to show you the shortest practicable way to shorten your time of development in order to lead Lit to a successful end for you.... During your earthly life you are given the opportunity to do so, but you must also know all the advantages and disadvantages of your way of life so that you don't take this last path across earth in vain, so that you don't live aimlessly and without a plan and the days are lost to you when you can shape your own destiny for eternity. There is a very short path that leads safely to the aim: the path of love and suffering, which Jesus Christ also took, in Whom I Myself walked the path over the earth. Love and suffering certainly bring about the soul's perfection, and that is why My gospel is only ever the divine teaching of love which I preached on earth and which I will preach again and again to people who listen to Me, who want to hear My word. Your earthly task consists of the transformation of your nature into love alone; and where this transformation is not striven for intensively enough, suffering has to help so that the soul will be purified while still on earth, so that it will pass over into the kingdom of the beyond as unencumbered as possible when its earthly career is completed. Love and suffering.... of the human being Jesus' life on earth was an uninterrupted activity of love.... which was finally replaced by an abundance of bitter suffering and pain which His body and soul took upon themselves out of love for tormented fellow human beings, whose soul's suffering the human being Jesus knew about as a result of the high degree of love He had achieved. And only this high degree of love made it possible that I Myself could embody Myself in this man Jesus, that I, as the eternal love, could fill Him completely and thus carry out in Him the act of salvation for humanity for the purpose of which I lived on earth. Love and suffering were intended to bring salvation to people in their great spiritual adversity, which consisted of the fact that they were bound by My adversary and had no strength to defeat him. Jesus exemplified love to people and proved to them in Himself that love is 'strength', that He was able to accomplish everything with this strength of love and that He was therefore also able to defeat the adversary by virtue of His love.... But love also motivated Him to take upon Himself the guilt of the people who had caused this bondage by the adversary in the first place, that is, to pay the adversary the purchase price for the release of the souls which wanted to be free from Him. And He paid this debt with immeasurable suffering and the most bitter death on the cross. He offered Himself as a sacrifice, He gave His body for the life of the fallen and therefore bound souls and bought them, so to speak, free from their lord, to whom they had become slaves through their own guilt. As the human being Jesus Himself I paid the guilt for all My living creations and also showed all of them the path they had to take in order to leave My adversary's realm and enter My realm.... They had to live a life of love, because without love the adversary retains control over the human being, because love is the first bond with Me and without Me it is impossible to detach oneself from the adversary. Therefore the human being must follow My commandments of love.... and, if he has to bear suffering and adversity.... patiently accept it always in remembrance of Jesus Christ, the divine redeemer.... Then he takes the path I show him, then he has already mentally united himself with Me, and through loving activity he now strengthens his union with Me, he takes the path of following Jesus Christ, he changes his nature into love and purifies his soul through suffering, and thus he must now also irrevocably reach the aim, the union with Me, for "he who abides in love abides in Me and I in him...." Love alone unites us closely, love alone is the path to Me, which is only shortened by suffering and thus can now certainly already reach perfection in earthly life, which is the purpose and aim of man's earthly progress....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## "Take up your cross...."

B.D. No. **8139** 

March 30th 1962

am the father of all of you, and everything that happens or is allowed to happen is evidence of My greater than great love for His children, and it serves you towards perfection. But you can always ask Me to help you carry your cross if it seems too heavy for you.... Then call upon Me in **Jesus**, and

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en

then you will also take the path to the cross through your acknowledgement of the divine act of salvation which the man Jesus accomplished on earth for you.... in order to redeem your past great guilt of sin.... He is the bearer of the cross, and if you therefore call upon Me in Him, then I will gladly take the burden of the cross from you and carry it for you.... or also, I will give you strength to carry the cross yourselves, and it will not weigh so heavily upon you, the burden will become lighter, and you will walk the path of following Jesus, Who said: "Take up your cross and follow Me...." So Jesus has already announced to you that you humans will have to carry a cross if you want to follow Him.... Yet Jesus is and remains your father from eternity, for I Myself was in Him, I Myself became a visible God for you in Him, but I am also so united with you through My human existence on earth that I understand all your hardships and that I am therefore also willing to take your cross upon My shoulders and carry it for you if it seems too heavy for you. Yet you will also constantly receive new strength, and this strength from Me is grace which I acquired for you on the cross through My death.... You therefore always draw on this strength when you pray to Me in Jesus, when you take notice of Me and My act of salvation, when you put yourselves into My suffering and death, when you believe in Me Who lived on earth in the human being Jesus and redeemed the guilt of sin for you through My death on the cross.... The influx of grace is guaranteed to you if you acknowledge Me. And this grace expresses itself in increased will, in the strength to lead your life on earth according to My will.... And even if the body is weak and wretched the soul is nevertheless touched by that strength, and this assurance shall also let you endure physical suffering and infirmity, for the body does not last but the soul is everlasting, and it gains the life which lasts forever....

#### Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 24/43

## The path to the cross

#### Way to the cross over Golgotha....

B.D. No. **6512** March 29th 1956

he way to the cross must be walked irrevocably, for it alone leads you to the gate of everlasting life.... The way to the cross is the way of love and suffering.... it is the way to Jesus Christ, it is the way to Golgotha.... Jesus Christ Himself walked it for you, yet you must follow Him and take upon yourselves everything that is given to you.... But if you seriously want to take the path to the cross, to Him, the divine Redeemer, then He will surely walk by your side, for He takes everyone who wants to come to Him by the hand and helps him if he weakens. You must take the path via Golgotha if you want to reach the gate of everlasting life. You must visualise all the sufferings and pains of the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ and tell yourselves that He bore them for you.... You must, as it were, accompany Him in thought on this path and stay with Him until the hour of His death.... His suffering must be your suffering, so that it strikes your heart and causes the love in you to flare up into bright embers.... You must want to suffer with Him in the knowledge that it is your sins for which He suffered and died on the cross.... And thus you will also participate in His act of Salvation and become living confessors of His name. No one can attain everlasting life who does not tackle with this greatest spiritual experience, with a deed that is unparalleled.... No-one can be redeemed who has not yet mentally experienced the act of Salvation himself, who has not once taken the path to the cross in order to now quietly join Jesus on the way to the cross and stay with Him until His death.... Time and again you humans must call to mind this process, and your love for Him, Who suffered and died for you on the cross, will become ever deeper.... Walking this way to the cross to Him and with Him is indispensable, for only then will you enter into the great mystery of God's incarnation and His act of Salvation; only then will you realise what the man Jesus has done for you, and only then will you become true followers of Jesus, because you are urged by love for Him, because you no longer want to leave His side, because then you will also be willing to bear the greatest suffering in order to participate in His act of Salvation.... The events of Jesus' crucifixion must not just remain words for you, you must make them come alive in you, you must immerse in the immense suffering He bore and therefore often take the path to the cross in your thoughts.... And the cross will become a shining one for you which points to the gate of everlasting life. Only then will you be able to represent His name vividly, only then will you be able to speak of 'redemption' yourselves, only then will your soul be touched by the divine Redeemer's greater than great love, but then it will never ever let go of Him, (29.3.1956) and then it will be able to enter the kingdom of light at His side after its earthly demise, because its path led via Golgotha. And it will be granted indescribable bliss, for it has now awakened to true life, it has conquered death thanks to Him Who died for it.... Jesus Christ's act of Salvation is of such a great significance that His death on the cross must be remembered time and again and with all fervour, that the human being should time and again visualise His life and death in order to penetrate into the mystery of His act of love, for the more he becomes aware of Jesus' act of love..., the more his love for Him flares up, and love now pushes him to the cross of its own accord, love also takes upon itself the suffering of a walk to the cross, love is prepared for anything in order to utilise Jesus Christ's sacrifice and, as it were, to take part in it itself, for love sacrifices itself....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 25/43

November 28th 1956

he shackles of captivity can still constrain you for an eternity but you can also discard them very quickly, for you truly have all means at your disposal through the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ Who died for you on the cross. Consider that you will still have to languish for an infinitely long time if you don't make use of the blessings of his act of Salvation, if you don't take refuge in Him Who alone can remove your shackles.... And consider that you are being informed in earthly life of which path you need to follow in order to attain your complete freedom. As long as you live without the knowledge of Jesus Christ and His act of Salvation you cannot call upon Him for help. But this knowledge will be conveyed to all people, although in different ways, and the few who do not receive it, because their souls' maturity has not yet reached the degree which can lead to perfection on earth, will still attain the knowledge of Him in the kingdom of the beyond and can also be released from their shackles if they are of good will. However, the knowledge of Jesus Christ will not remain hidden from people on earth, and where it cannot be given to them from the outside it will be conveyed to them through My spirit, which guides people into truth as I have promised.... In order to become aware of the great significance of your transformation on this earth you must know that there is a way in order to completely liberate yourselves and to be able to enter the kingdom of light as a blissful being.... that you are all **informed** of this path but that you must also take it. You must all take the path to the cross, you must all hand yourselves over to Jesus Christ in order to be able to enter through the gates into beatitude. But no-one will be able to attain bliss without Jesus Christ; instead, he will have to remain shackled until he decides to take this path to Him, the path to the cross. However, you humans don't have much time left.... consider that you will still be able to attain freedom in this short time until the end, but that you will also forfeit it again for an infinitely long time if you exclude Jesus Christ, if you.... although you are informed of Him and know about His act of Salvation, you reject Him or remain indifferent towards Him and don't turn to Him for help on the path towards perfection.... You don't realise what gift of grace is available to you, through which you can find deliverance from an eternally lasting confinement, but time and again you are informed of it without meeting your credence. Only through Jesus Christ can you be redeemed from your guilt of sin, from My adversary's control, you don't have to stay under His rule for long anymore, you can release yourselves from him and discard all shackles, for there is One who will help you if only you turn to Him and appeal for His help. And for this you only have a short time at your disposal. If you neglect doing so, you will remain in his control for an infinitely long time to come before you are offered the opportunity again to call upon Him for mercy. Don't extend your time in captivity yourselves, gladly accept the good news of your salvation through Jesus Christ and appeal to Him so that He might help you achieve deliverance too, so that He might have shed His blood for you as well.... Do not bypass Him, you who know Him. Believe that only He can save you from sin and death and take the last steps of your process of development on this earth by taking the path to the cross of Golgotha.... And in blissful freedom you will be able to lift yourselves into the kingdom of light, where no night will ever exist....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

# The shortest way is the way across the cross....

B.D. No. **7300** March 6th 1959

want to show you the shortest path that leads to Me, back into the father's house. It is the path across the cross, the path to Jesus Christ, Who became a shell for Me as the human being Jesus so that I could accomplish the work of redemption for you, the work of atonement for your once great guilt of turning away from Me. This work of mercy was accomplished by My love for you, My creations which had become sinful, which had thereby plunged themselves into greatest wretchedness and were to be released from it. My love wanted to take over the guilt for you and make atonement for you, for love was the only thing which could redeem this great guilt, and you yourselves had

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 26/43

renounced all love, you had rejected every illumination of love on My part, you were completely devoid of all love, and since this great original guilt could only be atoned for with love, My love had to redeem the guilt for you if I wanted you to ever become free again and be able to return to Me.... You have now also become free from this through My act of salvation, yet always with the restriction that you yourselves want to return to Me in freedom again.... that you yourselves want to be illuminated and permeated by My love again, which is strength and light and freedom. Hence you first have to muster this will if you want to be accepted into the circle of those for whom I died the most bitter death on the cross. Only your will is necessary so that you will then also receive the necessary strength to be able to travel the path to Me, for to travel this path means to be willing to enter the realm of My sun of love again, so that you will change your hitherto unloving nature into love.... Hence there is only one path which leads back to Me again.... the path of love, but you will only be able to take it when this path leads to the cross, otherwise you will be too weak to perform works of love despite your good will as long as My adversary still has you under his control, as long as the divine redeemer Jesus Christ has not yet entered your life, Whom you will only find on the cross of Golgotha if you set out on the path to Him. For He alone can and will strengthen your still weak will by showering you with His graces acquired on the cross and thus you will, as it were, receive back the strength of will you once possessed and lost due to your fall into the abyss. If I therefore want to show you the shortest path, it means that you absolutely have to make contact with Jesus Christ, that you approach Him for the strengthening of your will, for the forgiveness of your guilt and for redemption from your still bound state.... And all this is also synonymous with a life of love, with everlasting activity of love which completely transforms your nature and thus brings it into line with Mine again, Who is eternal love.... Every person who endeavours to live in love will also look up to Jesus Christ on the cross, he will feel guilty and ask to be released from his guilt, in weakness of his soul he will take the path to Jesus Christ and avail himself of His graces acquired on the cross.... He will lean on Him because he feels too weak himself, and he will not need to go any further than the cross because there he will find everything he needs in order to be taken back into his father's house.... He will be certain of the forgiveness of his guilt of sin because he has also changed his nature, as well as the path to the cross is a matter of heart for him and therefore he also deeply regrets his guilt. But this change of nature does not take place without the will to love, for it is precisely love which the being lacks and which it has to ignite in itself again in order to assimilate itself to My original nature. But the human being will also be able to do so if only he is of good will to fulfil his earthly task for the purpose of which his earthly existence was given to him. The will is everything, and it is certainly strengthened by Jesus Christ.... But for this reason the divine redeemer cannot be excluded, and therefore the path to the cross is the human being's one great task, the fulfilment of which, however, secures him strength and freedom, light and beatitude, as it is promised to you....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 27/43

## Strength to rise to a high amount

#### Power of light from above.... Deceptive light of Satan....

B.D. No. **5458** August 10th 1952

n exceedingly bright light shines where divine truth is conveyed to earth. And where there is **\**light, the path can also be clearly recognised and man cannot go astray. Thus truth is the signpost to Me.... But truth is not readily accepted and therefore people often go astray where they could easily find the right path.... But this is a sign that the end is near, for in the end the darkness will be so great that no-one will find the path to Me anymore, for Satan rages as he has never raged before. He knows that his time is up and therefore does everything to extinguish the light, to darken the path, because in the darkness he still has the power, whereas the light lets Me be clearly recognised and people longingly stretch out their hands towards Me, who walk the illuminated path.... My adversary therefore loses them for good.... And thus you humans also know that and why the pure truth, which originated from Me Myself, is being opposed everywhere.... You will now understand that the acceptance of truth is a rarity, whereas the majority of people reject what alone could lead to their salvation.... A bearer of light cannot indeed be attacked because I Myself protect him, yet he will be pressurised from all sides to let the light fall, people will want to make the gentle glow of the heavenly light fade through dazzling and deceptive lights, they will often want to veil it because they fear the glow if it illuminates the night in which people feel comfortable because they shy away from the light in their sinfulness.... Satan will send companions to the light bearers who will seemingly place themselves in the light, but who will try to block it out so that it loses its effect. Yet the light from above has great power.... It will always illuminate the path that leads upwards. It will chase away the many shadows and dark figures so that they cannot oppress those who walk on this path with their eyes turned towards Me. For even if Satan has great power in the end, he will succumb to My light of love from above, and that is why all those who are in his service flee from it, they seek out deceptive lights which only blind their eyes and thus make them feel the darkness even more strongly than before. My Word is truth, My Word is the light which shines so brightly that all untruth is uncovered; and therefore no-one need fear the darkness who receives My pure Word from above into his heart.... Satan has lost his power over him, for I have already taken possession of him and will never again abandon him or let him fall into his hands....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

## Conveying the truth.... Exchange of light and power....

B.D. No. **6520** April 11th 1956

The paths you take should all lead to the same goal, and that is why they must come together at some point, even if they had completely different starting points. The shorter the path, the sooner the goal will be reached. But if you humans choose detours, it can also take a very long time until you reach the goal. Nevertheless, your will is decisive to strive for the right goal in the first place. And I can only ever tell you that the shortest path to the goal is the path of love for Me and for your neighbour.... for this path is brightly illuminated and therefore also recognisable as the right path. For My messengers walk before you, bearers of light, and in its bright beam you truly walk safely and cannot go astray. Now I send these messengers of light towards all those who do not feel comfortable on dark paths, who are afraid to take the wrong path and who, in this worry, turn to the Light from eternity so that It may send them a ray.... who thus desire light.... And these I lead on the shortest path to the goal. For the time being I make sparks of light fall into their hearts which will light up and

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 28/43

express themselves through activity in unselfish neighbourly love, which now simultaneously proves love for Me, because the one of them must undeniably lead to the other.... But what is meant by the light that illuminates your path?.... The path of light is the path of truth.... If I am to illuminate you humans the path to the goal, to Me, then I have to convey the truth to you, I have to send messengers towards you who will instruct you in the truth. And I have to commission messengers of light and love, both on earth and in the kingdom of the beyond, who receive the truth from Me and distribute it again.... a process of incessant exchange of power and light in the spiritual and earthly kingdom.... a process which always and constantly takes place on an enormous scale and directs My light of love everywhere where it is not opposed. Countless beings of light are at My disposal, and many beings of light are also embodied on earth to make this exchange of light and strength possible, so that the light can shine into the profound darkness which is spread across the earth... so that the truth, which alone is the path to eternal life, will be brought to the people who walk along in dark error and wrong thinking. It is My spirit which continuously effuses itself into infinity, which radiates through perfect beings and impels them into activity.... which pours into open hearts, which emanates from Me in a constant cycle in order to return to Me again in the beings which have achieved perfection.... It is the flow of love which fills the perfect spiritual beings with bliss, which urges them to pass it on again because love never remains inactive.... which is therefore directed to where this flow of love is desired and is caught, and thus remains in constant working and accomplishment.... It is the light of realisation which is kindled wherever light is desired, wherever a being calls upon Me Myself for truth.... And where this flow of love is received the path leading to Me must also be clearly recognisable and it must be possible to reach the goal in the shortest possible time, whereas badly lit or dark paths easily make it possible to go astray and deviate from the right path, and the human being only reaches the goal after detours if he nevertheless seriously strives for it.... Truth alone secures you humans access to Me, and to convey this truth to you is My everlasting concern, because I want you to walk the path on earth with ease and without qualms, to the eternal home, which you now recognise in the light of truth as the only right path to Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

#### Power of God indispensable for ascension....

B.D. No. **6840** May 27th 1957

o soul is able to rise from the depths on its own, for it is completely powerless and can only do IN so with God's help. God has granted it the first help by allowing it to walk the path through creation.... by dissolving it into innumerable little particles, to each of which He assigned a purpose. And thus the fallen being in the state of compulsion thus walks the path upwards.... But once it has overcome this period of development, once the soul is to continue its ascent as a self-aware being in the stage of a human being, then it will need the supply of strength again, for its own strength is still too small to master the last short but ascending path. But now the being is no longer determined by God's will but it is left to itself to request strength, to receive it and to evaluate it correctly. Admittedly, every human being on earth has enough vitality at his disposal, and if it is now used in accordance with God's will then it will inevitably also provide the soul with the strength to cover this ascent, and it will then certainly also reach the aim. However, the right use of vitality is synonymous with love activity.... You humans don't know how much strength you can acquire if you use your vitality in accordance with God's will to carry out works of unselfish neighbourly love.... Then your lack of strength, which was caused by the former fall into sin, will disappear. But you will be able to understand it when you are told what this fall into sin consisted of: you rejected God's strength of love and thereby became weak, thus completely powerless.... As soon as you work in love again you let yourselves be illuminated by God's strength of love again, and thus you also regain the abilities you originally possessed. Yet the will alone to be united with the deity, to Whom you owe your existence, results in strength flowing to you from God, because this will makes God's illumination of love possible. However, you will not be able to achieve anything without the influx of strength from God....

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 29/43

For then you will still be in the same resistance as when you once fell away from Him, you will reject what alone signifies strength for you. You are still in the sphere of death which you entered with the devotion of strength and light.... And if the life energy, which is at every person's disposal on earth, is used wrongly, that is, that it is only used for the benefit of the body and the soul cannot derive any benefit from it, then it will also remain in the same state it was in at the beginning of its embodiment as a human being. It has not taken a step forward and is in greatest danger of losing even the degree of maturity it reached in the state of compulsion. For the soul cannot rise without strength, it is held fast by God's adversary and offers no resistance itself because it is too weak to do so. This weakness is therefore the result of the original sin, and if the human being wants to become master of it, then he must repeatedly request strength.... he must call upon the one Who died on the cross for acquiring strength for weak people.... He has to entrust himself to Jesus Christ in his weakness and ask Him to help him gain strength, which will certainly be given to him out of grace and mercy, so that the human being can now successfully cover the path upwards. Then God's adversary will no longer have control over him, then he will have to release him, and then the soul will also seek and find unity with God again and will no longer want to detach it eternally....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 30/43

# Messengers as guide to a high amount

## Right light in the dark of night.... right way....

B.D. No. **5728** July 20th 1953

The path upwards would be easy to find if you humans would only pay attention to everything that is meant to serve you as a signpost. If only you would see all the signs which are given for you, which clearly point upwards and which you only need to follow in order to go right. Anyone who walks with an open heart and with seeing eyes cannot go astray, for I will not leave any path unlit which seeking people take, they will always be able to find what they are looking for. But how many people walk thoughtlessly with their heads down and therefore don't notice that they don't reach an aim and also don't notice that they are going downhill.... they don't care about the aim they are striving towards, or they don't set an aim but let themselves be driven by their fellow human beings who walk along with the same mind, who also don't let themselves be frightened by the darkness of the path. And where the path is dark, there are also no branches to be seen that lead up to light heights.... Only those who are oppressed by darkness look for a way out, and they will find it, because again and again little sparks of light will flash out from the final destination into the darkness to entice the wanderers to strive towards the light. But the sparks of light are the messengers which I send to earth from the kingdom of light, which suddenly light up in the darkness and are to cause people to follow them. The messengers of the kingdom of light will never radiate such a bright light that people will be dazzled by it, instead, their radiance will be very mild and therefore only noticed by those who desire light. Yet they will also let a strong ray fall to earth when everything is shrouded in darkness and no human being knows which way to turn. And these are times of spiritual hardship where strong spirits of light descend from above to bring help when almost no light is left on earth, when there is no more truth amongst people and therefore the truth is to be brought to them, often in an unusual way. Then saviours descend to earth and bring them the light, the pure truth, which they have long since lost and therefore have fallen into severe darkness. And no matter how dark the night is, the darkness on earth will never be impenetrable because the inhabitants of the kingdom of light take care of people who can no longer find their way up because they do not pay attention to the signs which are supposed to show them the way. Then it happens that suddenly a being of light stands on the path, unrecognized by the wanderers, and shows them the direction they must take to reach the aim. They come to earth as signposts, because no one knows any more which path to take and where the paths lead. But even these signposts only pay attention to a few because people don't believe that they are knowledgeable and that they will be advised correctly. Yet My love never ceases, and those who work for Me never tire of instructing the ignorant. And thus again and again little lights are kindled which break through the darkness of night and again and again allow the path to be recognized which leads upwards. And anyone who follows such a shining light, even if it is still faint, will soon be enveloped by bright light and then continue on his path unperturbed, for now he knows that he is going the right way, that I am the aim of the path and that he will safely reach the aim because I will reach out to him with My helping hand and support and strengthen him on the path upwards....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

# Spiritual guides on earth.... Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. 6284

June 14th 1955

People need guides on earth, for they lack the power of realization to find and travel the right path on their own, they are still blind in spirit, their eyes don't recognize the path upwards and

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 31/43

therefore they would often go wrong despite their will to reach the right aim. For the depth exerts a greater attraction which they would also fall prey to without help. I therefore provide them with guides whom they can entrust themselves to but are not forced to follow them.... These guides know exactly the right path because they come from above and want to lead everything to where it is light, where they themselves come from. They themselves are full of light but do not know in earthly life that they originate from the kingdom of light, for everything that is human on earth is also subject to the same law.... They lack all recollection so that they remain completely free in their decision of will.... so also these leaders assigned to people by Me, who only differ from their fellow human beings insofar as their whole striving applies to the attainment of a degree of maturity on earth, whereas their fellow human beings have turned their striving towards the world and now first have to be directed towards a different aim.... What seems to be in the nature of the former must first be slowly instilled in the others. And it is difficult both for the leader to persuade his fellow human being to do something that is less desirable to him and for this human being himself to turn away from what is desirable to him and to strive for goods that are completely unknown to him.... Yet precisely this is the actual test of earthly life which the human being has to pass, and that it can be passed need not be doubted because I only demand that from you which can be fulfilled.... But now, at My adversary's instigation, guides will offer themselves to the ignorant everywhere, i.e. at all crossroads, because it is his aim to conceal the right path from people such that they will pass it by and strive to where guides who 'know the way' offer themselves to them.... but who are completely unsuitable to guide them upwards because they don't know the path themselves. This is why you humans must be on your guard and first check every person who wants to lead you whether he is striving towards the right aim himself.... You can certainly do this, for a true leader must lead you past the cross of Golgotha.... he must first lead you to the cross so that you may surrender yourselves to the one who died for you on the cross.... You must learn from your leader's mouth about the significance of the act of salvation, through him you must learn to recognize the divine redeemer's overwhelming love and mercy, and now you must also recognize who He was Who died a criminal's death for you and why He did it.... A right guide will be able to provide you with this knowledge and you may also follow him without worry.... But a guide who does not know the way will lead you past Golgotha, he may mention the work of the man Jesus in passing in order to awaken your faith in his entitlement to lead you.... but you will not receive proper enlightenment about the significance of the act of salvation, you will indeed often hear the name 'Jesus Christ' from his mouth, yet not differently, as if He had only been a historical person, Whose life and teaching certainly had an ethical value.... The deeper connections, however, are foreign to those leaders.... And from this you can test which is the right path and which leader you may trustfully follow.... For the way to the aim leads past Golgotha, and there is **no other** way upwards. But the divine redeemer Himself sends the right guides to meet you, and those who are not sent by Him are also not right guides.... And thus you will also be able to judge which is the right teaching: only the one which puts Christ's act of salvation first.... Only the one who, as redeemed by Jesus' blood, is now permeated by His spirit and who is therefore entitled and qualified to lead his fellow human beings, because he knows that people first have to hand themselves over to the love and mercy of Jesus Christ before they can continue their path which leads upwards towards Me Myself, Who died on the cross as the human being Jesus in order to redeem you humans....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

#### Mere conformists will be unsuccessful....

B.D. No. **6547** May 15th 1956

You will be unable to demonstrate any noteworthy success at the end of your earthly life if you have travelled the broad road, if you have joined other travellers without first having asked where the path of the masses is leading to.... For then you will be mere conformists who believe that they can shift their responsibility onto other people, onto those who lead the crowds. Each individual person will come upon crossroads during his life on earth, and each time some of his companions will

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 32/43

turn off, and then the human being will have to decide for himself which direction he wants to take.... For as long as he merely remains a conformist for the rest of his life he will have gained nothing for the salvation of his soul. This is why church organisations can never guarantee that their members will reach beatitude, for this has to be pursued and attained by every person himself, and although he can indeed be appropriately instructed every person nevertheless has to do the work of improving his soul himself.... that is, everyone will then have to take his own path of ascent.

It is a big mistake for a person to think that he can pass the responsibility for his soul on to alleged leaders, to only ever comply with the requests of these leaders and to believe that this is 'conscious psychological work'.... And it is an even bigger mistake to believe that people should not scrutinise these leaders' requests, that they should unconditionally accept or believe everything that those in authority portray as truth.... And even if it is the truth, every human being should form his own opinion of it, for only then will he be able to recognise when error creeps in and guard against it. But anyone who entirely relies on what definitely must be scrutinised should not assume that his omission will be excused, he should not assume that he can transfer his blame onto those who have guided him wrongly, for everyone can see the paths branching off and can take these just as easily as the trodden one, but he always needs to ask himself where the different paths will lead to and then make a conscious choice.

However, anyone who keeps his eyes to the ground and thoughtlessly follows the crowds can miss the crossroads, and then it will be his fault as well, for he is supposed to be watchful himself, he is not meant to walk blindly since he was given the gift of sight.... And he is supposed to think, because this is why he was given intellect, which he should use for attaining his salvation. And you also should know that the path of the masses will never be the right path.... For the masses are led by God's adversary and the truth will never be found there. If only you humans would bear in mind that the adversary dominates on earth and that far more people belong to him than to God.... If only people's wickedness, heartlessness and spiritual low level would make you realise much power he has over the human race.... Then, if you were seriously striving to reach your salvation, you would not move with the crowds, you would separate yourselves and find a path which leads in a different direction.... You would pay attention to the messengers who lead the way with a light in order to illuminate the path.... you would not be satisfied; you would think for yourselves and become ever more enlightened.

Shake off your indifference where it concerns your souls' salvation.... Don't let others take care of you for your soul is your own responsibility, of which no one can relieve you. Try to contact God Himself, choose Him as your Leader, liberate yourselves from those who want to be His representatives on earth, for His true representatives will only ever advise you to establish your own connection with God, but false representatives want to relieve you of your responsibility and just demand blind obedience from you and the fulfilment of their own commandments.... If you want to attain bliss then you will have to take the paths which lead to beatitude yourselves; you have to appeal to God to show you the right paths and to give you the strength to take them, even if they lead uphill.... And God will also send the right guides to meet you, He will draw you to Himself, and you will safely reach the right goal....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## The messengers along the path of ascent....

B.D. No. 8316

November 1st 1962

would always place My will into your heart if only you appealed to Me for guidance as to what you should do. Then I will know that you endeavour to fulfil My will at all times and truly, you will not make any wrong decisions. I take care of every single person because everyone needs strength for his path of ascent, yet anyone willing to take this path of ascent must also pay attention to advice as well as the messengers standing by the wayside, for time and again roads branch off from the right path which lead towards the abyss, which must be cautioned against. And precisely these wrong paths

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 33/43

are so very enticing at first, they are visually so vivid, so attractive, that the human being will easily be inclined to take them in the hope of ever greater delights.... Yet they lead into the darkest undergrowth from which the traveller can no longer free himself and has to appeal for help. This is why I say to you, pay attention to the messengers by the wayside, who know the right path and whom I Myself send to meet the pilgrims, so that they won't walk without a guide and go astray. And don't grumble if the path leads uphill or becomes harder to surmount.... The strength for this will always flow to you, and your will, too, can increase in strength at any time if only you sincerely appeal to Me for more strength.... for this request will truly be granted to you, because I yearn for your return and on My part will do everything to draw you to My heart before long, which has longed for you ever since your apostasy from Me....

Your earthly process is full of all kinds of temptations.... For My adversary wants to keep you for himself, and he will only ever show you the commodities of this world, you will see a broad, acceptable, exceptionally pleasant road ahead of you promising you the most beautiful goal, which you would take without hesitation if you were not constantly warned by My messengers who are instructed by Me to guide you such that you will find the right path and leave the broad road.... Time and again these messengers call out that you are taking the wrong direction, that you should turn around and take the right path if you want to reach the goal.... if you, at the end of your pilgrimage on this earth, want to reach your Father's house which truly will provide you with all glories, which will compensate you abundantly for the joys you forgo if you choose the narrow path that leads to this magnificent goal. So listen to these messengers, believe that they are sent to meet you by Me, your Father of eternity, because I love you and want to enable your final return to Me.... Don't be alarmed by apparent obstacles for they are easily overcome if only you hand yourselves over to your guides who will safely lead you past cliffs and ravines, and then the path will appear to get gradually easier the closer you are to the goal.

For I want to guide you Myself, and with Me you truly will overcome all difficulties, with Me even the steepest path will be easy for you, for you will receive an uninterrupted flow of strength from Me as soon as you entrust yourselves to Me, and you will approach lucid heights and no longer desire to descend.... But you will never be able to reach this goal using the broad road which you travel at the start and which certainly promises you much but irrevocably leads into the abyss, from which you are supposed to work your way up to the pinnacle after all. And even if you cannot decide for a long time to leave this broad road, time and again you will recognise byways and again and again My messengers will call out to you to take these paths in order to reach the goal on account of which you live on earth....

For I do not stop pursuing you, and I always approach you Myself in these messengers and speak to you through them because I don't want you to go astray and for the sake of trivial joys forfeit your eternal life which, however, can only be attained if you turn away from the broad road that My adversary has furnished with the most beautiful images and equipped with deceptive lights. Nevertheless, they do not shed any light because he wants to lead you towards the abyss again, from where My love had helped you rise until your existence as a human being, but now you must cover your final path yourselves in free will, for which I indeed offer you My help again which you only need to accept....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 34/43

# God's help and guidance to the rise

#### God's help to rise.... God's word....

B.D. No. 5011

December 1st 1950

ake hold of the hand which lovingly reaches out to you and let yourselves be drawn up from the **A** abyss to Me. Even if you believe that you don't need help, accept My assistance, for you can rely on the strength to persevere when the ascent becomes more difficult, and then you will only be dependent on My help. Your earthly path is becoming increasingly more difficult for each individual, and without the supply of strength from above almost no further ascent is possible. But I want to give you this strength and therefore lovingly stretch out My hands to you which you should use to support yourselves if you lack strength. And if you are in darkness I will bring you light so that you will recognize the path you should take for your salvation. I approach you with My word and make Myself known to you by offering it to you in hours of weakness, in hours of spiritual hardship. Then you need My help, and I also obviously provide it. I am always close to you, but especially when you are in need, because I cannot reveal Myself to you in any other way than through help which proves My presence.... through My word, which you may always believe. Without My word you are in distress of soul, you are in the depth from which I would like to lift you up to Me. If you now hear My word you are no longer far from Me, you allow Me to be close to you, for I am My word Myself... thus you desire Me if you desire My word, and since I will not deny Myself to any human being I will therefore stretch out My hands to him as soon as I meet him in the word. How and in what form you receive it is the same if you only desire it and let Me speak to you. Then you will allow My presence, you will name Me as your guide, you will accept My hand and thus also My help, and you will no longer be able to get lost, for with Me and with Me there is no downfall but only an ascent until you finally reach the aim. You are people without Me in great adversity, therefore don't avert your eyes from Me when I meet you, listen to My call which applies to you, let Me guide you upwards, for you are too weak on your own and will never reach the aim....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## Right path with Jesus Christ as leader....

B.D. No. **5667** May 4th 1953

The ways to Me need not always be the same, but I must always be the aim for people to reach, and all ways must lead upward. He who walks on a level path cannot reach the aim, and the paths downward infallibly lead to ruin; but whoever strives upward, whoever wants to find Me, I Myself draw him there.... But when is your way directed upward? When you choose Jesus Christ as your leader, Who is the way Himself. So every person who acknowledges Jesus Christ, who believes in Him as the son of God and redeemer of the world, has taken the right path; he is now led on by Him who said, "I am the way, the truth and the life...." And to be under the guidance of Jesus Christ therefore also means to be introduced to the truth and through the truth to attain life, which lasts forever. Truth is the light that brightly illuminates the path, so that straying from this path is not possible, while darkness of spirit, i.e. error and lies, darken the right path and the danger is great to get on another path that leads astray. Since Jesus Christ Himself is the truth, whoever wants to walk the path with Jesus must also accept the truth, he must receive the word of God, which Jesus Christ preached on earth, in all purity, he must let it take effect on him and thus now also do the will of God.... for this is the right path, that man fulfills His commandments in order to be able to enter eternal life. When Jesus Himself says on earth: I am the truth.... then it is absolutely necessary to

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 35/43

accept as truth everything that He has spoken and taught.... And every deviation from this original teaching is error, is untruth and is therefore not God's word.... It can therefore also not be the way that leads to me, because this way can only be walked through truth. Understand it, the aim is Me.... The way to Me is Jesus Christ.... The man Jesus was the representative of truth on earth, in Him I was Myself, and I can therefore allow nothing but truth to apply, and I will again and again convey this truth to those who walk along in error, I will always proclaim this truth through Jesus Christ.... by His word spoken on earth, the gospel, being brought to people again and again, who will then have the right understanding for it, as well as (they = ed.) confess Jesus Christ in their hearts and before the world.... As soon as they therefore recognize Him as My messenger, as mediator, Who wants to bring them to Me Himself. And His word is life, because His word teaches love, which is the true life, which awakens the spirit and guides the person into all truth.... Believing in Jesus Christ means fulfilling His commandments, and then a person takes the right path that leads to eternal life.... For he then treads the path of love, which must be walked in order to reach the light and the truth. And so you have the mark of the right path.... a life in unselfish love activity.... So every way leads to the aim that lets love be recognized, and every way that is walked without love is even or it leads downward. Because love is the signpost, love is the giver of strength to master difficult to pass ways to the height, love is the sign of the connection with Jesus, Whose life on earth was only an activity in love and therefore also the sign of the union with me, Who became visible to men in Jesus Christ, Who therefore leads you Himself, if you choose Jesus Christ as your guide. Love itself meets you and wants to show you the way which leads to the union with me.... The eternal love itself teaches you love because only then you can receive and recognize the pure truth when through love the spirit in you is awakened.... because only then I become alive in you, because only then I can be present in you when love has formed you to the receptacle of My spirit, which now introduces you to truth, and My spirit truly teaches you right, and he will live in eternity who walks this way of love because he walks in the following of Jesus....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## **Companion Jesus Christ....**

B.D. No. **6755** 

February 5th 1957

ou must walk all paths together with your lord and saviour Jesus Christ.... Never exclude Him from your thoughts and only ever remember His infinite love, which He demonstrated for you with His death on the cross.... Then you will certainly walk the path upwards, even if it seems arduous to you. For then He will walk beside you and His presence will prevent every misstep and every deviation from the right path. And then you will also always follow His instructions, for you will hear what He tells you or have a feeling for what He asks of you. As soon as you intimately join **Him**, Who has redeemed you from sin and death, as soon as your gaze is constantly directed towards Him, Who has concluded His divine life of love on earth with bitterest suffering and death on the cross, you yourselves belong to those for whom He shed His blood, and this secures you the forgiveness of your sins, the release from all guilt and the entrance into eternal life. You humans on earth are not yet aware of what this act of salvation means, but you participate in what He acquired for you if only you acknowledge Him and completely hand yourselves over to Him, if you believe in Him and thus also keep His commandments.... the signpost to Him and to eternal life. But an earthly life without Jesus Christ is a futile existence, it is a path which you take alone and which eternally does not lead to the aim. And you, who can nevertheless derive infinite blessings from a right earthly way of life, a way of life with Him, should be warned of this.... A human being has walked the earth in Whom God Himself took abode, a human being Who deified Himself through love and became a shell for the eternal deity, Who now accomplished the act of salvation for you in this shell: to make atonement for the immense guilt of sin of the former turning away from God. All of you should take part in this, you should walk with Him on the way to the cross. You should patiently take on suffering and hardship of every kind and bear the cross that has been laid upon you. And all of you should let yourselves be washed clean

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 36/43

by His blood, which was shed for you.... so willingly place yourselves under the cross of Christ and prove before all the world that you cling to Him, that nothing is able to detach you from Him.... You should pronounce His holy name in all intimacy and lay all your sins, your hardships and sufferings at His feet, that He may take them from you, that He may redeem your guilt and you may become free from it. And Jesus Christ will reward you for your devotion, He will never leave you, He will take the burden of the cross from you or help you carry it, He will lay His healing hand on your wounds and His flow of grace will be transferred to your weakened souls and bodies. He will heal you spiritually and earthly, for He has taken all infirmities upon Himself and atoned for them for the one who believes. And His promise will truly come true that you will not taste death when He calls you to Himself into His kingdom. But He will also prove His power and glory to you as long as you still live on earth, for He wants to reveal Himself to you, but He can only do so if your faith is strong and unshakeable.... Walk your earthly path with Jesus Christ and know that you will then walk the right way and that you need no longer fear any danger, whether spiritual or earthly, for this path is bounded by beings of light who will not tolerate you being endangered.... all of whom will help you in the will of God, of the s3aviour Jesus Christ.... and can also help you because you have given yourselves to Him and also stand up for Him and His name before the world. Jesus Christ is the saviour and redeemer of humanity, He accomplished the work of redemption for all of you.... But only those who acknowledge Him can enter into the blessing of the act of salvation. And therefore you should hand yourselves over to Him in faith and love, you should commend yourselves to Him and His grace, and He will safely guide you to the aim....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

#### Total surrender to God....

B.D. No. **6664** October 9th 1956

od's ray of grace hits all of you because His love embraces all of you and He wants to promote every person's course of development if only you don't resist. He knows every person's degree of maturity and seeks to increase it.... thus He will also direct and favour everything as it is beneficial for you, and thus you can entrust yourselves to Him and His guidance without hesitation.... He will make it right.... One thing you must be certain of is that everything you are granted in earthly life is only meant to serve your spiritual maturing and that therefore nothing is wrong, no matter whether it touches you joyfully or sorrowfully.... And even if it is obviously human influence it must have been wanted or permitted by God.... And even then it will serve you for perfection, for ascent development, for the maturing of the soul. And once you have made this certainty your own for the time being, then you will also accept every event with inner peace, because it cannot be wrong as soon as you only ever entrust yourselves to God and His guidance. In the last days before the end many means will still be used to increase the degree of maturity of individual souls or to push people onto the path which is right before God. There is not much time left and therefore sometimes stronger means are necessary to accelerate the course of development where this is possible. Many people will have to experience increased suffering, others will be dealt with particularly harshly again because they go along their earthly path in lukewarmness.... Many things will happen which will make the 'love of God' appear questionable.... Misfortunes, catastrophes and outlandish events will overtake people and terrify them, but everything is laid down in God's plan of salvation, nothing will happen to people without God's will or His permission.... And all of you humans can hand yourselves over into His hand without worry, He will guide each individual in such a way that every event and experience can serve him for the salvation of his soul, and those who hand themselves over to Him in complete trust will no longer walk on their own authority, their every step will be guided.... They recognize divine guidance and place themselves unconditionally under His control. Therefore no human being needs to worry about his earthly path of life who has only established the bond with God and seeks to fulfil His will. He knows himself to be guided and led and also allows himself to be guided without resistance, and the divine guidance obviously becomes apparent in him, for all resistance resolves itself, all

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 37/43

obstacles are removed; what seemed impossible becomes possible.... God's presence proves itself again and again where unrestrained devotion to Him has preceded.... All people should make this confidence their own, that God regulates the life of the person who surrenders himself to Him, and that everything that comes upon him will then also contribute to the increase of the soul's maturity if it is humbly accepted and endured.... but that spiritual development will then also never come to a standstill but be progressively retraced.... Only the human being's will is necessary to come close to God and to be accepted by Him. And everything now unfolds according to this will, and the human being irrevocably reaches the aim. Every spiritually striving person can therefore let himself drift without worry, for God has already taken over the guidance from the moment the human being's will turned towards Him.... Then He will no longer let him out of His hand, and the less resistance He finds the easier the ascent upwards will be, even if life seems difficult and painful to the human being.... But it leads to the aim, and the still short time of earthly life can still result in high spiritual successes, because God's flow of grace flows unceasingly during this last time and because every person can immerse himself in this flow of grace and his soul becomes powerful and feels God's love ever more and surrenders to it. Devotion to God is all He asks of people in order to then let His divine sun of love and grace shine and then give every person what he needs in order to increase his soul's maturity in the short time until the end....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 38/43

#### Go to the source!

## Resting place on the pilgrimage path on earth....

B.D. No. **7050** 

February 27th 1958

very weary wanderer can take a rest at My spring and strengthen himself before he continues on his way. And he will now easily cover the ascent and reach the aim. He must not pass by the spring of life if he does not want to run the risk of sinking down on the path without strength.... for his own strength is not sufficient for the arduous path which leads upwards, and he must accept strength from Me which he can always receive where I have opened up a spring where the water of life flows forth. All of you lie down around this spring, bow down and draw and refresh yourselves with a drink, let My strength flow into you and flow through you, and believe that only I can provide you with such food and drink that you will be able to successfully cover your pilgrimage path on earth. For I know what you need and I don't hand out meagrely but you can receive from Me what you desire without measure. And thus you must also know that I will always lead you to a spring when you long for the right rest and refreshment.... You only have to want to be given the right food and the right drink which will be beneficial for your soul. You must not indiscriminately accept food of which you do not know whether it will harm you or whether it is offered to you by Me Myself. For if you walk along indifferently, if you only think of your body but not of your soul, there is always the danger that you will be offered inferior food, that you will not be given 'pure water' to drink, that you will not be strengthened and continue on your path uninvigorated and never reach your aim, because in your weakness you fear the ascending path and only stay on flat paths which never lead to the aim. You need a measure of strength for your earthly path which you don't possess yourselves but which you may receive from every source tapped by Me Myself. And such a spring will always be a good resting place for you where one will give you food and drink, Who knows your weakness, Who loves you and only ever wants to give you the best in order to make your ascent easy. I am always there for you, I also always have the right food ready for you and I also show you the paths which lead to the right source.... For I want you not to travel your pilgrimage on earth in vain, I want you to reach the aim, to find your way to Me. And therefore I help you in every weakness of body and soul, I give you the strength to overcome everything.... I give you My word which flows to you humans from above in all purity as the right nourishment for your soul, which needs it because it has to receive strength from Me for its earthly path of life.... and because only I Myself can impart this strength to it through My word....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

#### Go to the source....

B.D. No. **8342** 

November 29th 1962

If y life source constantly lets fresh, healthy and healing water flow to you, which is available to every earthly wanderer, where everyone can bend down and draw from it and quench his thirst.... It is truly a delicious stream which flows unstoppably and which is accessible to all of you who merely take the path to this source which My love has made accessible to you. Your pilgrimage on earth requires strength.... This is at your disposal because vitality also flows to you at the same time so that the body can fulfil its task and become active according to its destiny.... But earthly life is about the maturing of the soul, and therefore the soul also requires an influx of strength which, however, cannot be supplied to it through physical nourishment. It needs spiritual strength to mature, and it receives this from Me Myself in abundance and need only use it.... This spiritual strength is My

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 39/43

word, it is the treasure of grace which only needs to be lifted up, it is the fountain of life which feeds and waters every earthly pilgrim's soul and thus ensures its maturing on earth. But My word has to be accepted voluntarily, the soul has to feel hunger and thirst for it, and thus the human being has to take the path to the source where he can draw the living water, where the soul can fetch strength for its earthly life. I will not let you go through earthly life without strength, time and again I will offer you delicious food and refreshing drink.... but you must also gratefully accept My gifts and make use of them.... You must not resist it, and you must not draw the water of life far away from the source, for then it will have already lost much of its healing power, then it will no longer have the effect it has at the source where it is offered to you directly by Me and where you will also be able to ascertain a great healing power yourselves.... Make the effort and take the path to the source, which cannot be found in the depths but you already have to undertake a slight ascent, i.e. you have to seriously want to fulfil your earthly task and be willing to turn away from the depths of the world with its attractions and temptations and stride upwards... seek the height and strive towards it.... You must earnestly seek out the source of life, then you will be overjoyed to find it and be able to refresh yourselves, for the water that flows from it is a true refreshment for the soul. And then you can also be certain that you need not fear any impurities, that the drink will not harm you but that you will only be able to recover from it because I Myself have made the gift of life accessible to you, Who, after all, wants your soul to attain recovery while still on earth, and because I also know that it therefore requires strong, wholesome nourishment which can only be offered to it at that spring. As soon as the water has already created a riverbed and flows into the depths, it is also possible for the riverbed to become polluted, and then the water will also lose its healing power if it does not become completely unsuitable and harm the people who enjoy it.... Thus there is no longer any guarantee that My word will remain pure and unadulterated if it is mixed with human additives or even replaced by human intellectual results.... I want to warn you all of this so that you do not accept spiritual goods which endanger the salvation of your soul rather than help it to recover.... For the enemy of all life will try everything to poison My flow of life by interspersing truth with error, and then the soul will truly not benefit from spiritual knowledge which did not originate from Me but has him as its author.... Therefore I admonish you time and again not to accept any kind of nourishment but to seek the source where unclouded water of life flows to you, which has Me Myself as its source and which I will constantly convey to My living creations so that they will reach their goal on earth.... that your soul will mature and attain life which will last forever....

#### Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 40/43

## The road to the height will be paved with stones of love

#### Love activity.... way to the heights....

B.D. No. **1847** March 14th 1941

he inner urge to do a good deed should never go unheeded. It is the divine voice that prompts the L human being to do so, it is the quiet admonition to increase the maturity of the soul, and this will always be promoted if the human being does what the inner voice advises him to do. If a person looks around him with open eyes, he will see countless opportunities to be active in love. But he should not pass them by, thinking only of his own good and leaving his fellow human being alone in his need. Man can always be helpful, and he will never lack the strength to do so if only his will is good and he is in love. Only then will the human being fulfil the purpose of his earthly life and shape himself and his soul progressively. The path to the height wants to be paved with stones of love, then it will always be passable. Every good deed leads to many others, for love awakens reciprocal love, and if people all helped each other, love and thus God Himself would truly be among them; humanity could then only be good because it walks with God and God with it. Love redeems and frees people from the power that oppresses them, and that is why love should always be the driving force behind all thoughts and actions. Whoever has a heart full of love for his fellow human being will also be constantly active in love, he will try to reduce suffering, he will provide active help, he will help to carry everything that is difficult and always be a blessing to those around him. The world is a valley of suffering, and it has to be, as it is intended to give man the opportunity to develop in a serving way. Only then will he live his life consciously, i.e. he will recognize his purpose in life, which will only be fulfilled through constant service in love.... and only then will he attain maturity of soul, which is the prerequisite for entering a light-filled beyond, for only through service in love will all dross fall off, the soul will become free and it can now take the path upwards unhindered, it will come ever closer to its actual purpose, it will become love itself and push towards that which is also love.... It has allowed the voice of God to speak within itself, has obeyed it and has thereby come into closest contact with the One Who is love Itself....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## Blessing of love.... aim of the human being....

B.D. No. **5113** April 25th 1951

You cannot develop yourselves upwards if you don't cultivate love, if you don't change your nature which, at the beginning of embodiment, only knows selfish love which should be changed into unselfish neighbourly love. Every act of neighbourly love is a step upwards, but without love you will always walk on the same level, indeed, you are in danger of sinking backwards through offences against love, through acts of hatred and unkindness. But your aim is above, and thus you must strive to reach this aim, you must leave the abyss through a life of love and try to reach spheres where light flows to you from above, where you now clearly recognize the path you should take in order to become blissfully happy. Only love can bring you the light, only love puts you into a state of recognition, only love makes you see so that you can no longer miss the right path. Without love, however, you are blind in spirit and the darkness around you will not let you find the path which, however, you would not want to take without love either because it leads upwards but you love the depth. No other advice can be given to you than to practice unselfish neighbourly love, because everything else emerges from love.... a living faith and a most luminous recognition of truth, which impels you to ever more eager striving because it points you towards the eternal light, which is worth

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 41/43

striving for. Nothing else can replace love.... And all good deeds you do without love, which you carry out for the sake of a purpose, which are only intended to elevate you in the eyes of your fellow human beings, are worthless for eternity, they don't take you one step further upwards, they are only done for the world and will also find their reward from the world. But right love makes good works immortal, they live on and follow you into eternity. For a right work of love is already a union with God, Who is love in Himself and Who therefore works with you if you are active in love. Right works of love are building blocks for eternity, they are the rungs of the ladder upwards to eternal happiness. Therefore don't be idle on earth and gather spiritual wealth through works of love, treasures which will follow you into eternity, for only love achieves that the soul creates a blissful fate for itself in eternity. Only love brings the soul to maturity, and only through love will a person's purpose on earth be fulfilled, so that his nature will completely change and become like God's original nature, so that he will already reach the aim on earth, the union with God, in order to be exceedingly blissful, powerful and full of light for eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

#### The path to the eternal home....

B.D. No. **6549** May 17th 1956

The way home can be long and comfortable but also short and arduous, depending on how serious you are of reaching your goal.... But you can also quite easily walk a completely wrong way if you don't care where you go to.... A difficult path will never lead into the abyss, for the one who wants to entice you to descend shows you ways which are appealing to walk.... He will never lure you to himself with a difficult path. This is why it should always give you cause for concern if your earthly path is far too easy and full of joy; then you should always ask yourselves whether you are on the right path, whether it is the path to your eternal home. But you are generally satisfied as long as your earthly life gives to you what you desire, and then you will rarely consider the life of your soul after death.... But you should be concerned.... If you want to reach higher spheres then your ascent must require strength, it will never be possible to cover it effortlessly unless you completely hand yourselves over to Me and let Me be your guide. In that case you will not feel the effort of ascending quite so much and yet your path will lead upwards.... Therefore, take notice of the fact that an even path can never lead to the goal.... and humbly accept all adversities and difficulties, for they guarantee you a path of ascent, to Me, Who should never be searched for below but only ever above.

And also beware that you do not divert from these ascending paths onto the wide and comfortable road again, for you can change your goal at any time, the opportunity will always be offered to you to change from the broad path onto the narrow path which cannot be effortlessly walked; just as the reverse is always possible, for My adversary will never stop enticing you and time and again will show you appealing regions to prompt you to direct your steps to where he wants you to go.... An all too easy earthly life with all kinds of earthly joys and pleasures is such a wide and easily passable path, which certainly can still be exchanged before the end of your life on earth with the steep path towards ascent, but although the achievement of the goal can still be possible it is nevertheless very doubtful, for no person knows when his earthly life will be over and whether he will still have the opportunity at the end to turn onto the narrow path towards ascent. No-one knows whether he can ever catch up on the missed time or whether he will still be able to change the direction of his goal in his earthly life.... This is why you should not be envious of any fellow human being who lives a carefree earthly life which constantly seems full of joy.... He is not on the right path yet, he is still too much taken care of by the one who wants to lure him into the abyss.... And yet, guided by My hand, you too can enjoy your earthly life, but your joys and wishes will be different ones than those which you observe with your fellow human beings. For the gifts distributed by Me are of a different kind but they can make the person far happier than material possessions.... And at the same time they give you the necessary strength you need for the path of ascent.... And you will truly not make a bad choice if you decide quite early to turn off the broad way onto the narrow and seemingly impassable path towards

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 42/43

ascent .... For then you will no longer desire what you have left behind.... You will look upwards and follow the light, and you will safely reach the goal, to Me in your Father's house....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

#### Right use of life force.... great responsibility....

B.D. No. **7241** 

December 30th 1958

ake sure that at the end of your earthly life you can look back on an earthly course which has not been in vain for your soul.... Make sure that it can mature and that it can still record progress in its upward development at the end, for life is only short and eternity is infinitely long. Then you will enter a kingdom which will be in accordance with your state of maturity, which can be indescribably beautiful but also gloomy and grey if you don't sink into deepest darkness and your state is extremely agonizing. You still live on earth and can create the state for yourselves, the fate that awaits you in eternity. You are still in possession of vitality which you can use for your soul's wellbeing.... For you can perform works of love, the strength to do so is at your disposal as long as you live on earth.... But if you fail to do so and lose your vitality when your body dies, then you will no longer be able to work with love in the kingdom of the beyond because you lack all strength to do so.... which is why you cannot reassure yourselves on earth with such thoughts to do in the beyond what you previously failed to do. Then you will be completely powerless and dependent on help which has to be brought to you by people's loving intercession or by the beings of light.... And you should also take care of this as long as you live on earth, that you remember the love of your fellow human beings, that good thoughts follow you into eternity, that your people on earth take care of you and include you in their prayers, otherwise you will stay over there helpless and abandoned and unable to help yourselves in your adversity. Don't take life so lightly, evaluate it, for you can gather treasures on earth which will follow you into eternity, which are imperishable because they are spiritual goods which no-one can take away from you. For this reason you should always remember with the utmost seriousness that the hour of death can lie very close to you, you should not let any opportunity pass by where you can do a good deed and fight against all earthly material desires.... Life does not last long but it can suffice to create a garment of light for the soul so that it need not fear any hardship, darkness or lack of strength on its entry into the spiritual kingdom, so that it can enter into all glories which replace a thousand fold everything it gave away in earthly life.... And every soul will also have to recognize how worthless the goods were which captured the human being's senses in earthly life, and good for those who did not let themselves be dominated by such goods.... good for those to whom the soul's fate meant more than the body's comfort, for they did not travel the earthly path in vain, they lived life in accordance with its purpose and gathered riches for eternity.... And it is never too late to turn back if the path you are taking is wrong.... At any time you can take the right direction and at any time reflect on your actual earthly task.... i.e., at any time you can practice and strive to live a life of love.... For this is all that is required of you, that you change yourselves into love, that you put selflove aside and practice unselfish neighbourly love and thus establish unity with God through love, which then also guarantees a life of beatitude. Think with great seriousness of the end which is granted to every human being once on this earth, and now consciously live as you would if you were to become aware of the glories.... But you must do this without knowledge, only in faith that incomparable glories await you. Live in love and you will also live in God's will. And a life of love will soon cover you in a garment of light, and then you will have no need to fear any darkness, the light will already shine on earth and one day in eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Source: https://www.bertha-dudde.org/en Word of God - 43/43