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## Why constantly New Revelations?....

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If the Word of God cannot be protected from being changed because human will is free and translations were not always handled by spiritually awakened people, who thus were **also able** to err, you can understand that this is the reason for New Revelations which time after time had to correct the distortions, so that the Word of God would be able to lay claim to the pure truth.... Exposing such misguided teachings would have been impossible without such New Revelations, especially if people relied on the fact that **I Myself** protect My Word from all changes.... However, it must also be understandable to you that the human being's free will makes this impossible for Me since I will never inhibit it, even if it concerns the pure truth.... for I also gave the human being the assurance that he is **guaranteed** to live in truth if he **desires** it **himself**.

And thus you can never rely on the fact that you will receive unchanged spiritual knowledge if the 'Word of God' is preached to you, but you have the assurance that you will receive the **truth** if only you desire it.... Then the preacher.... even if he is spiritually unawakened.... will be guided in his sermon, so that he often will not say what he had intended to say but that his words will be given to him by Me.... precisely **because** a person seriously **requests** to be instructed in the truth. If the wish only to learn the truth arose in many people then the preachers soon would also recognise the error and they would try to listen more to their inner voice which is instructing them otherwise. Yet all people have the option to recognise what is wrong in My 'supposed Word', for **love** enlightens their spirit and only ever accepts the correct and unadulterated information. The person will no longer be **able** to think **wrongly** once he is **illuminated** by the inner light of love. And only then will he notice where error has crept in, where the adversary was able to take effect because people were lacking the light of love. Then he will also know that the human being cannot solve problems with his intellect alone if the spirit within him is not supporting him. Then he will know why the necessity for corrections arises time and again, which I constantly send to humanity again in the form of New Revelations....

And I will continue to reveal Myself to people who love Me and keep My commandments, as I have promised.... For one misguided thought results in many more, until finally just a distorted image remains of Me, which reflects everything but a good and exceedingly loving God, Who wants to be a Father to you all.... And since you have already accepted so many misguided spiritual values, a **God of Love** is strange to you, you are still distant from Him, you do not recognise Him as your Father and therefore do not strive towards Him either. And whatever you hear from Him is likely to separate yourselves from Him even more.... I, however, want to gain your love and therefore make use of every opportunity to speak to you, if not directly then through people who allow My spirit to work in them, who either convey My direct Word to you or who think correctly and are **also** able to instruct you

truthfully. For it is extremely important that you can be guided into correct thinking, that you know what you can accept and what you ought to reject.... But don't believe that your correct thinking is guaranteed if you gather your knowledge from the Book of Books, since I do not coerce the human being's will I cannot prevent him from interpreting the spiritual information from this book according to either his own preferences or to his imperfect understanding. For every Word I have spoken conceals a spiritual meaning, and only the human being's spirit is able to recognise it, which will be awakened to life through love but then will also guide the human being into every truth, as I have promised....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

# Misleading interpretation of the Bible

**The letter kills.... the spirit makes alive....**

B.D. No. 5957

May 14th 1954

**T**he letter kills, only the spirit brings life.... all of you who proclaim to your fellow human beings what is written must take this to heart.... You must know that without My spirit you can give every word many different meanings, that you can interpret everything in many different ways and that you can thereby distance yourselves far from the truth, that you can acquire dead knowledge which is of no value to the soul. Only the spirit brings life, and only the spirit illuminates what was previously dark.... Only My spirit enlightens you as to the meaning of My word, and only enlightened thinking grasps and processes the word such that the interpretation corresponds to the truth. You can read everything from the scriptures.... You can completely change their meaning and also kindle brightest light in you again, depending on your will and your ability to let My spirit work in you. And thus erroneous teachings can also arise and find their way in amongst people, because My adversary intervenes wherever I Myself cannot yet be in spirit, because he is also not afraid to distort My word if only he can work against the truth. You know yourselves that every person's thoughts can take a different direction and that everyone nevertheless wants to represent **his** thoughts as right and true.... but you also know that **different** opinions cannot claim to be true, and therefore you must consult the one Who Himself is the truth from eternity.... You must ask Him for enlightenment of your spirit before you start to interpret the scriptures which testify of Me.... You must not only deal with My word intellectually, you must know that every word allows for many different meanings and seek to find the right meaning, yet not without first calling upon My help.... And if your will is good, if you only try to proclaim the pure truth, your thinking will also be enlightened for the sake of **truth**, for I want **truth** to find its way in amongst people and I want light to shine in people's hearts, but only pure truth can kindle it.... It is not the word itself, the letter, which is decisive but the meaning which is hidden in the word.... And even though I spoke to you humans so clearly and unmistakably when I walked on earth and also before.... even these words of Mine can be misinterpreted if only the intellect and not the heart deals with them and if My assistance is not requested. And then the letter can 'kill' in the true sense of the word.... it can cause death to the soul which is not addressed and thus falls prey to spiritual death without any nourishment or is offered completely wrong food so that it cannot awaken to life. For only the spirit brings life.... And I truly want to give this to all those who sincerely ask Me for it, who are willing to proclaim Me Myself and the truth in order to serve Me and to help their fellow human beings out of their souls' adversity.... They will receive what they request and then also be good servants to Me in My vineyard, who will only ever do their lord's will and thus are also in truth My representatives on earth, who will speak in My stead.... the same word in the same sense which I taught on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

**Interpretation of the divine Word....**

B.D. No. 8845

August 26th 1964

The 'Word of God' has been subjected to many

Amendments, and it is still

Amended, so that My Words were not in vain when I said: 'I will guide you into truth....' Because I knew that My Word would not remain unchanged and thus I promised to send My spirit to those who

kept seeking the pure truth and made it possible that I could reveal Myself to them.... But as far as possible I have always protected 'My Word' from

Amendments so that the deep significance of My teachings could be retained....

Yet My Word was interpreted such that this resulted in misguided teachings.... which I consistently fight against by conveying the correct explanation to people.... And hence it will no longer matter whether and to what extent the writers of the Gospels were commissioned by Me, but solely what you humans have made of the Words that were written with the best intentions and with the will to serve Me. Even My scribe John could not prevent the original text from being changed by people; the translations were not flawless and therefore were often interpreted differently. Hence it was possible to give My Words, which were preserved in the original text, a completely different interpretation, because they were mainly spoken to My disciples and therefore intended to be passed on.... but they understood the spiritual meaning of My Word. They did not convert it into worldly instructions but in the course of time these replaced the true meaning of My Word....

Therefore, in view of the many translations that were carried out during this time, it was not possible to preserve the Gospels in their original form. And if a spiritually awakened person had pointed out the error as soon as he recognised it, he would have been sharply denounced as a heretic. Where My adversary had succeeded in even spoiling the prayer that I Myself had taught you, by portraying My essence incorrectly without people even noticing it, he has made good use of their spiritual ignorance and blindness.... And thus even today the concept of the 'working of My spirit within the human being' has not yet been sufficiently clarified, in as much as My 'representatives' on earth are arguing as to whether the words I spoke to My disciples were meant only for My disciples or whether they were meant for all people.... thus whether everyone should heed them.

But I continue to transmit the pure truth to earth, therefore it is of no significance whether everything has been preserved unaltered, because I knew what the

Amendments would be, and because I kept giving clarification where necessary.... where the divisions of the churches occurred, which were always based on differences of opinion.... The division of schools of thought always happened when My representatives on earth disagreed, when each one believed they understood My Word correctly and a dispute ensued as a result. They could not twist My Word but they succeeded in changing its meaning. And thus a number of fundamental words of Mine were misunderstood, which resulted in one division after another and finally in the commencement of many sects, each with their different problems, but with not one of their followers knowing anything about the 'working of My Spirit', or he would have taken the path to Me for clarification as a matter of course.

And if I want to bring clarity again and inform people of My will I need to find a vessel which puts itself at My disposal.... to which I may speak Myself and through which I tell people how I want My Word to be understood. Because today the confusion is greater than ever, and every person interprets the Word for himself as it suits him.... And if humanity is to be given a light it can only happen by way of inner enlightenment, so that people can be taught by Me directly, but then they can also convincingly present their knowledge to other people. But then every question will also be answered and every problem will be solved, then you will be guided into truth, as I promised you....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

# Examples of misleading interpretations of the words of Jesus

Trinity....

B.D. No. 2056

September 3rd 1941

The doctrine of the trinity of God has already given rise to the greatest fragmentation of believers and will be a constant source of offence as long as it is not corrected, i.e. offered to people in an acceptable way. Spiritual darkness gave rise to it.... spiritual darkness found an interpretation of the words "Father - Son and Holy Spirit" that was enough to confuse people's thinking. It is also a doctrine of faith which had to be accepted unconditionally because the human being who thought about it could not arrive at a satisfactory solution, thus he would have had to decisively reject it. And this was prevented by forcing the acceptance of the doctrine of faith. The doctrine of the three-personal God is unacceptable to any thinking person.... It is already impossible for man to imagine God as an entity, because for him an entity is the concept of a solid form, without which it is incomprehensible to him. As soon as man imagines the deity as a person, he gives the solid form a shape.... This is in accordance with man's ability to comprehend, but completely deviates from the truth. Establishing a doctrine of a three-personal deity only serves to weaken the divine essence and to create a distorted image of the eternal deity through humanly limited imagination. The concept of the trinity of God can only be explained where the prerequisite for understanding is given through the desire to fathom divine wisdom by way of faith and love. People who are neither deeply religious nor in love would only want to dissect this concept purely intellectually, and this cannot lead to the goal, i.e. no result can be achieved that comes close to the truth. However, many things are understandable to the believer because he is mentally instructed from the spiritual kingdom. Faith and love are the preconditions for the knowledge of God's love and wisdom, of God's work and reign.... They are also the prerequisite for receiving the truth.... They are therefore given truthful knowledge of God's love, which has brought forth everything that exists.... They are instructed about the connection of all things, the primordial beginning, the purpose and the goal of all that is, and thereby they recognize the infinite wisdom of God.... They are informed of the power that flows through everything, of the omnipotence of God, of His will, which is constantly active, and of the connection of every creation with this power. The believing, loving person grasps all this wisdom, for if he is believing and loving, the divine spirit flows through him, i.e. he receives the power from God directly and thereby becomes seeing and knowing. Thus he now also realizes that the mystery of the eternal deity can only be fathomed if God Himself can work in the human being through His strength, for spiritual things can only be grasped spiritually. God is spirit, and the strength from God is likewise spiritual.... If this now flows to man, then he can also penetrate into otherwise unfathomable territory, because then it is not man who solves this question, but the spirit from God in man. However, the mystery surrounding the nature of the eternal deity will remain a mystery to a person who only thinks intellectually.... And so the doctrine of the trinity has now also been interpreted by the human mind, and thus the doctrine of a three-personal God emerged.... God can never be personified, He can only be visualized to man in the form of Jesus Christ, so that people on earth create an image of God for themselves by imagining Jesus Christ in all His glory.... The eternal deity is love, wisdom and power. - Love is the producer of all that is.... It is the father of the universe, it is the primal force without which nothing that exists could exist.... Everything has emerged from love, and everything that has turned away from it is to become love again.... Love is God Himself. - What has emerged from love reveals His wisdom.... Love is God Himself, His wisdom testifies to everything that has arisen from Him, His creations, and therefore what is from the father is His son. - And God's will, His power, which brought everything into being, is His spirit.... God the father, God the son and God the holy spirit are in themselves the essence of the eternal deity.... love and wisdom and willpower. "The divine will of love took form",

these words are the same in their meaning as "Father, Son and Holy Spirit". For the love of God allowed the will to become active and created.... God's love and spirit embodied Himself as wisdom.... The spirit of God caused the son to emerge from the father. - Anyone who believes and is in love grasps this wisdom and for them the trinity of God is resolved. But in what error do people walk who lack faith and love and yet have accepted something as a doctrine of faith that remains unacceptable even to the wisest sage. For those who imagine a person-like deity still lack all spiritual knowledge. They apply something purely earthly to spiritual beings which is completely excluded from the spiritual kingdom. The idea of a three-personal deity is misleading, although the addition is used.... "they are one". Man is forced into confused thinking as soon as he stops himself from thinking about it. But God does not forbid people to think about it.... God wants to give him clarity and it is not His will that he should be blinded by human influence, only that he should choose the right path that leads to realization. And they are truly not called to instruct the ignorant, who are ignorant themselves and try to compensate for their inability to receive spiritual knowledge through intellectual thinking and intellectually established teachings. God is spirit and can only be fathomed spiritually....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### **Last Supper.... Spiritual meaning.... Flesh - blood....**

B.D. No. 4379

July 18th 1948

**T**he constant desire for nourishment at the table of the Lord assures you His love.... And thus I repeatedly invite you to take communion with Me, as often as you desire it. My table is always set for all who are hungry and thirsty and want to be refreshed, and they will be able to satisfy themselves with the bread of life, with the manna that comes from heaven. Every nourishment at My table is communion, it is the unification with Me without which the offering of My flesh and My blood.... of My Word and its strength.... cannot take place. Thus you, who receive My Word directly or through My messengers, are communing when you desire to accept My Word in your heart. Then My spirit will unite with the spiritual spark within you, then marriage will take place, the union, the spiritual communion. Then I will give you the bread of heaven Myself, I will give you food and drink, I will take supper with you.... you will experience the same event as My disciples, for whom I broke the bread and offered the wine with the Words: Take and eat, this is my body, take and drink, this is my blood....

Do you now understand the meaning I attached to these Words? How immensely important it is that you take communion at My table, because My flesh and My blood will give you the strength to reach eternal life. You have to be nourished with food for the soul so that it matures, so that it safeguards its eternal life.... it constantly has to receive strength which it can only receive from Me directly and which I will give every time it unites with Me. Then I will break the bread and offer it to the soul, and when it thus eats My flesh.... My Word.... it is permeated by strength.... the blood.... with which I have blessed My Word. No one who longs for food for the soul, who wants to be My guest, need ever starve and go without.... I will come to him Myself and invite him, I will stand before his door and knock and if he opens it for Me I will enter and take supper with him.... I will feed him at My table and he will be truly satisfied and never need to go without....

And thus, everything I said on earth should be understood in a spiritual sense. I taught My disciples and they understood Me and carried My Word into the world. And since people were taught correctly they understood and lived in accordance with My will, in accordance with My Word in complete understanding of it. Consequently, My church, the community of believers, was established entirely in My spirit at first.

But later this was no longer enough for the overzealous representatives of My Word, they wanted to excel before the world. And thus events, which were only intended for the soul, were visually presented to people and associated with external actions, which at first could not be condemned since they were carried by the spirit, since people took My will and its fulfilment seriously. But people

changed and with them changed the characteristics of My church.... What was meant to be a profound inner experience became an external action which was placed at the fore and the deeper spiritual meaning became lost.... until the simple process of spiritual communion, of union with Me and the direct acceptance of My Word, was no longer understood by people. So now they no longer believe that a direct transmission of My Word is possible, although I Myself clearly and comprehensively promised them My direct working through My spirit, although I Myself.... the Word that had become flesh.... referred to the sustenance with the bread of life, with the manna from heaven.... People no longer understand the simple meaning of My Word and in their blindness don't want to accept the simple explanation either. But anyone who wants to hear and understand will realise it, and the truth will be plausible to him, he will strive to establish a connection with Me Myself, he will be My guest, and I will take supper with him and he with Me....

Amen

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## Wrong interpretation of Jesus' Words....

B.D. No. 8688

November 29th 1963

**H**uman thought has an earthly tendency, consequently people also interpret everything in an earthly way that had a profoundly spiritual meaning, that was conveyed to them as spiritual guidance by Me, Who has always spoken to humanity either directly or through messengers. My teachings, however, were always intended for the salvation of the soul and whenever I speak to humanity, be it in ancient or more recent times, My Word has always had a spiritual meaning. This was quite correctly understood at the time, but soon the spiritual meaning was interspersed with worldly ideas and, eventually, interpreted in a purely worldly sense. And thus My Word never remained unspoilt, performances and customs evolved from it which no longer correspond to its spiritual meaning, and My Word has lost its healing power, since it is no longer My pure Word....

That which was demanded of you spiritually.... because I expected its fulfilment to be a blessing for your souls.... has been turned into earthly performances by you humans. For every one of My requirements on your souls you invented and instituted an earthly activity which you called 'sacraments', attaching too much importance to them. As a result many people conscientiously comply with the regulations in their belief that they are accumulating a treasure of grace by fulfilling humanly decreed commandments.... However, it is all a mere matter of formality and appearance and completely unnecessary for the maturing of the souls.... Yet you stick with great tenacity to the formalities you created for yourselves but which I never demanded of you.

Everything I said during My life on earth as a human being had a profound spiritual meaning and can never be substituted by external acts.... But you do not understand the profound meaning and are satisfied with external customs which can never benefit your soul. Just think of the effects you attribute to 'baptism'!.... You perform a simple external act and are then convinced of its spiritual success: be it the deliverance from the 'hereditary sin', or the admission into My church.... the admission into a religious community.... But all this has to be gained by the human being himself during his earthly life, he has to voluntarily let himself be delivered from sin through Jesus Christ. Consequently it requires more than just the act of baptism performed on a child.... And again, he will only be able to join 'My church' voluntarily by consciously living his life as My follower, in order to gain a living faith through love.... the characteristic of the church founded by Me.

Think of the Sacraments of Confession and the Altar.... What you made of them and by what formalities you expect your 'forgiveness of sins'. Think of how I want you to understand the Words, that you should invite Me in so that I may hold communion with you and you with Me.... and how you turned My Words 'This do in remembrance of Me....' into a process which, again, cannot have any effect on your soul unless you live a life of such profound love that I Myself can be present within you....

All spiritual requirements your soul was meant to cope with by itself were combined with earthly concepts by you humans and thus you created your own structure, so that you eagerly comply with what is demanded of you, what is claimed to be My will.... Time and again you have to be given clarification about this, yet you do not accept such clarification but keep fulfilling the humanly decreed commandments with ever growing zeal whilst My commandments of love for God and your neighbour are being ignored. As a result your spirit is growing consistently darker until, in the end, you will become quite unable to recognise the error of your thoughts and actions. Besides, you have placed yourselves into bondage by submissively accepting everything as truth that is presented to you as 'My Word'....

You ascribe a purely earthly meaning to My Words and ignore their spiritual meaning. And this is why errors have arisen which can only be rectified if you are filled with love, for then you will become enlightened and notice when you are confronted by error.... Then you will know that all humanly decreed commandments and sacramental acts are a deception, which could only have been alleged to be divine will by a dark spirit, and you will endeavour to free yourselves from error in the recognition of pure truth which alone can benefit the soul, and which can only be recognised as truth by someone who dwells in love, and who thus will fulfil My commandment of love first and then, as a result, also think correctly....

Amen

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# Spiritual compulsion

## Ecclesiastical commandments....

B.D. No. 4840

February 16th 1950

**Y**ou will not receive any special instructions from Me as to what kind of attitude you should adopt towards the humanly decreed commandments of the church. Whatever you do of your own free will is valued by Me, whatever you do under duress, be it for fear of punishment or even due to habit, means nothing to Me. Whatever people tell you to do shall also be rewarded by people, people shall never be assured of receiving a reward from Me which I Myself have never promised. Even so, I cannot sanction something that utterly opposes My will, because I gave people freedom of will which, however, is infringed upon by humanly decreed commandment, for a commandment is an obligation which excludes the use of free will. I Myself gave people only one commandment, the commandment of love which is fundamental law and must be observed so as not to violate My eternal order... However, the commandment of love is nevertheless a commandment which allows people's freedom of will. There is no compulsion urging him to be lovingly active, and neither will he be punished by Me, it is just that he will punish himself because he pays no attention to the only means which signifies redemption for him from a self-inflicted state of constraint. I gave people the commandment of love which can be voluntarily complied with or rejected.... People issued additional commandments which do not meet My approval, for they are not borne by love for fellow human beings but are mere measures to increase power, because the affiliation to an organisation, which lays claim to be the true church of Christ, is made dependent on the fulfilment of these laws. Hence it places people under compulsion who, in the belief of committing a sin, will subsequently fulfil these commandments and thus direct their whole attention to them.... and neglect My commandment of love....

Love can only grow in freedom. Love and coercion oppose each other, and therefore I cannot recognise in the fulfilment of the ecclesiastical commandments any love for Me as long as they have been traditionally complied with, effectively as avowal of the authority which decreed these commandments. Besides, these commandments are not suitable to ignite love for Me because they portray **Me** as a Being which is afflicted by human weaknesses, demanding obedience, reverence and acknowledgement when, in fact, I only want to be loved. Before My eyes nothing is a sin but that which offends against love for Me and other people. No-one will ever acquire merit who complies with the commandments of the church just because they are **commandments** which should be fulfilled.... Free will shall choose Me on account of love, and this is why people don't need any other commandments but the one I Myself gave to them in realisation of the blessing which arises for every person from fulfilling it.

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Spiritual coercion.... Dogma....

B.D. No. 4993

November 2nd 1950

**T**he greatest danger for a human being is spiritual coercion which prevents the recognition and free decision of his will's direction. Every person is an individual being that has to perfect itself and, therefore, everyone is responsible for his own way of life on which depends the attainment of the degree of perfection. Hence everyone has to make a free decision and testify to Me of his will. I Am demanding this testimony and do not agree that one person should tell his fellow human beings how they must think, will or act. The freedom of will must not be violated, but it is violated when the objective of a person's will is determined by law and he is required either by promises or threats to

move only in a particular direction.... I will never accept such coercion although I will not openly oppose it so as not to use coercion Myself.

The human being is a thinking individual who received the ability of free will and thought from Me purely for the purpose of making a decision during the last stage of his spiritual development on earth, in accordance with which he will then be rewarded in eternity. It is indeed good and in accordance with My will when a person informs his fellow human beings of the consequences of using their will in a righteous or wrong way. It is also My will when all manner of clarification is given concerning his relationship with his Creator. However, a good instruction concerning the divine doctrine of love and the importance of practicing unselfish love for one's fellow human being is quite sufficient. But it should all be done without coercion.... The human being should be educated but never forced into accepting a doctrine because he should use his own judgment and inclination in directing his will.

I gave the human being free will but if you take it away from him you will be using your own will wrongly, although you will believe that you work for Me on My behalf. I never gave My disciples the task to spread My teaching by way of religious coercion because an enforced faith would not benefit the soul's higher development. I only ever require people to believe in Me as a supremely perfect Being, I only ever require their belief in My omnipotence, wisdom and love and its strength.... For if you believe in this you will experience the strength of love yourselves and will automatically recognise everything else you need to believe, because then you will be truthfully taught by My spirit within yourselves. However, enforced faith will not lead you to perfection. Enforced faith will rarely come alive, and I cannot look upon enforced faith as a decision of free will because your will has not yet become active, instead you will have acknowledged a school of thought as the result of your education without having properly evaluated it as to its worth or worthlessness.

I want you to believe that you can only attain beatitude through love.... but you have to acquire this belief yourselves; you can certainly accept the teaching of it but then you will first have to practise love in order to gain the certainty that love is spiritual strength, and only this inner certainty is assured faith which is life-giving because it was voluntarily gained. All coercion is a sign of imperfection because it violates the freedom which originally was the spiritual being's characteristic and which it has to regain in order to become blessed. How can coercive measures which deprive people of spiritual freedom be considered to be in accordance with My will.... if a person is virtually duty-bound to believe something which, as far as I Am concerned, needs absolutely free deliberation and acceptance?

As supreme Lawgiver I gave people no other commandment than that of love, which also comprises the Ten Commandments of Moses, but which only will be fulfilled if love is voluntarily practised, otherwise it would bear witness against Myself or it would question the human being's free will. However, people presume that they can establish laws without having the authority to do so. Thus they infringe upon the person's free will.... Every law is coercion, and every kind of coercion is contrary to My will. As soon as a person no longer has freedom of thought, as soon as he is forced to believe in a doctrine, his earthly test of volition comes to an end, for he has to make his own decision and not an enforced one. And every dogmatic doctrine is coercion, irrespective of whether it is true or not.

Every dogma is a violation of free will.... which will not be free at the time of a spiritual decision, since the decision has already been dictated to him and can only be bypassed by committing a sin. I gave every human being the right of free choice; I merely require that he should seriously consider what he is asked to believe. If, in spite of serious deliberation, he cannot accept it with full conviction, I will not regard it as a sin; however, he will commit a sin if he affirms a doctrine with his lips without having asked his heart. Every person is responsible for himself, and it is presumptuous when one person intends to determine the faith of thousands with an instruction which must always be considered a dogmatic doctrine.

Anything that violates a human being's freedom of will can never find My approval, since not even I Myself determine people's acceptance of truth if their own will does not want it. I will certainly continue to teach people and transmit the pure truth to them, but everyone is at liberty to accept or

reject it. And thus you should simply teach your fellow human beings with love but allow them spiritual freedom for their decision, because an enforced faith has no merit before Me....

Amen

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## Doubt about doctrines of faith.... spiritual compulsion....

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**B**eing in inner conflict with a doctrine of faith is only ever advantageous because it proves the will for truth and because then the truth can also be mentally conveyed to the human being because he opens himself to receive it. Every doubt is preferable to absolute certainty as long as it is not the directly imparted truth which, however, will then also appear acceptable to a person seriously desiring truth, even if doubts have preceded it. In any case, however, doubt proves that the human being is not indifferent to the nature of the spiritual knowledge offered to him. And therefore it is to be condemned in any case if people are forbidden to think about a doctrine of faith, about the justification of the truth claim of such a doctrine.... The human being has the duty to think about it, because he alone has to bear the responsibility for his soul.... because this responsibility cannot be passed on to those who demand the unquestioning acceptance of a doctrine of faith. Only when the human being thinks for himself can spiritual good become useful to him, and then he will also.... if he is serious and demands truth.... will take offence at illusionary or untrue teachings. He will mostly start to doubt, and this is truly a blessing, for then he will open himself to the spiritual currents which are mentally conveyed to him through the world of light. It is so easy for the human being to attain truth, for the desire for it also secures him the attention of truth. But people have fallen into a certain laziness of thought precisely because of the well thought-out trick of God's adversary to forbid people from thinking about what they are required to believe.... This is one of his most shameful means by which he has subjugated people to himself and can keep them in blindness of spirit.... But neither will man be able to excuse himself, for whatever the 'supposed church' demands of him.... he can turn to **God Himself** at any time and let Him advise and instruct him, and just one thought of wanting to fulfil God's will would truly also reveal God's will to him, for God has ways and means enough now (in order to) comply with the human being's desire. But this very 'desire' is lacking in people, and they entrench themselves behind this commandment.... to accept every doctrine of faith unchecked and without hesitation. And thereby God's adversary created many opportunities for himself to assert the pure truth without being offended. And therefore every doubt is the first step to escape from this area; every doubt proves one's own thinking and use of intellect, which God gave to **every** human being because it concerns a free decision of will in earthly life. Every person has to stand up for himself, and his intellect can help him to do so if he **wants** to reach God, to fulfil his earthly task. But God's adversary prevents this **free** decision of will by wanting to force them to adopt **his** way of thinking.... which, however, never leads to God.... And thus, as long as people are still dominated by spiritual coercion, as long as they are still forbidden to acquire knowledge and to freely choose their thoughts, they will still be under the adversary's power, but they will immediately escape from him if they pursue the doubt arising in them and try to acquire the right knowledge.... And God meets them, He first lets them clearly recognize the baseless and wrong and then also guides them to the pure truth which will dispel their doubts and which they unhesitatingly and convincingly accept as truth. For the intellect should not only be used in earthly relationships but it is also the task of the intellect to fathom and clarify spiritual matters as soon as the human being seriously strives to perfect himself, to reach God and to think, want and act in accordance with His will.... Then he can be convinced that God will not let him fall prey to error because He Himself is the 'eternal truth' and He also wants His living creations to walk in truth....

Amen

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## Examples of spiritual compulsion

### Human additions.... Attendance at church....

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Everything in relation to God has to result in success for a person providing he complies with or makes use of it.... It will have to lead to God.... but only if all requirements are actually adhered to. Formality, however, will not lead to success. It is merely easier for one person and more difficult for another to reach the objective, in as much as the latter has chosen to walk an exceptionally difficult path, whereas the other path is easier but can be an equally joyful service to God. Hence the human being is submitting himself to conditions which were not required of him by God. It is helpful to become aware of the individual teachings which were added by people to the teaching of Christ. First of all, attendance at church was made a duty, which is not always spiritually beneficial but can also be soul-destroying.

The idea that the human being will turn more towards God by going to church is extremely misguided; instead he is far more at risk of turning what should be a profound inner experience into a habitual act. The true aspirant will look for God everywhere, his church attendance will certainly not harm him but he can find contact with God anytime and anywhere and will not need a particular place for it. Therefore it would only be necessary to hear God's Word if it is not made accessible to the person elsewhere, and this will only find God's complete agreement as long as the purpose of attending church is just the said imparting of the divine Word. All other ceremonial activities are embellishments which were more than less added by people and nowadays motivate the concept of a service to God, although something entirely different than attending such practices, which have nothing in common with the real work of the soul, is meant by serving God.

It is entirely unimportant and inconsequential whether and to what extent the human being will comply with the requirements which are prerequisite of belonging to the Roman-Catholic church. The church founded by Jesus Christ on earth has nothing to do with external appearances. In spite of its external manifestations its profound principles can certainly be recognised, and thus they need not be obstacles to recognising Jesus Christ's true teachings and to living accordingly. Alternatively however, these external manifestations are not necessarily needed in order to be a true Christian in accordance with God's will. It is not difficult to see that people are put off precisely because of the many formalities, and Jesus Christ certainly did not consider that the achievement of eternal bliss depended on the fulfilment of humanly decreed commandments such as attending church regularly, taking part in an action which is likewise a humanly devised theatrical play that is of no benefit for and has no influence on the human soul.

People should consider that the Lord on earth objected to outward appearances, that He did nothing in order to emphasize His Word effectively, with the exception of miracles, which intended to prove His Divinity to people. However, He has never done anything that could justify or somehow substantiate the above actions today but they are mere humanly introduced formalities which have no other deeper meaning than what people had assigned to them. And this can never correspond with divine will, thus it cannot be required of people as evidence for complying with the teaching of Christ....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

**T**he alleged act of forgiveness of sins is only the symbol of what the Lord taught on earth. It is not at all necessary to fulfil a formality because the forgiveness of sin depends entirely on how guilty the human being feels before God and on confessing this to Him in heartfelt prayer by appealing for His mercy and forgiveness of his guilt. Formality is once again only a danger to the soul because an act will be mechanised which is, or should be, far too intimate to be made outwardly identifiable. The act of public confession of sins can lead to superficiality, in as much as the person more or less follows a routine act without being so internally united with God that he has a need to confess his guilt of sin to Him. Everything you do for the sake of your soul's salvation should be alive, and a ceremony like that can easily result in a lifeless act because not all people are infused by God at the same time in order to reveal themselves to Him in all their weakness and guilt of sin. But this is a prerequisite for the forgiveness of sin, all external acts are mere symbols of what corresponds to God's will but not the accomplishment of divine will.

When the spirit of God draws your attention to the danger you place yourselves in, you should not oppose it but be grateful to your Heavenly Father with all your heart for guiding you correctly, because you waste a lot of strength by fulfilling external formalities, which you should use for your inner progress. A heartfelt thought of devoted love will bring you infinitely more blessings than the eager fulfilment of ecclesiastical commandments, which were given to people without God's approval. The representatives of these teachings once again took refuge behind a humanly evolved doctrine about the infallibility of the head of the Church in regards to spiritual laws.

Everything given to people from above is purest truth; however, through His messages from above, God is only expressing His will but He will never want to control or use coercive measures to make people obey. Because this would be in complete contradiction to divine love and wisdom's emanated law of the beings' voluntary deliverance. A humanly decreed commandment is an interference with divine ordinances.... commandments which impel people to commit actions, although officially their own will is prerequisite, will never be considered right by God. The human being's will cannot routinely carry out its activity, in that case it is no longer free but already bound by the will of the person who, as a result of such commandments, allocates a specific time for people to perform their duty.

This is an immense human error which threatens to stifle the developing delicate seed of inner longing for God, unless a human being's loving actions become particularly dynamic and spiritual enlightenment suddenly makes him realise God's true will. Only then will he be able to liberate himself from a teaching which, due to human contribution, already deviates considerably from the teaching given to people by Jesus Himself on earth. The human being usually strives to fulfil his obligation, and this is the greatest danger for the soul.... For it does not consciously strive for perfection since it is effectively given a plan which it aims to implement, and by following the groundwork done by other people it is neglecting its own psychological task but is convinced that it is living a life which is pleasing to God, the Lord....

Amen

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**Infallibility of the head of church....**

B.D. No. 2383b

June 25th 1942

**P**eople's obligation to believe the teaching of infallibility of the head of church means that every additional teaching or rule set up by the head of church has to be approved or accepted without criticism, and thus the human being's thought and choice are eliminated, even though they are indispensable if the human being is to give account of his relationship to God one day. Every person has to answer for himself, consequently he has to make his own decision with complete freedom of

will.... However, in order to make a decision he has to be able to examine and consider what he should decide on.... It should not be the case that an individual person decides and this person then demands of thousands and thousands of people to follow his decision, subsequently expressing this demand in the form of a commandment... (a doctrine).... which is undeniably the case if every church commandment were to be acknowledged as in accordance with God's will, because its foundation is the (alleged) infallibility of the head of church. These teachings are now unreservedly accepted without the human being clarifying their meaning and purpose, resulting in routine actions which are unrelated to free decision, profound faith and deeply felt closeness to God....

A church service evolved which, in reality, is not a service to God. Customs were introduced which are more or less formalities.... The adversary's actions succeeded in alienating people from the truth under the guise of piety, to stop them from using their own thoughts and thus their free decision too, since all this is suppressed by God's adversary due to the dogma of infallibility. Because once this teaching has been made plausible to a person he will no longer need to have an opinion about it. Thus he accepts without scrutiny, he need not make a decision because someone else has already made a decision on his behalf and free will is not utilized. Instead, the person has to believe what is given to him as religious dogma if he does not want to come into conflict with the particular religious dogma, which the church makes out to be so very important, that the head of church can never err or take wrong measures when he makes a decision concerning the church.

God only values free decision-making, but this has to be made by the person himself and thus the pros and cons of religious dogma have to be considered by him. Only what he can affirm in his heart can be called faith, and not what he finds himself compelled to affirm.... Because religious dogma intended by God will bear up to every scrutiny and will be even more convincingly accepted the more the human being delves into it.... However, anything that is not of God does not stand up to scrutiny and will be rejected by every person who seriously struggles for knowledge....

Amen

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## Ceremonies and customs

### The will is valued in ceremonial acts....

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October 24th 1942

**G**od considers people according to their faith.... This is to be understood in such a way that people take spiritual ownership of what their faith teaches them and thus also fulfil everything that is demanded of them through faith. In this fulfilment God values the will of man, which is therefore good, because he leans towards God.... Man wants to do what is pleasing to God, what faith teaches him. And if this God-centred will determines his thoughts and actions, this is also pleasing to God, even though the person is not in the truth, i.e. he has been instructed in a false faith. This is why people who lack the right faith will also be blessed if they only strive for a way of life that is right before God and always do what seems right to them before God. They will always be given the opportunity to accept the right faith, the pure truth will be made accessible to them. However, if he believes that he cannot accept it because he believes himself to be in the truth, he will nevertheless lead a right, God-pleasing way of life and this will be recognized before God because the person wants what is good, because he **wants** to fulfil God's will. And so every action he performs will also be recognized according to his will.... And every ceremony, which in itself is completely worthless, becomes an act pleasing to God through the will to serve God with it. Thus, a good person can gain God's favour through any act as soon as he performs it for God's glory, as soon as he believes he is serving God with it, even though the act itself has no deeper value. On the other hand, a certain ceremonial act is worthless if it is not based on this God-centred will. And likewise, a person can strive towards God with all his will without such a ceremony, and this will is valued just as highly by God, **that** person can even be far closer to God who disregards all outward appearances but consciously wants to serve God. But just as man's faith is, so too will God's work appear in him, because God will not let man's faith be put to shame as long as it is not directed against God. However, it is wrong to assume that only the person who strictly fulfils all outward appearances lives in a manner pleasing to God. Nothing externally recognizable determines the right value before God, only the will that God sees, regardless of whether the person carries out the actions that are demanded of him through faith....

Amen

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### Ceremonies and outward appearances are a hindrance....

B.D. No. 3139

May 30th 1944

**I**t is a purely spiritual process when the human being's soul unites with its spirit, and therefore this process need not be outwardly marked by gestures or ceremonial actions in any way. As soon as the soul seeks union with the spiritual kingdom, as soon as it unites with God in prayer or tries to make contact with the beings of light through thoughts which it sends into the spiritual kingdom, it detaches itself from the earthly environment, it no longer pays attention to the body and thus frees itself from everything earthly, because this is an obstacle to an intimate union. And so every external action, every ceremony, must also be regarded as an obstacle that impairs the intimate connection with God or the spiritual world. For as soon as it is performed purely mechanically, it is worthless and unnecessary, but if the human being's thought is involved, then the spiritual connection loses its depth. The will may be good, but the human being himself reduces the supply of strength which arises from this connection. The spiritual does not tolerate earthly inhibitions, i.e., the spiritual effects are corresponding. Man never needs to make known to the outside that he establishes the spiritual

connection; it is enough that the fellow human being knows about his striving and tries to follow him again in such a way that he quietly goes into himself and communes with God or the spiritual beings. For he must know that the spiritual world only finds pleasure in spiritual actions, that even the physical ceremony of kneeling down is meaningless to the spiritual world, because it is not the sign of humility before God but humility itself which pleases Him and also earns the person His grace. God, however, does not need external proof but He looks into the heart, and the external actions often lack the inner life; but people themselves are often satisfied with these ceremonies and have only performed them for their fellow human being, which does not bring any spiritual advantage to the soul. And therefore the human being should always make an effort to completely detach himself from earthly customs and forms, he should use every free minute to establish intimate contact with the spiritual world, he should leave the earthly world outside and not take anything over from it, but only the soul should wander into the spiritual kingdom so that divine gifts of grace can flow to it through this union at any time....

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### Habitual customs and words....

B.D. No. 7246

January 5th 1959

**N**either words nor outer forms are sufficient for a change of being if the heart does not give life to the words or is not involved in your actions. You humans have been given many rules and regulations, and you only ever try to comply with these rules and requirements, regardless of whether you are wholeheartedly involved or whether they are really only empty forms which you fulfil through actions that lack any attitude of your own. But such 'fulfilments' of demands will not earn you a blessing, they will not bring you a step further upwards, they will always only remain empty actions or words which are as good as not carried out or not spoken. And you should therefore be more accountable for your thinking, speaking and doing, you should observe yourselves and practice self-criticism so that your whole being does not become a template and your earthly life remains an empty run. Seek above all the truth.... Whatever it is, think about it, and then consciously adjust yourselves to it. Whether you speak or act, it will always correspond to your innermost feelings, the heart will be involved and everything will gain life through it. And then you will certainly recognize what is wrong, what is pushing at you or being pushed at you. And only then will you consciously adjust yourselves, reject the wrong, accept the right and act accordingly. But what use are words or actions that you only speak or carry out at the request of others without being clear about what you are actually saying or doing? You can well imagine that God cannot judge you according to what your heart is not involved in, that He cannot credit you for something you dutifully do without being aware of what you are doing. You may have been brought up to do such things, you may have been brought up to repeat words, and you need not be involved in them with a thought. How should God judge such words or deeds? Only once you have taken a stand your words and actions will be judged. But you will also have to answer for such deeds or words because you misuse your vitality and carelessly spend the time which is only given to you to mature your souls. And thus you must be aware of the fact that you must subject everything you receive from outside to scrutiny.... that you do not merely keep the customs from your childhood as a template and thus adopt them into your manhood, but that you should think about everything as soon as you are intellectually capable of doing so.... which, however, does not mean that your intellect alone is sufficient to decide on truth or untruth.... But for once you should consider the value of what has settled in you as a habit and only then take a stand on it yourselves. You should not be satisfied with empty words or dead actions that only gain life when the heart participates in them. Only then will you live your life consciously, only then will ever new questions arise from one question, only then will the knowledge come alive, which you **also** absorb mechanically, and only then can you speak of an ascent, as long as you are of good will.... You must help yourselves to life, the heart must participate everywhere, and you must abhor any form or dead

words.... Then your life will not be an idle one, then you will have a success to report at the end, you will have matured and your soul will have achieved a gain for eternity....

Amen

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## Formal faith – Formal Christians

**Traditional faith.... obedience.... free choice....**

B.D. No. 2254  
March 9th 1942

A clear judgement of what is truth and what is error will only be possible for a person who has the firm will to stand in the right knowledge. But this will is usually lacking in those whose faith has already been forced into a certain mould, who therefore have no faith of their own but only call a traditionally adopted one their own. A certain obedience has been nurtured in them, which God also credits to them as a virtue, as they believe that they are thereby also living in a way that is pleasing to Him. Nevertheless, man lacks something of importance.... the free decision, i.e. a realization that causes the free will to accept or reject what has traditionally been handed down to him. He has been taught obedience in such a way that he does not even consider taking a mental stand on the teachings he has been given. He feels neither entitled nor capable of scrutinizing and judging.... but accepts without contradiction everything that is conveyed to him by teachers, because he only assumes that they are telling the truth. He completely ignores human errors and inadequacies and recognizes the teachers unquestioningly as authorized and infallible. Nor does he himself use the gifts with which God has endowed him, reason and judgement, which are the prerogative of man over the animal and should therefore be used accordingly. Consequently, he cannot make any spiritual progress either, for this absolutely requires that he himself is intellectually active, i.e. that he uses his intellect and his free will in order to gain knowledge. But he is prevented from doing so, or he allows himself to be hindered by existing doctrines of faith which make the use of intellect or free will unnecessary, thus they are supposed to be accepted without thinking, but this can never result in a living faith. This is a deplorable state of affairs which is an obstacle to higher spiritual development, for such teachings are not suitable for kindling love for God, i.e. for bringing people closer to God. Every thinking person will experience it as spiritual freedom if he can deal with his own thoughts; if he is not forced to live in other people's thinking.... Likewise, he must also have the right to think through for himself what is offered to him as truth and to take a stand on it. For only then is his free will active and the human being makes a decision. Before that, however, it is not possible to speak of his own decision, and this is a shortcoming which greatly impairs the soul's higher development, which is why the bearers of truth and light-giving beings tirelessly fight against it....

Amen

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**Form faith.... convinced faith....**

B.D. No. 3529  
August 30th 1945

In times of greatest earthly adversity the spiritual state of individual people clarifies itself insofar as faith is either strengthened or completely lost, if it was previously only a formal faith which could not yet convince people. Many fall away from faith, their eyes are still too earthly directed and they cannot bring world events and their own fate into harmony with the eternal deity, from Whom they only expect a happy earthly life due to their ignorance. They only want to acknowledge a God Who gives them all the comforts of life, but the fact that they themselves forfeit their well-being on earth through their way of life, through their distance from God, is incomprehensible to them. The more severe the hardship becomes, the more they distance themselves from Him, they reject Him, they do not surrender to their fate but grumble and complain and try to reduce their state of hardship through unjust actions and unkind behaviour towards their neighbour. Their faith in God was only a formal faith which did not stand up to serious scrutiny, but which was also worthless and must first become a

convinced faith. There are only a few people who cling more closely to God in times of adversity because they firmly believe in Him and do not let themselves be diverted from this faith. They see suffering for what it is, as a means by which God wants to win over people who have fallen away from Him. They constantly ask God for strength and are now also able to endure suffering. Faith gives them this strength and God does not rely on His own, i.e. those who believe in Him and take refuge in Him in every adversity. But the state of those unbelievers is hopeless as long as they only pay attention to earthly events and don't think about the meaning and purpose of them. But a clarification must take place, for the faith in form is not faith as God demands it... It has been scholastically transferred to people and has not yet come alive in them; it is a dead faith which does not support the soul in its development and therefore requires a strong examination so that the human being will become clear about his thinking and his attitude towards God. Anyone who rejects Him, impressed by adversity and earthly events, by his own fate, will have to go through greater trials in order to still gain faith after all, or he will get lost and in the end belong to those who are condemned, who belong to God's opponents and therefore receive the just punishment, who will have to travel the path through the new creation again for the purpose of their redemption. The believers will also be exposed to severe trials, yet a convinced faith cannot be shaken so easily, and God stands by those who are faithful to Him, who withstand all trials and attach themselves to God all the more intimately because they firmly believe in Him and His love, omnipotence and wisdom. And this firm faith will be rewarded to them on the day of judgment, when God Himself will lead them into paradise, where all adversity will come to an end and they will be exceedingly happy in the presence of God....

Amen

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### **Idleness of life.... church christians....**

B.D. No. 6309

July 11th 1955

**P**eople must be directly influenced, for they pay little attention to the fate of their fellow human beings and remain unaffected by it, thus they do not draw any conclusions which could favourably influence their way of life. People's indifference is far worse than a blatant rejection, for such arises from ignorance and can still result in a change of attitude, whereas an indifferent person is nowhere to be touched and therefore will be lost without salvation if he cannot be roused from his indifference.... which always requires a distress of his own life. People can find themselves in a spiritual void despite church faith and seemingly religious life because their **soul** is not involved in any way, because only purely mechanical demands are fulfilled and a **spiritual** attitude towards it is completely missing. These people will outwardly be counted among the 'righteous', among the 'faithful'.... But they are always only church christians for whom their christianity is a worldly affair like everything else.... To teach them that they lack the spirit would be unsuccessful, for they have too high an opinion of themselves and do not accept such teachings, always relying on the fulfilment of what is demanded of them ecclesiastically.... And yet, their life is an idle one if it does not reveal a change in love.... And these people often have to be touched hard so that they wake up from their soul's sleep, so that they reflect and ask themselves what might be the reason for such strokes of fate.... They must be affected themselves, only then will it be possible for them to seriously consider spiritual questions, and then the strokes of fate will have been a blessing. As soon as a person is willing to love he will also be affected by his fellow human being's fate, and then he can draw spiritual benefit from everything he experiences around him.... But people's hearts are hardened, love has grown cold.... No matter how great the misfortune.... it does not trigger a warm feeling in the fellow human being, and even less does it determine him to reflect on the cause or to change his way of life. It is a danger in which people float because of their indifference, for all remedies remain without success as long as they do not let themselves be touched by it. And therefore ever more severe blows have to come upon people, and the adversity will not abate because it alone can be heard as a wake-up call and bring about a change of heart.... For everything will still be tried which could serve the salvation of those souls....

**Message to the formal Christians....**

B.D. No. 7690

September 3rd 1960

**Y**ou humans only have one way to achieve maturity of soul on earth: you have to live in love. I repeatedly tell you that you can only become blessed through love. Time and again I have to present My commandments of love as a priority to you, because there is no substitute for a life of love, since nothing can help you achieve bliss if you do not live up to My commandments of love.... Hence you can do what you like.... you can zealously observe the laws decreed by people.... you can comply with all regulations which are supposedly necessary.... but your spiritual development will not progress one iota if you disregard love. Consequently, in all your undertakings you should consider carefully whether you are motivated to do something by the love within you or whether you merely comply with 'commandments' which were given to you by people and which are in no way related to a 'labour of love'....

You should always carefully think about the reasons of your thoughts and actions and attach no importance to anything devoid of 'love'. Particularly people who feel denominationally committed apply My commandments of love half-heartedly.... They give their sole attention to traditional customs, they fulfil 'duties' which, they are told, are important, but by doing so they do not further the maturity of their soul.... and yet they should know that the maturing of their souls is the only reason for living on earth.... But I keep emphasising that a life of love is absolutely necessary to achieve it, that nothing else will substitute unselfish works of love. Irrespective of how eagerly they perform the commandments decreed by people, they will not be able to accomplish the slightest progress for their souls.... Therefore, everything you humans do is worthless if love is not the determining factor.

And when you say 'Everything in honour of God....', how can you honour Me if you do not love Me? And how can you love Me if you ignore the hardship of your fellow human being who is, after all, your brother? How can God's love be in you if you lack compassionate love for other people by which alone you prove your love to Me? You live a wrong life if you feel committed to denominational customs and traditions, to ceremonies and implementations of duty, you are wasting the energy of life which is given to you by Me for gaining spiritual strength on earth, and this can only be acquired by deeds of love....

You humans, do take earthly life seriously, do not live so indifferently that you won't even consider whether your God and Father can be satisfied with your mere fulfilment of formalities.... Consider what I Myself might ask of you if I stayed with you again as a human being, if I walked across your earth again as a human being.... Do you think that I could feel pleased that you humans exist in a dead faith, that you only mechanically perform things which can never be of any value in My eyes? How do you humans imagine your God and Father to be? How can you humans reconcile My wisdom with what you have built, with what you believe to be the 'church of Christ'.... ? How could I find pleasure in traditions and customs, in activities which are presented to you as 'My will'? I can and will only take pleasure in those carrying out works of love.... I will only ever acknowledge things that have their basis in love, and souls can only mature fully when the human being transforms himself into love, when he fights the love of self and becomes absorbed in unselfish love for his fellow human being.... Because you are lacking love and should acquire it again while you live on earth.... You have to live a life of love or your life on earth will be in vain and you will never reach your goal....

Amen

# Living Faith – Living Christians

Living faith....

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Living faith is what people lack, but it is the most important thing, because without living faith a person does not establish a connection with God. In order to strive for God and to desire union with Him, He must first be affirmed in the heart. He must be felt as existing, therefore man must believe in Him that He is and is in the closest connection with His creatures. Only this living faith results in consciously striving for Him. And so faith is absolutely necessary and it can never be replaced, for without faith the prayer to God for strength and grace is futile. He who does not recognize God does not call upon Him. But God's call for strength cannot be avoided because man alone has too little strength for higher development, but this is the goal of life on earth. Living faith means being able to stand up for something with **full conviction**, which cannot be proven, and then also to live according to this conviction, i.e. to put it into practice. In most cases, however, people only have a dead faith, that is, they only affirm with their mouth and recognize everything that is demanded of them to believe; but as soon as they are supposed to live according to their faith they don't have the strength to do so because they are unable to pray, that is, to request help. And if they now seriously think about it then they realize that their inner being, their heart, is not at all in an affirmative mood, that they therefore have no living faith at all. But without this faith the human being fails in life, for now he lacks every foundation, he cannot understand the meaning and purpose of creation either, for everything that is related to God cannot be proven but must be believed, i.e. affirmed with the heart, and humanity lacks this living faith.... It may talk about the deity and supposedly profess it, but it actually only affirms the existence of a creator, since creation requires one. However, it does not recognize the connection between all things and therefore also not the relationship between man and the creator. However, the **right** relationship between man and the creator can only be established when man is convinced of a being Who leans towards him in love. For now he seeks to win this love for himself through prayer and devotion to his creator. Prayer, however, presupposes faith in a power Which can do anything It wants and wants everything that is good.... So the being must be omnipotent and loving.... The belief in such a perfect being can only be called a living one, for this belief only stimulates activity.... the human being likewise strives for perfection because he has the desire to come closer to the eternal deity, Which he now recognizes, but this requires the will to become active. However, where living faith is lacking, the will also remains inactive, or it sets itself a false goal.... it strives towards the world and the human being does not establish a connection with the being Who created him. The lack of faith is therefore the cause of the most diverse schools of thought, which aim to teach man's independence from the power that created him and which can therefore be called the death of a living faith. For the purpose and goal of earthly life is the conscious striving for the eternal deity, the desire for union, but this presupposes a living faith.... a faith that is a matter of the heart but can never be gained intellectually. God can only be felt, and as soon as the heart affirms Him, faith is also alive, for now the human being also establishes the right relationship with God according to this feeling, and a conscious striving for perfection is the result of this right attitude towards God. However, anyone who tries to fathom God intellectually is outside of faith, even if he tries to present himself as a believer through words. Living faith stimulates activity in the transformation of the soul, whereas formal faith lacks such and therefore cannot be called living, for everything that lives must be active or stimulate perpetual activity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

**Y**ou will never be able to detach yourselves from your adversary if you don't call upon Jesus Christ to help you in the battle against him. Hence you have to acknowledge Him and His act of salvation by calling upon Him, and thus you also have to **believe** that I embodied Myself in the man Jesus.... you must believe in My incarnation in Jesus.... And this faith must be a **living** faith which was only awakened to life again through **love**. Hence you can only be redeemed through love, for **without** love you will not believe, even if you want to testify to faith in Jesus Christ with words. Anyone who walks away without love has no will to fight **against** the adversary, since he is of the **same** mind as him. Yet a person can have a weak will.... and this weak will prevents him from practicing love and detaching himself from the adversary.... But he should nevertheless know about the redeemer Jesus Christ and call upon Him to strengthen his will. He should only know for the time being that he will always find help with Jesus Christ.... If he calls upon Him, then his will will soon be strengthened and he will increasingly change to a life of love, and then his faith in the divinity of the man Jesus, in His act of salvation and in his own possibility of redemption will come alive, and then he will represent Me and My name with the conviction which only a living faith can give.... This is why the knowledge of Jesus Christ is necessary.... even if it is initially only a knowledge about the earthly event, about the life of a human being Who gave His life out of inner conviction.... The thought of this person can already be the first step towards a connection with Him, which once opens the gate to beatitude for him.... For as soon as he mentally occupies himself with His earthly life and is of good will, these thoughts will no longer let him go.... For it is Jesus Christ Himself Who now seeks to bind him to Himself. I know the human being's every thought, and I Myself can draw close to him 'in Jesus' if he has not yet found a close bond with Me as his God and father of eternity. But the establishment of this bond is possible through the 'man Jesus'.... which is why He should also be mentioned purely historically.... only then can I still mentally influence him to try to find the reason for the way of life and the actions of the man Jesus.... And then he can also come to the conclusion that his life and death was based on a 'spiritual cause'. And only then is it possible to win him over, for now he is no longer inaccessible to the teachings if they are **truthfully** conveyed to him. But anyone who wants to completely deny that the man Jesus walked on earth can hardly still gain knowledge on earth, because it will never be possible for him to give his will the right direction, which is still completely under the adversary's control. And the latter will also never **want** to acquire the knowledge.... otherwise he would also receive knowledge in any way about Jesus' earthly progress. For I truly have enough possibilities if only the human being seeks to learn about it. But it is always a blessing when My word is proclaimed as Jesus' teaching of love when He Himself is proclaimed throughout the world.... so that every person has the opportunity to think about the truth, about the historical fact and about His mission, if he acknowledges such. Every person who **wants** to **can** also come to faith, and every person's intellectual faith can also become a living faith. But only **living faith** will earn you humans redemption from sin and death.... Living faith in Me in Jesus Christ and in My act of salvation opens the gates into the kingdom of light and bliss for you; and you should all try to attain this living faith so that you can enter My kingdom of eternal life....

Amen

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### Characteristic of the living christian....

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**A**s long as My spirit is not yet working in you, you are merely followers or formal christians, for My spirit's working is the characteristic of the church which I Myself founded on earth. Only then will you belong to this church founded by Me when My spirit can express itself in you, that you hear its voice, that you are thus awakened to life, which proves My spirit's working in and on you. And the sign of My spirit's working is that you are alive, that you have become true christians, thus also true doers, not just hearers of My word. A dead christian does not have these signs, he goes about

his life, he will hardly speak of Jesus Christ and His act of salvation, he will also not make an effort to live a life of action; yet he calls himself a christian because he has not yet understood what I mean by this. A christian is a true follower of Jesus, a person who makes an effort to live his earthly life like Him, which consisted of unceasing activity of love and an intimate bond with His father, Who was in Him. This intimate bond must first be established with Me in Jesus Christ if My spirit is to become effective, if it is to be able to express itself by gaining influence over all thinking, willing and acting. Then the human being will be guided by My spirit, for I express Myself through the spirit and make My will known to the human being. Thus the human being must live a second life next to his earthly life, he must strive spiritually, for which a formal christian has no time because he is imprisoned by the world which does not release him. The spiritual christian lives his earthly life on the side and the spiritual life fills his purpose in life, for he is impelled by the spirit from Me which never lets him rest. And thus every spiritual thought, every bond with Me, every impulse to do a good deed, every deeper understanding of spiritual knowledge and ever new desire for it is all to be regarded as 'working of the spirit', and all this also characterises a living christian, whereas the formal christian is completely lacking, for he is not so much moved by the life of his soul as by the life of his body, and spiritual bonds are alien to him because they are inconvenient to him and he therefore avoids them. And therefore he is a dead christian who will not be able to prove his 'life' when he is put to this test. For a person is not a **dead** christian with impunity, and one day it will become apparent how deep he is still in the grave, how darkened his spirit is and how far away he himself still is from being a true follower of Jesus Christ. And that is why only a few people have the right to call themselves christians, because most of them are not, even if they belong to ecclesiastical organisations but do not honour them. For in all these organizations people can take the right path of following Jesus in order to then also possess the characteristic of My church as true christians: the awakened spirit which now guides and teaches them, which brightly illuminates their path of life and which truly has an effect on the human being in the best sense, because it is **My spirit** which expresses itself in you and I also truly only give you what is good for you and your souls. And every one of you can awaken the spirit in himself to life if he only seriously wants to fulfil his earthly task, if he seriously wants to unite with Me, Whom he recognizes as his God and father and establishes this intimate union through loving activity.... For anyone who practices love establishes unity with Me, Who is love Myself, and My spirit will radiate through him and give him light.... He will now only ever be active in My will and gain eternal life while still on earth....

Amen

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## "Living christians"....

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**I**t is not enough that you outwardly identify yourselves as christians, that you belong to an ecclesiastical organisation, that you do what it demands of you in terms of outward appearances and customs, but only one thing is necessary: that you **live out** the teaching which **every** ecclesiastical organisation represents and also presents to its members.... that you fulfil the divine **commandments of love** which the 'founder of the church' Himself gave you on earth. He, Who Himself led a life of love on earth, He also made love the fundamental principle of those who want to belong to His church, for His church is not a dead structure, His church is spirit and life, His church is built on a living faith which can only be gained through a life of love.... **Love and faith....** these are the characteristics of the church which Jesus Christ Himself founded on earth, for love and faith allow for the 'working of the spirit' which is the rightful emblem of His church.... And as long as you humans cannot exhibit this emblem you are only blind followers of the organisation you have joined, but you are not 'living' christians, you are not followers of the church of Christ.... And then you are in great danger of losing your soul, which has to pass a test of will on earth and cannot pass it if it does not draw strength from above, but which requires a **living faith**. Only living faith.... the result of unselfish neighbourly love.... establishes the intimate connection with the source of strength from eternity, from

Whom every human being requires a supply of strength if he wants to reach his aim on earth: to become perfect as the father in heaven is perfect.... You humans take it very easy with your earthly task; you believe you are doing enough if you dutifully fulfil what is prescribed to you by people who claim to be 'God's representatives'.... You do not even think about whether they are really God's representatives or have only made themselves into such.... You do not even think about whether you are being instructed in the **truth**. You unhesitatingly believe everything that is presented to you as truth but you don't examine the origin of it, and you don't turn to Him, Who is the eternal truth Himself, in order to ask **Him** to guide you into truth.... You do not ask for the truth, otherwise you would truly also be introduced.... You don't take your earthly task seriously enough and believe that you are doing God's will by fulfilling prescribed actions and commandments which, however, were never given to you humans by **God Himself**.... But you pay no attention to **God's** commandments or you would make an effort to live a life of love and then you would automatically take the right path which leads upwards.... It is **love** alone which God requires of you; it is **love** alone which gives you the right to feel that you belong to His church, for **love** alone produces a **living** faith.... the rock on which Jesus Christ built His church. Therefore, only call yourselves christians when you have fulfilled Christ's commandments and **thereby** become true followers of His church.... And you can achieve this in **every** ecclesiastical organisation, for each one teaches you love.... But don't give priority to humanly issued commandments which are not fruitful and are unable to give your soul eternal life. For everything is worthless which is not based on love.... And you would discover the truth of this by yourselves if only you were serious about your duty towards God.... But as long as you only formally fulfil ecclesiastical demands your soul will always remain on the same level, it will not achieve any progress on earth, for this is only achieved through unselfish neighbourly love which, however, also irrevocably entails recognition: Enlightenment of spirit.... so that the human being will then no longer be satisfied with a formal christianity but will seriously strive for perfection, which he will then also certainly achieve....

Amen

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# The church of Christ

**Christ head of His church.... members of the true church....**

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**T**he head of the church of Christ remains Jesus Christ Himself.... For this church, which comprises the community of believers, i.e. those who place themselves under the cross of Christ and want to participate in the redemption through His blood, which He shed for sinful humanity, is based on faith in His redemptive work. His church cannot be understood in any other way than on this faith in Him and His redemption, and this is also how Jesus' words are to be understood: "You are Peter, the rock, on you I will build My Church....". Peter was the most faithful among His disciples, and he recognized the mission of the man Jesus, he believed in Him as God's son and redeemer of the world, although in hours of earthly distress he put the world in the foreground, which drove him to his threefold denial. His faith was therefore not weaker, only his flesh failed in the anguish and distress of the events surrounding Jesus. Therefore, whoever wants to belong to His church must acknowledge Jesus Christ, and therefore Jesus Christ will also always have to be confessed as a sign of belonging to His church. And thus His teaching will also have to be proclaimed in it, i.e. the same must be taught as Jesus taught His fellow human beings.... the gospel must be brought to people because the knowledge of it is necessary in order to revive faith in the redemption through Jesus Christ. For only the right faith is the cause for a person to enter into the right relationship with Him, Who acquired eternal bliss for him through His death on the cross....

(23.8.1949) For this reason, followers of every denomination can claim membership of the true church of Christ if they only believe in Jesus Christ and His act of salvation and have penetrated His gospel and live their lives according to His divine teaching of love. These alone are the signs of the church which Jesus Himself founded on earth, that people remain in His spirit and never ever let Him out of their thoughts and strive to follow Him in deeds, words and thoughts.... Faith in Jesus Christ determines a person's right conduct of life, for Jesus' words, His gospel, are sacred to him; he respects them as God's word and seeks to live them out. And through this he awakens the spirit in himself to life, and the working of the spirit is then the most unmistakable sign of being a member of the true church of Christ. But it is not outward bonds, the fulfilment of outward formulas or a forced membership in the traditional way that makes a person belong to the community of believers. For then the awakening of the spirit is not far off, which demands more than outward membership in name only. Anyone who sees Jesus Christ as the head of the church consciously strives towards Him and for him His word is the gospel.... the only path to the aim.... because the word is Jesus Christ's flesh and blood, it is bread and wine from heaven; consequently it must also lead to heaven, it must lead to the closest union with the divine redeemer Himself and thus make him blissfully happy. Hence the word is the core of Christ's church, the word is His teaching of love, and where this is conveyed to people there will always be the true church of Christ. And anyone who receives His word into his heart and lives accordingly is His follower, he is a member of His church, which is only ever to be understood spiritually, thus not bound to earthly organizations. Nevertheless, every earthly ecclesiastical organization can include members of this church as long as they fulfil those conditions, provided they are truly devout followers and confessors of Jesus Christ and His act of salvation....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

I certainly established a church on earth but I did not want an organisation.... I say this to all those who interpret My Word 'Thou art Peter, the rock, and upon this rock I will build My church' such that I Myself Am the founder of worldly organisations which call themselves the true church of Christ. Like all My Words these, too, were intended to be understood spiritually, in fact, they are very easy to comprehend if the faith of My disciple Peter is understood as a rock, which everyone must possess in order to belong to My true church. My church is a purely spiritual foundation; it is to be understood as a community with a faith as rock-hard as Peter's, but never the amalgamation of people in a purely secular organisation, which has to be called secular because everything that proves the affiliation to this organisation must be outwardly recognisable and because further regulations or laws were decreed which inhibit a person's thinking and actions, which entirely contradicts My will. It is My will that people wanting to belong to My church should strive towards Me of their own free will, which necessitates faith in Me as well as love.... Neither can be enforced nor achieved through regulations; love for Me does not awaken as a matter of duty but through faith in My perfection, and although this faith can be taught, it cannot be demanded. The human being must bring himself to believe after he has received knowledge of Me, of his Creator and Father of eternity. A human being only becomes a member of My church through this self-attained faith, therefore My church cannot be an organisation with a mass of members who lack living, self-attained faith. For although faith and love are being preached, the listeners must nevertheless first activate their will in order to acquire the right of belonging to the church which was founded by Me.

And therefore I repeatedly emphasise that people could not have formed this church by establishing an organisation in which, like in any worldly organisation, leaders of various ranks work, to whom I have never appointed such a ministry, whose functions are more of a ruling than a serving nature and who are often not members of the church I founded themselves because they, too, only believe blindly what they were taught and as yet have neither acquired a convinced faith through deliberation nor a living faith through activity of love. Hence these believe themselves to be My representatives on earth, and yet they are unable to convey truthful knowledge to people because they don't possess it themselves. They feel that they are Peter's successors but they are not because their faith lacks the strength of a rock as soon as it is tested. The church founded by Me will prove itself.... not even the gates of hell will defeat it. But once the walls of the former are shaken, which is intended by My will, it will not survive and only blindly believing fanatics will remain steadfast but not on account of conviction but because of fanaticism which is not valued by Me as faithfulness. For I want people to think about everything they encounter, and it is My will that they shall acquire vision and don't remain blind due to their own fault. I also want them to think about My Words: Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.... I want people to reflect on how these Words of Mine are to be understood: It is My will that they should be truthfully interpreted and you humans also recognise when human interpretation does **not** correspond to the spiritual meaning which I have placed into My Words. And you will be able to recognise it if you dwell on it with willingness for the pure truth when you are taught by those who call themselves My representatives on earth. My true representatives are certainly informed of the truth and can therefore also provide their fellow human beings with a correct explanation regarding My Word and its deeper spiritual meaning. However, My representatives also belong to the church founded by Me, even though they are not members of an earthly organisation. My true representatives will also announce in My name to all spiritual organisations the end of their existence, because everything that has distanced itself from the real truth will fade away, even if people are convinced that that church will be invincible. Only the church which I Myself have founded on earth will be invincible, which is a spiritual community of those with a faith like Peter's and who, through this faith, shape themselves into My image, who can indeed have a living faith because they are instructed in the truth, who allow My spirit to be effective in them, which always is and will remain a sign of affiliation to the church I have founded....

**The true church.... Sects.... Working of the spirit....**

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**T**he fact that so many schools of thought or faith exist and that people are usually admitted into them without their own will should make you humans think. The child's will does not determine the faith it is 'born into', and therefore it is similarly not a person's own merit or own fault to be educated in a particular school of faith.... And if now either one church or the other would be the 'only beatifying....', if only one or the other would be right before God or pleasing to Him, then people who were born into other schools of thought could rightfully feel disadvantaged by God that the 'true church' was withheld from them due to their birth. But it is by no means the case that a human being can come to the truth without their own effort, and again it is completely unimportant into which school of thought he was born into.... Because every human being has to struggle for the light of truth himself. And it is equally certain that truth cannot be implanted through education unless the person has gathered the right foundation within himself on which the truth can take root in order to now become and to remain his possession. But this aforementioned fact should also make those people think who maintain their affiliation to a particular school of thought and deem themselves to be 'living in truth'....

It is a presumptuous idea to believe to possess the privilege for the kingdom of heaven.... But many people have this presumptuous idea because all members of sects are utterly convinced to possess the exclusive truth.... And yet they have mostly taken on board what they in turn were taught by those who equally fanatically deemed themselves infallible. And none of them have spent any thought on how God Himself regards those who do not belong to their school of thought....

As long as a school of thought is only based on love for God and other people and Jesus Christ's act of Salvation it can also produce true Christians to whom the light of truth will soon shine as well.... For if God's commandments of love are fulfilled while believing in Jesus Christ the divine Redeemer, the human being is becoming active himself, and then he has voluntarily joined the 'community of believers', the church which Jesus Christ Himself founded on earth....

And every human being has to make this personal decision for himself, or: the fundamental religion is the fulfilment of the commandments of love and as long as this is ignored the person stands outside the church of Christ, outside of the truth, in spite of belonging to a school of faith which pretends to be the 'only true' and 'beatifying' one.

No human being can acquire beatitude merely by belonging to a particular school of thought or through actions demanded by it.... Only truly unselfish love for other people and thereby also demonstrated love for God leads to beatitude, and this can be practised in every school of thought, which will then also lead to the knowledge of pure truth. However, as long as there are separate communities, as long as each one tries to win members for itself who have to prove their membership by accepting what they teach themselves.... as long as these members' freedom of thought is restricted they are mere supporters but not living (24.03.1958) Christians who can consider themselves to belong to the church of Christ....

But as soon as a person becomes 'alive', which thus only requires the condition of a life of love, he also realises the extent of truth a school of thought can claim for itself. Then he will certainly be able to instruct his fellow human beings better than the leaders of the schools of thought but he will not be able to transfer his insight to his fellow human being either, instead his fellow human being has to fulfil the same conditions which will lead to the realisation of the pure truth: He first has to become a 'living' Christian through a life of love because this results in a strong faith, and then he also belongs to the church of Christ, which He Himself has built on the rock of faith.

It should make sense to every thinking human being that God will never depend a person's beatitude on the school or community of faith he belongs to, since the simple fact that people are born into and attached to such communities without volition should make them think.... provided they still have enough faith to acknowledge a God and a purpose for the human being. For atheists such thoughts are not worth discussing anyway because they dismiss every school of faith. But to those who all too eagerly support their opinion and repeatedly try to prove their truth by quoting words from the scriptures which, however, they only interpret rationally, apply the words that only love alone activates the spirit within the human being. In that case, however, the spirit will also instruct them in accordance with the truth, and therefore misguided teachings will also be highlighted from which the person has to liberate himself if he wants to be a living Christian, a follower of the true 'church of Christ', which does not exhibit any other outward characteristics than just the working of the divine spirit....

Amen

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## Priestly ministry

Preaching ministry.... right preachers - receptacles....

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The gift of preaching the gospel requires love for people if divine words are to flow from the preacher's mouth, for then he is the organ through which God Himself speaks to people, whereas otherwise it is human words that he speaks.... words that are learnt and only reflect the knowledge that man has absorbed in a scholastic way. As soon as a person is active in love, the spirit from God works through that person, and then he can only speak what the spirit from God imparts to him. Therefore, a preacher who is not active in love can never successfully stand up for the gospel, for the words he speaks are only empty; they lack life and therefore cannot awaken to life. And that is the reason why the divine word passes by the majority of people without finding an echo in them. They are not true proclaimers of the divine word, not servants of God, as they should be in order to be able to work successfully on earth. Their ministry is also connected to material interests, and if the human being is not exceptionally active in love he will not be able to provide the kind of information which is necessary in order to attain realization. However, he will always comply with the external forms he has been taught by human beings and he will feel like a servant of God who is destined to preach the gospel to his fellow human beings..... The gift of preaching is a consequence of the most intimate connection with God through loving activity and prayer.... There are then no limits to the work of the spirit in man, and now it is not man who speaks, but the voice of the divine spirit that makes itself known through the mouth of man. "Do not worry about what you are to say, for My spirit will give it to you at the same hour...." And what a person speaks and thinks is the gospel that he should pass on, for it is God's word, imparted to people by His spirit. And anyone can carry out this teaching ministry if he has acquired the right to the working of the divine spirit through labour of love. But only these are to teach.... Worldly study never replaces the work of the spirit, and if the activity of love is not practiced at the same time, the words offered to people will be and remain literal; they will not penetrate the heart and awaken it to life unless the listener is gripped by deep love for God and enlightened by His spirit, so that the word comes alive in him. The office of preacher is to be taken as infinitely important and yet will be equated with a worldly task even by those who are to fulfil it. Like worldly offices, it is forced into time and form, it is exercised habitually and no longer out of the deepest inner need.... Man must be urged by his spirit to speak, and for this he needs neither a specific place nor a specific time, but only hungry people who want to refresh themselves at the source of divine wisdom, who desire the bread of heaven.... The gospel is to be preached to them, the divine doctrine of love, the fulfilment of which alone allows man to attain wisdom. The more intimate the connection of the preacher with God is and the more willingly the listener receives his word, the clearer and more comprehensible this word will reach the ears of the listener, because he now desires and hears it with his heart and does not let it fade away at the ear. The preacher should be God's instrument, i.e. surrender himself to God so that He can work through him unhindered.... He is to be the receiving vessel for the spirit from God, which is to pour out on people.... He is to pass on this flow and show the way to those who do not establish the connection with God themselves.... if he himself lives and works with God and for God, he should also lead his fellow human beings to Him and give them knowledge of God's love, which is to be achieved again through loving actions.... He should educate people to love, because without love no human being can be saved....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

**A**ll who testify from My spirit are My representatives on earth.... All who carry Me alive in their hearts are filled by My spirit if they testify of Me, for I can reveal Myself to them through the spirit, and then they speak the pure truth because I Myself put the words into their mouths, because it is I Myself Who speaks through them....

This is why there can be true representatives in all schools of thought as soon as the proclaimers of My teaching are so intimately united with Me that My presence is assured and then pure truth is also guaranteed. For then they will only be able to speak in My spirit, they will keep silent about what has crept in as error, then they will always use what completely corresponds to the truth as the content of their speeches, because it is My spirit which guides them. This is why there are powerful speakers in all schools of thought, in all denominations, who appeal to people's hearts, who are successful with those who are of good will. They proclaim the word of God with zeal, they are convinced disciples who carry My gospel out into all the world.... But they also live in love, otherwise My spirit's working in them is impossible.... This is the sign whether a person is a true proclaimer of My teaching, that he practices love himself, that he is so permeated by love for Me and his neighbour that I Myself can be present in him and therefore he is a suitable instrument for Me. Where love can be recognized let yourselves be instructed, there accept My word, for there you will be truthfully instructed, there you will be able to be informed, because there I Myself am where love is.... For My word can also be preached without life, it can be transmitted by letter and will be without strength and appeal little to the hearers unless they are full of desire for My word.... Then My spirit enlightens their thinking, and they can also bring the dead word itself to life, it will be as comprehensible to them as if a love-filled, spirit-enlightened proclaimer had presented it to them.... My word has power within itself which comes to fruition through love in the human being.... The love-filled proclaimer can radiate this strength to the listeners, but the listener must also be love-filled with desire for My word so that it will be a blessing for him. This is why you humans can safely give your ear to **every** proclaimer of God's word; as soon as **you** have the profound desire to hear Me yourselves you will also hear Me; yet without spirit commanded and without spirit received it remains a dead word without blessing and strength.... I truly protect all who are of good will from erroneous thoughts as soon as they seriously strive towards the truth, as soon as they turn to Me Myself that I may enlighten their spirit. But anyone who is lukewarm and indifferent, who listens to what is proclaimed to him without an inner urge to know the truth, his thoughts will be confused and darkened, for he does nothing to provide himself with light, he lets himself be driven without thinking about where he is being driven to. And this person is truly only granted the fate which he himself is responsible for.... ignorance or erroneous knowledge, which will never help him attain maturity of soul. And he will never be able to excuse himself with having been wrongly instructed, for it was his will alone which caused his ignorant state. But anyone who wants to live in truth will also be taught the truth if he turns to Me Myself, Who is the truth from eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

**Priesthood.... the right disciples....**

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May 28th 1961

**I** once sent My disciples out into the world; thus they were to proclaim My will, My gospel of love. And I instructed them during My life on earth, I Myself exemplified a life of love to them and thus enabled My disciples to be true proclaimers of My divine teaching of love. They were to present the urgency of a life of love to people and also make the effects of such understandable to them, and therefore the disciples also had to be able to prove in **themselves** what they proclaimed to their fellow human beings about it: They had to possess unusual strength and knowledge themselves so that people would recognize the truth of My teaching and then strive to attain perfection themselves. And the first

disciples also had unusual strength and knowledge because My spirit was able to fill them, for they had been redeemed through My sacrificial death on the cross, and through their love they were in intimate contact with Me.... It will now also be understandable to you that only **those** can be called My true disciples and followers of those disciples who also provide the evidence of being filled by My spirit, who also draw unusual strength from Me through a life of love and most intimate contact with Me and have truthful knowledge at their disposal which they received from Me Myself.... It will be understandable to you that not everyone can call himself a follower of My disciples who was given an office by **people** which only **I** can bestow, because I know every person's state of maturity and will and therefore also **who** I choose for such an office.... The 'priesthood' cannot be conferred by people, it is an office which **I** alone have to decide upon, because people are unable to judge the inner maturity and will of the person they appoint to such an office.... And thus you will often find true 'priests', i.e. servants of God, where you **don't** suspect them, and you will be allowed to refuse your recognition to those who have made themselves into such, for **My calling** is part of it which is also to be recognized as such. The individual's inner life is decisive for the relationship a person has with Me. And the contract is concluded solely between Me and the person, and this truly does not require a third party who would have to determine where I alone make the choice as to whom I send out into the world as My true disciple in order to proclaim the gospel to fellow human beings. If the abilities which allow My spirit to work are not present, then the human being will not be able to carry out proper missionary work either, then he will not be a suitable tool for Me, he will not be able to pretend to be My disciple, and then his work will also be unsuccessful, even though he believes that he is doing vineyard work. At the time of My life on earth I chose My disciples Myself, and I still do so now, but a servant called by Me, who has reached a high degree of maturity, will also be able to judge what task he now has to accomplish, and he will then willingly comply with it because I Myself work through and with him and he now also has unusual strength and knowledge at his disposal which impels him to tirelessly work in My vineyard. And these disciples of Mine will preach love and live out love.... They will stand in right knowledge, they will stand up for Me and My name before all the world.... Their position in the world will be different from what you humans expect.... for they will be active for Me in secret but not fear any power they are subject to, for they acknowledge Me as their lord Whose instructions they comply with.... they serve Me of their own free will and are faithful servants to Me in the last days before the end.... They do not seek external honours and recognition, they do not seek rank and dignity, but they also do not shy away from those who stand in rank and dignity and want to be recognized as successors of the apostles, as successors of those disciples whom I once sent out into the world with the command: "Go and teach all nations...." For My right disciples know their mission, and they faithfully seek to administer the office into which I have appointed them.... And My right disciples will also not shy away in the last days before the end, when the battle of faith will break out; then they will confess Me and My name before all the world, they will bear witness to Me and stand up for Me and My kingdom with strength of faith....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## Should you leave the Church?

### Leaving the mother church....

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**T**he biggest foolishness in life takes place when people withdraw from the church they belong to. The circumstances the clergy find themselves in nowadays are not easy... they do everything possible to help the church keep its sheep and yet one after the other isolates itself and often no longer finds its way back.... It is then exceptionally difficult to influence the souls of such deserters even though this is and indeed should be every clergyman's task. Now the Lord puts the gift of teaching into the hands of His chosen servants.... not to push the clergy out of office but to help them, so that people outside the church also receive the blessing of God's Word. But who listens to and accepts the Word....

It is indescribably difficult for someone having voluntarily separated himself from the church to submit to God's commandments.... It is not as if he did not have the opportunity to walk the right path.... If his heart dictates what is pleasing to the Lord and he follows this voice he will very soon reach a level which can lead him to much further ascent.... but usually people who have separated from their mother church are not at all interested in purely spiritual matters. They deny everything and are therefore in an extremely unsafe position by delivering themselves to evil powers, since they give up all support which the church had still provided to them and are far more likely to become entirely unbelieving, and their whole direction of thought only applies to the present.... but they deny life after death, which is generally the reason why they have separated from their previous belief. If these people are confronted by great hardship one day they won't know where to turn.... then they will look for their God and don't know where to look for Him....

The clergy will never again be able to keep up the old discipline, it has lost the strength which makes the task of the messengers of God's Word easier, because they themselves often lack true profound faith as well.... They cannot any longer support with holy eagerness what they are teaching, and thus one thing explains the other. God's Word has to come to life in the messenger.... anyone speaking to the people has to be permeated by true love for the Saviour. Then every word flowing from his mouth will be spoken by the Lord Himself.... then every word will also enter into the human beings' hearts, and the small flock of people on earth which follows the Saviour and is willing to serve Him, will unite ever more closely. But anyone leaving the mother church surrenders himself to divine grace if he does not voluntarily bring himself in his heart to accept the divine doctrine.... Such struggle of heart is of immense value at the present time if you do not want to perish. The soil is being prepared wherever a community congregates to hear God's Word, and if a person's love is active as well the earthly child will soon feel the blessing of God's Word by being able to penetrate the divine teaching ever more and by receiving the right understanding for God's Word.

And thus the foundation of faith is laid in such a community, and if a faithful, God-serving shepherd is in charge of this community the Lord's Words will soon take root in the hearts of the believers, and they will be correctly guided onto the path of ascent. Therefore remain faithful to your mother church and don't leave it, for every church can give you the foundation for your own progress of ascent if you don't just listen with your ears but also with your hearts to what your Heavenly Father is telling you through His servants. Therefore, when you hear God's Word you should know that the Lord Himself is speaking to you.... you should know that everyone who serves the Lord has been chosen to proclaim the Word, that one day there shall be a great harvest.... and respect all workers in the vineyard of the Lord.... Any person proclaiming His Word has been given the task and strength by Him.... thus listen to him and the blessing of God's Word will always come over you....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Formalities, ceremonies.... True church service....

B.D. No. 5571b

January 7th 1953

**I**n every church where I Am proclaimed you will learn the basic doctrines which can guide you into eternal bliss. If you only hear them and let them fade away they will be of little use to you; but if you allow them to penetrate your heart the seed will be fertilized and grow, soon covering the whole field, your heart, with abundant vegetation. Life will be awakened in you and Christ's doctrine, My Word, which was made known to you, will yield glorious fruit. Your soul will mature and you will move towards perfection. Therefore every church which makes My Word accessible to you can help you to achieve maturity. However, the prerequisite is your acceptance of My Word, and you are offered this Word when the teaching of Christ is imparted to you, which also informs you of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Saviour of the world.... You humans are only able to achieve beatitude through Jesus Christ, consequently you also have to know of Him and His act of Salvation. And since you can only gain perfection by fulfilling His commandments of love, you also need to be instructed in His doctrine....

As to where and how this doctrine will be imparted to you is irrelevant, but it is very important that you receive it. Therefore I will bless everyone who proclaims My Word, who tries to bring Me closer to people, who bears witness of Me, Who lived on earth as the man Jesus and brought salvation to humanity. Thus everything that will help to acquaint people with My suffering and death on the cross, with My human manifestation and act of Salvation, that will help to encourage them to follow Jesus, to live a life of selfless love for other people, is in accordance with My will and blessed by Me, irrespective of which school of thought aims to achieve this. However, anything exceeding this, anything not in accordance with My teaching of love, anything which is a burden to people because it interferes with human free will, anything which contradicts My simple way of life on earth, anything which was added to My divine commandments of love at a later time, will incur My displeasure and is not right for the development of true members of the church, which I Myself established on earth. Because where love is taught it also has to be applied by the teachers themselves.... i.e. where there is suffering it should also be alleviated.... And whoever receives material wealth from Me should also use it in the service of neighbourly love, he should ease suffering to the best of his ability.

If this first commandment is disregarded, no blessing can be expected either, even if My teaching of love is proclaimed. For then they are nothing but idle words which have not yet achieved a change of disposition, thus My Word has not yet penetrated the heart, the person's heart has not yet come alive, My Word will have fallen on stony ground and therefore not be able grow. Nothing other than a life of love will enable you to acquire an eternal life of bliss, and My Gospel will only be truthfully proclaimed to people where this doctrine is preached quite firmly. And the true church service takes place where My teaching of love is given full expression, which is pleasing to Me and which will result in inconceivable blessings for you....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Profess Jesus Christ in the battle of faith

### Confessing christ.... living christianity....

B.D. No. 4012

March 31th 1947

**A**nyone who counts himself a member of Christ's church must also confess Him before the world if this is demanded of him. He must not deny Christ, he must stand up for Him and His teaching, and he himself must live according to His teaching, he must believe in the act of salvation and prove his affiliation to Him through a life of unselfish neighbourly love, and only then can he be called a true Christian, only then will he stand in living Christianity, which does not consist of belonging to a Christian church but in the right following of Jesus. And the true followers of His church will be severely attacked by the world, they will be persecuted and threatened into apostasy from the church of Christ. And then they will have to stand firm in the face of the world, then they will have to openly profess Him, even if they have to fear losing their physical life in the process. A death for Jesus Christ will awaken the soul to life for eternity. But anyone who makes concessions to the world, who does not have the courage to resist it, certainly provides for his earthly life but he sells his soul, and what the world offers him is worthless for eternity. And therefore the choice should be easy for the human being in view of the approaching end, which will bring a destruction of all matter; and then the human being will surrender everything who lives in and for Christ.... No threat of the world will frighten him or move him to make a wrong decision before God, he will be courageous and brave in the face of all accusations of the world, and then Jesus' promise will also come true: "Whoever confesses Me before the world, him will I also confess before My father...." Man will gain the affection of eternal love according to His promise. Then He Himself will come to people and bring them the gospel, He will take abode in the hearts of His own and they will be allowed to receive the greatest reward.... God Himself will be in the human being and provide him with the richest knowledge, He will be with him in the word until the end....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### Collapse of ecclesiastical organisations.... True church....

B.D. No. 4768

October 28th 1949

**T**he last days will be preceded by a time when My Word and everything referring to Me as Creator and Provider will come under attack. People will intend to destroy the faith in a Deity, which thus will signify an open battle against everything of a spiritual nature. Ecclesiastical organisations and their supporters will be affected most, because measures will be taken against every externally identifiable representative of My kingdom and My teaching. As a result, I will awaken messengers of My Word outside of these organisations, who are called by Me to spread My teaching, for they are in possession of the full truth and therefore also suitable teachers for their fellow human beings in the last days. For it will be necessary during the last days before the end to strengthen people's faith or to awaken it, because only then will they start to think about the reliability of teachings which were passed down to them through tradition. And they will realise that I Am not with those who only associate with Me through the church, who believe themselves privileged due to their affiliation to a particular church....

Indeed, I love each one of My children, but if a child does not fulfil the Father's will by not using its bestowed gift of intellect and thereby activates its intellect and heart in order to know when it is doing My will, to recognise when false prophets pretend to be My messengers, the child will distance itself from Me and only find its way back to Me with difficulty. They, too, constantly receive My Word

from Me, I constantly approach them by trying to give them the information directly, that is, by sending them My messengers to enlighten them, yet they do not accept instructions and can therefore no longer be excused if they stray onto a wrong path. However, once people lose their church due to My adversary's actions, only people who are truly devout and so intimately connected to Me that I can always be close to them, will not falter. They will not be affected by the harsh measures and brutal laws, for they know where to find the true church of Christ and will merely defend My Word with ever increasing eagerness, even though they will not be safe from the pursuits of those who fight against everything that is related to faith.

All of you, however, will still have to make your decision, and only your inner conviction that you know the truth, which is proven to you by the Word I conveyed to you Myself, will then give you the strength to offer resistance. Then you, and all those who listen to you and want to serve Me, will use all their power of persuasion, and nothing will disturb them, for then they will know that they only need to wait a short time until they will be happy. They will know that everything external can certainly waver but not the church which Jesus Christ founded on earth... the true church, which cannot be overcome by the gates of hell. Nevertheless, untold people will lose their faith, they will find it incomprehensible that I will not protect the church they regard as 'founded by God', and they do not call themselves to account as to whether or not they are members of the church founded by Me, because they are not allowed to think about it.

And thus, something that people regard as invincible will fall apart. It will collapse like a house of cards because it is a human structure that cannot last. Yet My Own will not be overcome, they will have the strength of faith that offers resistance because it finds My support. They will receive the strength from Me because they firmly believe in Me and therefore belong to My church which cannot be overpowered by the gates of hell. However, it will be a difficult time to which I will refer again and again in order to remind you, who belong to Me, to prepare yourselves, to constantly accept strength by receiving My Word and through deeds of love.... The time of battle is close at hand and then you must be forearmed.... you have to stand firm when those who hold on to an external belief fail, who deem themselves living in truth without ever contemplating what they are expected to believe. They will waver and fall away, but you should stand firm and provide the evidence that an inner, living relationship also results in a living faith which will provide you with the strength to endure to the end....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

**‘Whosoever shall confess Me before men .... ’**

B.D. No. 7216

November 28th 1958

**A**n anyone shying away from confessing Me before the world is not permeated by My spirit, he is just an empty vessel, a lifeless form without spirit and life, for life knows Me and also confesses Me to fellow human beings. And you will also be able to recognise the Christians who merely observe formalities by the fact that they anxiously avoid mentioning My name, that they do not speak about Me and My act of Salvation, that they only rarely let themselves be drawn into spiritual conversations and even then only with a sense of discomfort .... And you will recognise them as ‘dead’ followers. For wherever My spirit is able to work, My name will be confessed with the greatest of joy, the human being will be impelled from within to confess Me before the world .... If you then watch how rarely people behave in a ‘Christian’ manner, how they try to avoid everything relating to religion or Christendom .... be it in relation to church or other proclamations of the Word, if you watch how everything is only covered with secrecy, how people in company of others shirk from touching upon a subject which concerns God, Jesus Christ, the spiritual kingdom or the human being’s task on earth .... then it is easy to guess what people’s decision will be one day when it is necessary for them to confess or deny the One Who had redeemed the world from sin and death. Then only a few will stand up for Me and My name before the world with full conviction .... however, the majority will keep a low

profile, perhaps not entirely having detached themselves in their heart but lacking the strength of faith in order to accept the consequences of a true confession .... Only a few will bear up against the pressures, My adversary's activity is approaching its end. Then it will be proven as to who is redeemed from sin and death, for only this person will loudly confess My name before the world, only he will summon the strength to resist when he is requested to renounce Me. Only a living faith will give people this strength, only a living faith will ensure the working of My spirit in the human being and thus also a certain confidence in My support during the time of the end. And this is the time when the separation of the spirits will take place, when it will become clearly obvious who belongs and wants to belong to My Own and whose Christianity has so far been a mere formality .... Then it will not be enough to be a follower of this or that school of faith, instead, a person must follow **Me Myself in Jesus Christ**, his bond with Me must be so alive that he cannot help loudly proclaiming My name as that of his God and Redeemer .... In that case he will also be accepted by Me, I will also confess him in the kingdom of light, I will fulfil My promise 'Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father .... ' For he has acknowledged Me Myself in Jesus Christ, and the fullness of My spirit is in him .... Yet woe to those who renounce Me .... They still belong to My adversary's followers and are and will remain his for an infinitely long time again. However, they knew that I demand the acknowledgment of My name, they were not left in ignorance and must therefore also be answerable on the day of Judgment. Then I will come to judge the 'living' and the 'dead' .... Understand these Words correctly: **Life** only comes from Me, and anyone who is **My Own** will live .... but all those who turn away from Me by renouncing Me when the final decision is demanded of them will die .... And their number will be great, yet only small will be My flock which I will guide into beatitude.

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

### **Confessing before the world in the final battle of faith....**

B.D. No. 8723

January 12th 1964

**A**gain and again you will be given information where you still move in wrong thinking, where you still do not possess the right light.... where you still lack truth. And there are always areas, which only the spirit in you can open up for you, because intellect results are unprovable and therefore also often change. But the spirit will "guide you into all truth", as I have promised you. If you now assume that My opponent is superior to Me in power, because he is very obviously active in the last time and achieves far greater successes than I in the fight for the souls of men, then you still think wrong, because his power is alone the result of **your** free will. So you could rather say that **you** are stronger than I because I do not touch your free will but also know about the outcome of everything that you men still do in association with the prince of darkness until the end.... And therefore I give him and you free rein but none of you will triumph but you will have to bear the dreadful consequences of the evil because My power nevertheless then sets in when the measure of My opponent is exceeded.... (the adversary exceeds his authority).... Only the deeply believing person will know about the correlations and, despite all external appearances, steadfastly believe in My love, wisdom and power. All others will doubt a God of love and strength because they can follow the conduct of him who is against Me and against all faith. And it will also require a strong faith to stand firm in this time because the goings-on of the adversary will assume proportions that let him be recognized very clearly. But men keep their eyes closed and are willing to him what he also demands from them.... So then the faith struggle will break out.... And that is the time, which is announced in word and script, the time when you have to openly confess before the world for Me or for him.... And this open confession I demand from you, and you will then not be able to say that an inward acknowledgment of Myself is enough, because I Myself have said to you: "Whoever confesses Me before the world, him I will also confess before the father...." And this is only ever to be understood in such a way that you must openly stand up for Me when this decision is demanded of you. It is the last, certainly very difficult test of faith, but which My own will also pass, for they will also draw the strength from Me, they will therefore take all

adversity upon themselves because they stand in truth and know what it is all about.... But those who have no **living** faith, who do not belong to **the church** which I Myself founded on earth, their faith will fail, they will not stand firm when an open confession is demanded of them, they will deny Me, and they will not be able to excuse themselves with the fact that they believe in Me in their **heart**, for only this **open confession** will give the human being the strength to persevere until the end, it will stamp them as My own whom I Myself will fetch into the kingdom of peace.... And all of you will have to muster this courage of confession if you also want to receive the highest price for it, to live on the new earth in happiness and peace, where no suffering and no fear oppresses you anymore. And also everyone will muster this courage of confession who has reached living faith and truth through a life of love, while the dead christians will fail, even if they hold high and highest offices in church organizations, but which are nevertheless more worldly orientated and represent false doctrines and therefore muster no power to resist. And then the work of My adversary will certainly come to light openly, and men will doubt the power of a God because that power appears far stronger. However, only a small flock will remain loyal to Me, and that is why the end has also irrevocably come, for the majority of people are devils who no longer have the right to revive the earth, who will be plunged into the deepest depths again and will have to start their path of development upwards again there, because redemption is no longer possible in any other way. And you men are therefore also to move in this in right thinking; you are to know that also this is a conscious deception through My opponent when he wants to make you believe that an **inner** confession to Me is enough when the decision is demanded of you. You must be open and clear and confess Me **before the world**, otherwise you will fail in the last battle on this earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### **Free will decision.... church organisation....**

B.D. No. 3618

December 2nd 1945

**T**he human being's decision of will has to be made by himself, i.e. the human being's will cannot be directed by either good or evil forces but he can only be influenced by both sides to decide in one direction. And therefore the transmission of God's word, of Christ's teaching, can only ever be regarded as an influence on a person, for it is up to him to decide whether to accept or reject it. And thus every ecclesiastical organisation can only ever be regarded as a means to guide the human will in the right direction; but it can never claim to be the aim of right thinking and will.... thus the purpose can certainly be achieved through membership of such an organisation but membership is never already evidence of a correctly directed will, which is why human striving has to start in every religious community itself to give the will the right direction. For the human being can fulfil all requirements imposed on him by an ecclesiastical organisation, but this can be education and habit where his own will is still switched off. It can be an outward observance of Christ's teaching, a fulfilment of duties which lack deep love, even though they are carried out out of obedience to the church. A right decision of the will demands a mental immersion in spiritual questions and only then a conscious opinion on them. Blind obedience, on the other hand, is not a decision of the will, it is rather a shutting out of free will and therefore cannot bring about any spiritual success. And therefore people are often forced to take a stand insofar as they are led into doubt by God's love as to the truth of what is presented to them. Again and again the word of God is brought to them so that they shall find contradictions between what Jesus Christ taught on earth and what an ecclesiastical organisation sometimes represents.... so that the contradictions will stimulate them to think and thus the activity of the will will lead to a free decision. For time on earth should not pass by unused, which, however, is the case when a person leaves spiritual knowledge unexamined, when he has been pushed into a school of thought and does not make any effort to examine it for its truth. No one can lay claim to unconditional attainment of aims by belonging to a church organization, his will must first have become active itself by mentally dealing with everything he is taught and again demanded of him.... And the word of God will always be his guide, he will learn to distinguish the voice of God from the

voice of the world, he will be able to judge God's work and additional human work and then also decide correctly, as is his task on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## Change of the true Gospel.... Followers?....

B.D. No. 5982

June 22nd 1954

**Y**ou are being taught the pure Gospel and are learning to recognise the difference between My pure Gospel and that which is now taught on earth as My Word.... You are learning to recognise that My Word has been changed to the extent that it is interpreted and consequently observed differently.... that far too little attention is given to what is essential whilst the unessential is emphasised, and thus little spiritual progress will be achieved. I have shown people on earth the only feasible path by teaching and exemplifying My teaching Myself, by walking the path which all people should walk in order to reach Me.... It is the path of love, only by taking it will the human being be guaranteed the kingdom of heaven, that is, after his physical death he will be able to enter the spheres of light where the soul will blissfully exist close to Me.... My teaching has become a deviation.... it can only still be found hidden in a structure of human additions, wrong interpretations and the observance of unimportant commandments, which were never given by Me to people but which present the great danger that the only essential commandment will be disregarded and thus not acted upon.

It is of no use to you humans when you castigate yourselves, when you perform duty bound actions or confess Me with your mouth if you do not recognise the commandment of love first and foremost and act accordingly.... You believe that you worship Me with your countless ceremonies, and yet you can only worship Me by doing what I ask of you.... And I ask of you to love Me and your fellow human being.... As long as you find that you lack love when you honestly look at yourselves, you are not yet on the right path, even if you go down on your knees daily and hourly and beat your chest.... This is demanded by people and only serves people too, whom you want to convince of your piety....

Yet you are still far removed from true piety as long as you do not accept your fellow human beings with love, which also demonstrates your love for Me.... as long as you let your fellow human beings next to you live in utmost hardship and distress, as long as you do not attempt to help them first before you flatter yourselves with outward gestures.... before you pay homage to the world through mundane pomp, through everything that you call 'in honour of Me'. I do not want to be worshipped this way while there is still hardship crying out for Me, which you humans could certainly ease if you etched My commandments of love into your hearts.... As long as I lived on earth I cared for the needy, the poor, the sick and the oppressed.... You, who claim to be My followers on earth.... what are you doing for these needy, poor, sick and oppressed people? As long as you can help but won't, you are not My true followers even if you call yourselves such.

I only value the fulfilment of My commandments of love, since everything else.... profound faith, recognition of pure truth, unification with Me and, finally, eternal bliss.... are the results of love and can never be gained without love. It is already evident from this as to why there is such great spiritual hardship on earth, why people are without faith and live in error.... My pure teaching is the teaching of love, which I taught on earth. The moment this is taught as well as practised you humans will live in truth and will have started on the path which follows Jesus.... However, if you ignore these commandments you could outdo each other with external deeds.... you will not achieve any progress for your soul.... you will continue to live in error and take this into the spiritual kingdom, since I only value the degree of love attained by your soul until the time of your death....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

**R**emember that I do not care for superficiality, that I only value what comes from the bottom of your heart.... As soon as you believe that you honour Me with formal actions, you perform a kind of idolatry from which, however, you should detach yourselves in order to be even more sincerely affiliated with Me.... in order to allow My presence into your hearts, which is completely independent from external formalities and customs and can only take place when the heart alone is speaking.

I keep telling you that you have distorted Jesus' pure teaching, that you intertwined it with human concepts and now attach greater importance to this human work than to My Gospel, which only embraces the two commandments of love.... For anyone who lives with love vouches for My teaching. But irrespective of how conscientiously you comply with all the human requirements you added to My Gospel.... if the love I taught you is not in you such practices are completely worthless, they do not provide the least bit of benefit to your soul, they only confuse you humans such that you believe to have done your duty sufficiently. Yet every dutiful action is already utterly worthless because it excludes the human will. And even if human requirements are voluntarily observed, they nevertheless cannot comprise the blessing which a single act of love incorporates. But anyone who feels sincere love for Me brings all his thoughts to Me, he enters into a heartfelt dialogue with Me when he is on his own.... he will not need an atmosphere, which is more likely to stop him from truly thinking of Me.

An ignorant person acts accordingly and thus can also be forgiven for his lack of knowledge.... but someone who is in possession of truth, who knows that external practices and customs are worthless before Me.... especially if they serve to deceive people's thoughts.... will also endeavour to free himself from them. He will evaluate every inner experience and all knowledge as activity of love, and his bond with Me, which can only be established in his heart, will become ever more intimate.

I Myself certainly founded My church on earth, which is built on the rock of faith, but I founded no organisation. This is already clear from that fact that they are outwardly recognisable and gain greater external acceptance, but they can leave the inner person untouched if he does not sincerely strive for Me and the truth. Only My Word itself shall be the substance of a community, and by way of the Word people should fulfil the commandments of love.... by way of love attain a living faith.... and thereby also an innermost bond with Me. Then they will be members of the church I Myself founded on earth.

Now I try to give the truth to all people but only few accept it. But anyone who accepts it will soon acquire profound knowledge, and from this knowledge he should also accept the consequences because.... no one can serve two masters.... However, when a structure is built which opposes this knowledge then it is obviously the result of My adversary's influence, which is proven by every external process that serves to give a completely false idea of My actual will. And then the enlightened human being also has to detach himself from My adversary's fabrications. Anyone who cannot accept the truth sent to Him by Me due to his own lack of love or his low degree of maturity will understandably not want to relinquish his error either. To the one who knows, however, falsehood is recognisable and remains as such, thus the work of My adversary, and then he (who knows) only complies with worldly requirements. But then it is not a religious service, it is a mere worldly matter, a consideration for other people who, however, should also be guided into truth and not be strengthened in their wrong belief.

It is certainly difficult to proceed against a tradition, and it will not be successful anymore either. Only a few will free themselves because their desire for truth is remarkably strong. I Myself, however, cannot make any compromises, I can only clearly inform you about error and truth, and then you have to decide for yourselves and demonstrate your decision.

Always remember that it is an exceptional gift of grace to guide you into pure truth, that every human being can certainly use this gift of grace but that, on the other hand, it is an immense deed of love on My part when My spirit speaks so audibly inside a person that he can identify it, so that I can transmit the truth to him in accordance with his will for truth. And this gift of grace shall also be

utilised such that a person accepts the truth and even supports it against those who are still tied to traditional or organisational regulations. Only someone detached from these is also freed from My adversary, otherwise there is still a risk that my adversary will try to win him back, that he will weaken his will. However, I will never let go of a human being again once he has submitted himself to Me, I will not leave any person to My adversary again once he has sincerely chosen Me.

Amen

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