

Word of God

O Death, Where Is Thy Sting?

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Thoughts of death are favourable for the soul....

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Again and again you are admonished to think of your temporal end, for you only live consciously on this earth when you think of the time after your physical death, which you create for yourselves during earthly life for a state of bliss or also for a state of distress and agony. If you often think about death then you will also try to fathom the purpose of your earthly life because it seems incomprehensible to you that you should only exist for the short time on earth, which is also of indeterminate duration for every human being.... And emotionally you will already have to acknowledge the continued existence of your soul, for your I, your soul, resists the thought of a complete extinction.... It feels that it lives on, and therefore the human being will nevertheless live responsibly on earth if he remembers that his time is limited according to God's will. That is why such thoughts are only ever useful for your soul, since you deal with the once certain death, for they can only spur you on to do soul work out of the inner impulse to bring it to perfection while it still dwells on earth. For no human being knows how long he will still be granted a life on this earth.... But not everyone is moved by such thoughts, for he who is lured and held captive by the world will always reject such thoughts and want to gain whatever is possible from life. And it is these who arrive in the kingdom of the beyond without any spiritual wealth, who find themselves poor and meagre on the other side in darkness and complete lack of strength.... You should be warned of this fate, and you will certainly try to change your life if you concern yourselves more with thoughts of death, for you will emotionally fear death in powerlessness and darkness and seek to acquire light and strength beforehand already, because the spirit impels you from within as soon as you are only willing to listen to it for a short time, which always favours spiritual thoughts, because every thought of death and the aftermath is already a spiritually directed thought which will always have a favourable effect if the human being's will is good. And these are addressed in particular because they often have a weak will which is to be prompted into action through words or example. Think often of the fact that you will have to die, and think of improving the state of your soul after death while you are still on this earth. And you will only benefit your soul, for it will involuntarily make an effort to lead its way of life well, i.e. in the spirit of God, because it feels the responsibility. The human being can certainly have the grace to reach a great age, but his earthly life can also only last for a very short time, and he should always be ready for the entrance into the kingdom of light, for he can also mature and progress in his development in a short time, but he must also have the will to do so and cover his earthly life with a

spiritually directed gaze; and then he will also not need to fear the hour of death, it will only signify a change of his stay, a change of sphere, which now receives the soul...: the kingdom of light and bliss, where it will live and need no longer fear death for ever...

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Believe in an afterlife of the soul after death

Imperishability.... soul.....

B.D. No. 2860

August 25th 1943

Everything that God has created is spiritual power and as such is imperishable. Nevertheless, the visible creations are subject to constant change, thus they do not completely cease to exist but merely change within themselves, and even if it is no longer visible it nevertheless does not cease to exist, because God only temporarily dissolves matter until the spiritual substance therein requires a new external form again. This change now also contributes to the fact that the spiritual develops further, that it therefore never remains in the same stage, but that it reaches an ever higher degree of maturity, until it can enter its last embodiment as man. The human being, too, is to a certain extent transient, but again only the external form, whereas the soul, the spiritual substance in the human being, also outlasts the final external form and enters eternity as a disembodied being. To man on earth this spiritual, the soul, is not visible; and nevertheless it is the actual being, which only needs the bodily cover for the purpose of the last maturing on earth. But after the death of the body the soul continues its life without any cover and therefore also only visible to the spiritual beings, which are completely independent of earth and every earthly substance. What God has created remains eternally, yet the form of existence, the state of that which was created through God's will, can be very different.... accordingly also more or less visible, although it cannot pass away eternally. The human being with his bodily eyes is only able to see everything created in the stage where it has material shells, for only these are visible to the bodily eye since it can only see the spiritual in its external form in a high degree of maturity. And this is why the immortality of the human soul is usually doubted because the human being only wants to believe what he sees and what he can prove. However, after some reflection he comes to the realization that everything originated from God and therefore cannot be transient, even though it loses its earthly shell. Only when he has recognized the spiritual in himself, when he leads a spiritual life alongside his earthly, external life, does he regard matter as a shell necessary for development, which is only a means to an end for the spiritual. Then he also knows that there is no end for the spiritual, but that the outer cover is only of limited duration and remains as long as it is divine will, which then releases the spiritual for a life outside of earth, outside of matter, which never ever ends but lasts forever. Earthly life can therefore only be regarded as a transitional stage in which the spiritual, the soul, has to overcome its last external form so that it can then enter a sphere completely uncovered where its actual life begins.... in freedom and in the awareness of its strength, which it lacked on earth as long as it had not yet attained the necessary maturity.... where it is aware that it lives eternally, that it can never ever perish because that which is of God is imperishable....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Immortality of the soul....

B.D. No. 5191

August 18th 1951

Think about what will happen to your soul after the death of the body; try to imagine that there is no end to what you think, feel and want and that the soul **cannot** die. Imagine it if you cannot yet firmly believe it. Then you will feel uneasy because the soul will feel that no beautiful fate awaits it, because the belief in a continuation of life would also have resulted in a different way of life, a change in love, but just as a change in love would also have earned it faith. Every person knows that he has to die after the body, yet the soul's continued life cannot be taught as definite knowledge. Nevertheless, it

can become a conviction in the human being even without proof. And this conviction now determines his thinking, willing and acting. Then the human being lives consciously.... conscious of his task to develop upwards on earth and to prepare the soul's fate in the beyond according to his degree of maturity.... Then he thinks of the soul's life after death and is also always willing to exchange earthly life with life in the spiritual kingdom, because he knows that there is no eternal death, only a change of abode for the soul. Every person of good will also feels that he does not only live for this earth, and his faith becomes ever deeper and more convinced. For anyone of good will does not resist the indications which are repeatedly offered to him through God's love and stimulate his thinking. Anyone of good will also cultivates love, and thus he is strengthened in his faith and longs for light which is also kindled in him. Every person **can** believe in the soul's continuation of life if he **wants** to, if he desires the truth, if he thinks about it and desires clarification.... However, the denial of the will to live on will always be an obstacle to faith, because then the human being will already be dominated by the forces of darkness which hate all light. Do not carelessly pass over your thoughts if they remind you of the life of the soul after death.... Seek to fathom but do not reject all thoughts if they touch you. For without the will for truth you cannot attain it, without the desire for it you cannot be taught. There is life after death and you shape this life for yourselves on earth, you yourselves create the soul's fate in eternity and should ensure that it does not fall prey to spiritual death, which is agonizing but never signifies **non-existence**. For the soul is the real thing in the human being and continues to exist even if the body passes away.... Think about it so that you will come to believe, so that you will gain the inner conviction that the body can indeed die but the soul is everlasting....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Fear of death

Idle life.... fear of death....

B.D. No. 0762

January 28th 1939

The idleness of life is always to be considered where life is not utilized properly, and many an error will be the cause of this. The soul will find itself in greatest distress when the time on earth passes without any spiritual success. Then a feeling of fear will take hold of the soul, it will see the end of its earthly life approaching ever closer and unconsciously sense the agonizing state afterwards.... And this is then expressed in the feeling of fear of death. And yet again, this fear of death is often the last means of realization. If the human being has achieved all earthly goals, if he cannot find any real satisfaction and complete fulfilment of his wishes afterwards.... if he feels an emptiness in his innermost heart despite his earthly well-being, then he will endeavour to get to the bottom of the cause of this unsatisfactory feeling and he must realize that the thought of life after death will not allow him to find inner peace. He must realize that everything he has striven for so far will come to an end, and this thought does not give him a feeling of security, but rather one of uneasiness, because in his deepest heart he cannot give himself a certain answer as to what awaits him after death. And this pondering and brooding often causes him to immerse himself in spiritual questions.... that he suddenly learns to recognize the transience and worthlessness of everything earthly with a bright spirit and pays far more attention to the unfathomable. Then his spirit becomes lively to the same extent as his desire for the earthly subsides, and this has brought about the fear of death, and the soul was granted assistance by the good spiritual forces struggling for it. The thought of death can therefore have an unspeakably beneficial effect on those who always and easily found fulfilment in worldly desires. They paid no attention to the world and its dangers and were constantly its conquerors.... yet they are powerless and powerless in the face of death, and fear is rooted in the recognition of their own state of weakness, which then drives the will to seek a way to overcome the horrors of death. And this path is the bond with the eternal creator, to whom life and death are subject.... Death does not frighten those who have recognized it, for their soul has found the path to eternal life.... death means darkness and night.... The lust and desire of the world shrouds the spirit in darkness, and this state is equal to eternal death. Only he who overcomes the desire for the world will pass from night to light.... he will awaken from death to life, and he will undoubtedly overcome the horrors of death. That is why detachment from the world is the very first condition for freeing the spirit from the shackles of matter, and every step through earthly life will then mean advancement of the soul and result in higher spiritual development. The human being will then be able to say at the end of his days: My life has truly not been idle.... if he has reached the goal of standing in the light of truth and need not fear the horrors of death....

Amen

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Fear of dying.... Beholding the spiritual kingdom before death....

B.D. No. 6637

September 6th 1956

Spiritual death is far more dreadful than physical death. And it is spiritual death which people unconsciously fear if they are frightened to die, for they fear what will happen to them after the death of the body.... this fear can befall the very person who does not believe in a continuation of life after death.... The soul feels that it is in a wretched state, and it transmits this awareness as fear onto the body, which therefore fights death as long as possible.

Fear of death is an involuntary confession of psychological immaturity, for the person lacks all realisation and therefore also confidence in God's mercy, in hope for help, which it certainly would always receive if it would call for help. The soul is in utter darkness and unconsciously fears to approach an even darker night. A fully matured soul expects its final hour with complete calm, it longs for deliverance from its bodily shell, it hands itself over to the One in Whom it believes, and commends itself to Him and His grace. And often such souls are allowed to take a glance into the kingdom that awaits them and can radiantly happy open their eyes, in order to then close them forever and to escape from their body into the kingdom they beheld. Fear of death is a distinct indication of the soul's state, and such souls must be given much help by their fellow human beings so that they will still awaken in the last minute and turn to the One Who wants to help and is able to help them....

Anyone who witnesses the death struggle and fear of a soul will be able to send a quiet, heartfelt prayer to Jesus Christ if he wants to help this soul to find inner peace.... For the soul will feel this help and reach out for the last rescue anchor, and it will be carried by the fellow human being's love when it leaves the body.... to Jesus Christ, Who will not close His ear to a sincere prayer for help. For this reason people should take especially good care of those who are afraid of dying and who thereby admit that they are still far from the light, from the right realisation and therefore also from God.... Fear of death confirms that they need help or they would be permeated by blissful calm when they feel that the hour of their departure from this earth is approaching.

And it is an act of utmost mercy and love to support a fearful soul, when nothing else can be done but to call upon Jesus Christ Himself that He may have mercy on this soul. This loving appeal will be heard and can save the soul so that it will be spared the darkest night....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Hour of death

Hour of death.... without preparation.... agony of passing away....

B.D. No. 0826
March 24th 1939

In the middle of life, man begins to think about questions relating to his bodily end. During this time, he is haunted by thoughts of a sudden end.... he tries to avoid them at first, and yet he will always listen to them. It is like a constant urging to keep these questions in mind, it is like a continuous admonition to remember his end and to take a stand on it. Every moment the spiritual power uses to remind the human being of this, and it is truly only beneficial for the soul to pay attention to such thoughts. An unnoticed moment can already bring existence on earth to an end, and no-one has the power to prolong his own life on earth by one hour when the time of his passing has come. And therefore everyone should be prepared to give up earthly life at any time in order to enter the eternal kingdom. He should consciously concern himself with his continuation of life after death, he should adjust his earthly life such that it is completely in harmony with his earthly task and thus is only a time of preparation for the actual life in the beyond. If he constantly checks himself as to whether his earthly life corresponds to the divine commandments, if he makes it his business to serve the creator of heaven and earth.... if he always seeks contact with Him and thus consciously prepares himself and works on his soul, then the thought of death will not frighten him, he will find it rather pleasant and learn to regard the hour of death as the hour of liberation from the body shackles. People, on the other hand, who fearfully ward off every thought of it or who let the admonitions pass by completely indifferent, will indeed sometimes have an easy earthly life because they will not bother themselves with anything that could shake them out of their calm; they will live straight into the day without any sense of responsibility.... They will also never impose any restrictions on themselves for the sake of a possible continuation of life.... they will reject everything that is held up to them as a task in life.... yet with the approach of death they will fall into a dreadful restlessness and then get to taste all the horrors of it in full, if they have not previously been made accessible to other thoughts through a long time of suffering. The hour of death will not be welcome to them, they still cling to earthly life with all the fibres of their being and do not desire to exchange it for another because they are not prepared for it in the slightest. But the hour of separation comes for all, and often unforeseen. An unprepared person feels all the agonies of passing away, and his end is truly not enviable. And yet, every person has it in his own hands to make this hour an hour of salvation if he always lives his earthly life in such a way that he need not fear the responsibility.... that he can return his life to the father in heaven at any hour with the childlike trust of finding His mercy and His love, because this earthly life was lived in constant contact with Him....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Hour of death.... Explanation of suffering....

B.D. No. 4033
April 30th 1947

You never know how your end will happen, and therefore you should call upon God's mercy every day that you might receive it in the hour of your death. Even if you live in accordance with God's will your end can be difficult if it is to serve you to completely purify and liberate yourselves forever. God's wisdom and love is yours until your last hour on this earth, and as long as your souls are still able to change you will be given the opportunity even at the hour of death. For this reason devoted people often have to suffer in the flesh and cannot find an explanation for it because they are unable to detect God's love therein. And yet, divine love causes this suffering because it is the best

means for the soul to acquire a degree of maturity within a short period of time which allows the light to permeate the soul in the beyond, and the soul will thank its Creator once it is free and recognises God's great love and mercy. Thus all suffering has to be seen as evidence of God's love, and even the end is blessed if it is accompanied by suffering, although it does not appear to the human being that way. The soul indeed separates itself from the body with pain, but immediately lifts itself into the kingdom of the blessed spirits. It not only leaves earth physically but also spiritually and also takes the body's fully matured substances along, because every degree of suffering dissolves the cover which still encloses the soul. And the person who is still able to free himself completely from immature substances on earth will be blessed.... he will have used his earthly life for his deliverance and will no longer revolt against God's will either.

In the hour of death he will certainly struggle for the peace of his soul but he will never consider his physical suffering to be unjustified, for his soul will know that the end is near, that his physical suffering will also come to an end and that the soul will derive benefit from it even if it is no longer able to convey this realisation to the body. The body, however, will separate itself from the soul as soon as it senses its perfection, because then it will have fulfilled its task of having served as an abode for this soul. The hour of death can be difficult for all of you but it can also be a blissful falling asleep in order to awaken in the kingdom of light if the soul needs no further suffering, if it has already found the union with God on earth and He then brings it home into His kingdom, into your Father's house, in order to make you blissfully happy. But you do not know how your end will happen, and therefore pray to God for mercy, ask Him for His grace and strength if God still needs to afflict you, and you will also endure the hour of death. The body will suffer but the soul will joyfully leave the body and lift itself into the spheres of light....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Corporeal death

Transformation of the external shape after physical death....

B.D. No. 2144

Being spiritually dead.... Activity - Inactivity....

November 8th 1941

The human being requires vital energy for every activity, thus activity signifies life. If this strength is withdrawn from him he will be incapable of reshaping himself or other things.... he will be lifeless. But as soon as the human being has become lifeless, the external shape will nevertheless change within itself. It will dissolve, and this process will last until all substances are taken in by a new external shape again, i.e. once the spiritual substance has escaped the form, the remaining form will certainly be released from its previous purpose, nevertheless, it must find a new purpose.... it must contribute towards increasing some other external shape. The substance dissolves in order to be joined to a new external shape. This process once again requires a longer period of time.... Hence the old shape seemingly dissolves; in reality, however, the spiritual substances which the external shape also consists of enter into contact with other spiritual substances and form a new external shape because the spiritual substance, which had solidified into an external shape, must likewise undertake the path of higher development on earth, for it is still at the beginning of its development. As soon as spiritual substances are placed into this new external shape again, it will begin its function of service, thus the shape will awaken to life.... for activity is life. Each work of creation receives the flow of strength from God so that it can actively be of service, no matter in what way, and every activity results in higher development for the spiritual substance in the form. Consequently that which is alive.... thus active.... must advance in its development without fail. Only the state of death signifies a standstill of its development. But all matter shelters life within itself, for it constantly changes, albeit over various lengths of time. Even the hardest form, through external influences relating to light radiation.... thus the activity of the bearers of light.... will be stimulated to be active, although this is not noticeable to the human eye. But life also stirs in this shape and accomplishes changes which therefore confirm its life. Matter can therefore not be called entirely dead, although for the human being it appears to be lifeless. And yet, a state of lifelessness exists and this occurs in the stage as a human being.... In this stage the being receives the greatest flow of vital energy which it should use for actively being of service. And despite of this it is possible for the human being to spend his life on earth in complete idleness.... as soon as he does not use the vital energy in order to fulfil the task which is the purpose of his earthly life.... if he neglects or refrains from doing what will gain him higher development.... if he avoids accomplishing acts of love.... the pursuance of activity for which God provides the human being with the flow of vital energy.... Then his higher development will come to a standstill. This signifies a state of lifelessness, of death, and this is the worst state because it can only be remedied by the being itself.... but since the state of death is a state of weakness, the being will no longer be able to release itself from it because it rejected the strength it had previously received.... Death of the external shape merely signifies a transformation into a new form, thus, in a manner of speaking, a further possibility for higher development of the spiritual substance which the external shape consists of. But to be spiritually dead is the most horrific state, because the final grace which is at the being's disposal has been left unused.... because the flow of vitality God conveyed to this being has not been used for helpful activity and the being remains on the same level of development it was in at the beginning of its embodiment as a human being. Spiritual progress without activity is impossible; the being becomes weak as a result of its inactivity and enters the beyond without strength....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Gulf and bridge.... Renewed banishment.... Circuit of flow of love....

B.D. No. 4807
December 30th 1949

The gulf between humanity and Me grows deeper and deeper, for the number of those who believe in Me with conviction continues to fall. The strength of My representatives on Earth gets constantly weaker, they certainly speak in My name yet are not the distributors of the pure truth. Ever more people leave the faith and turn to the one who is My adversary.... they turn to the world which is his kingdom and thereby increase the distance from Me which they should reduce during their earthly life. They move away from Me and broaden the gulf that separates them from Me. Yet this only works up to a point, for once the limit has been exceeded when the strength of My love no longer affects them, the spiritual substance within people hardens again into solid matter.... As long as the earth still exists the defected people will remain within the circuit of My flow of love, yet leaving it signifies the disintegration of the forms which shelter the spiritual substances.... it signifies the death of people as well as of animals, it signifies a dissolution of creation and a restoration of the same.

No being can distance itself from Me with impunity, for it will lose its life if it loses Me. And so, anyone who wants to stay alive and does not want to lose his life ever again must strive towards Me and look for Me, he must endeavour to reach Me and thus lessen the gulf between us. However, without faith in Me as Father and Creator of eternity there is no path across this gulf, for the bridge leading to Me is invisible.... Only faith makes the bridge apparent, for faith causes people to call upon Me. Faith in Me leads to prayer, which is the safest bridge to Me. Untold people go past this bridge and even those who should be their leaders often don't find the bridge themselves because their words are lifeless, because the paths they take are unsuitable to serve as a bridge, paths, which time and again lead back to the beginning; because their words of prayer do not emerge from their heart and therefore do not reach My ear either, thus they do not use the bridge which is the only path that leads across the gulf to Me. Sooner or later, however, even this bridge will not exist anymore, for once My Own have come across it will be too late for the others, because then every path will be cut off and there will be no more escape for those left behind; then they will be devoured by the abyss, the earth will admit them again and everything will become solidified and become matter once more, because it didn't strive to ascend but chose to reach the abyss....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The soul's change of abode.... Death of the body....

B.D. No. 6817
April 28th 1957

The soul's change of abode.... Death of the body....The soul is your actual Self which is immortal, which merely changes its abode after the death of the body, which has concluded its earthly progress in order to continue maturing in other spheres if it does not stay in opposition to Me and thus descend into the abyss. Hence the thought that you don't have to fear death should make you very happy, that you will live although you have to leave this earth.... and that this life is far more pleasant and joyful than earthly life as a human being could ever be. You should look forward with cheerful anticipation to the day when your external cover will be taken from your real Self, when all heaviness will fall away from you and you will be able to easily and light-heartedly lift yourselves up into your true home, which truly offers you inconceivable splendours. You should rejoice at the fact that there is no death for you because your soul will merely experience a change of abode which can make it infinitely happy....

Why do you therefore fear death or anticipate the end of your earthly life with unease? Why has death become a horror for you humans, why does it trigger in you a feeling of fear when, in reality, it is just a transition into another sphere after all? Because you unconsciously sense that you did not live your earthly life correctly, and because your soul is not acquiring the light which would take all its fear away.... For a person who complies with My commandments of love, who thus lives on earth in accordance with My will, has no fear of death but yearns to shed his earthly cover because he longs

for his true home, because love has kindled a bright light in him and, looking ahead, he also knows himself to be near to Me, where no suffering and pain, no affliction can touch him, where he feels sheltered by My love.... All people could have this blissful certainty, that they will exchange a sorrowful and difficult existence for this feeling of security when they depart from this earth, if only they would live their earthly life with this aim in mind.... if they would always follow their inner voice which clearly informs them of My will.... if they would already on earth enter into the right relationship with Me, their God and Father of eternity. The thought that their existence ends with the body's death is already the best evidence that the person's way of life does not correspond to My will, for this idea comes from the opposing spirit's influence wanting to prevent people from gaining correct realisation and therefore also constantly increasing their desire to enjoy **earthly** existence to the full.... for these people do not believe in the immortality of their soul, they impose on it the same restrictions as is the fate of the external frame....

And thus they try to savour earthly life in every way, only ever considering their body but not their soul which, after physical death, has to accept a rather uncertain fate, which will be unable to experience the splendours of its true home, since due to its imperfect disposition it cannot find admission to the spheres where inconceivable beatitudes await it. Although it is still possible for the soul to detach itself from the abyss and enter into higher spheres, it nevertheless requires far more effort and exertion than on earth and will be impossible without help, yet even then the soul will have to muster its own will, which is far easier on earth. The Self cannot cease to exist but it creates its own fate of blissfulness or agony.... and only when people no longer consider their body as being 'alive' but learn to recognise the soul within the body as their actual Self, only when they learn to believe in the immortality of their soul, will they live more responsibly on earth and then no longer fear death either, which only concerns the earthly body but not its indwelling soul. Then they will live in accordance with His will and long for the hour when the soul will be allowed to leave its external cover in order to then enter the kingdom which is its true home....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Tragedies - Love of the Father

Early death.... God's mercy.... Old age....

B.D. No. 3260

September 18th 1944

God's will determines in which degree of maturity a human being is called from his earthly life into the spiritual realm. This is also an apparent injustice which could further the opinion that God selects certain people to become blessed while others have to suffer being distant from God. And yet this attitude is totally wrong.... because divine love and wisdom always knows the human will and therefore cuts a life short when higher development on earth is doubtful.

During the state of constraint before embodiment as a human being there is only progressive development until the spiritual substance's degree of maturity is ready for this last embodiment. But now the human free will makes its own decisions and development can continue, remain static or even regress; and again it depends on whether the human being as such has already improved his initial degree of maturity and is in danger of coming to a standstill or whether he has remained on the same level as at the beginning of his embodiment and is in danger of regressing. In that case it is always due to God's mercy that the human being is recalled when he has arrived at the highest level of his development on earth, i.e. when God's love protects him

from regressing or from failing to advance his soul during a longer lifetime.... because his guilt will increase the longer he uses his embodiment's time of grace without making proper use of it.

The human being can advance during his younger years and then stop, his development up till now comes to a halt, and then God will recall him and give him further opportunities to mature in the beyond.... But the human being can also change his will in later years and his yet inadequate development can experience a sudden improvement and thus he can attain a higher degree of maturity even though for a long time he had ignored his soul until then. In that case God will give him a long life, because God knows the human being's will since eternity and shapes his life accordingly.... For every human being's destiny is considered by God's love and wisdom and does not depend on God's arbitrary use of power....

God would not withhold the opportunity to mature on earth from any human being if he is willing to use it. But people pay little attention to His mercy and are unwilling to accept the relevant information. And because God knows since eternity which humans are particularly resentful to Him, because He knows when a person has reached the highest degree of development on earth, the duration of his earthly life has also been established since eternity and varies, depending on what divine wisdom deems best and most successful. God will never cut short an earthly life if the human being could still achieve higher maturity because God's love is forever concerned that the human being should attain highest possible maturity on earth; He would never withhold an opportunity from a human being which would result in complete maturity. But He knows since eternity the human will's every inclination and protects the soul from complete desertion, i.e. from certain regression if He would not end that earthly life.

For that reason anyone who constantly strives will reach old age while, at the same time, old age is proof of steady higher development even if this is not evident to other people. A long earthly life is always a mercy but even a short life is evidence of God's love, which is forever active although it is not always recognised by the human being....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Cross.... "My yoke is easy and My burden is light.... "

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Take up your cross and follow Me.... And I will walk beside you and help you carry it, for My love will not let you suffer where it can take away your suffering without harming your soul. But if the cross weighs you down, then know that this is necessary for your soul's maturity.... And bear in mind that I know about your spiritual adversity and try to remedy it first, for the soul is in greater danger than the body when the hour of death has come. Consider that all adversity will end with the end of this earth and that this end is not far away. And therefore try to shape yourselves such that your stay in spheres of light will be assured, that you will gladly give up your earthly body and exchange it for a life in the beyond in complete freedom, if you have passed the test of will on earth. And this life will compensate you for everything you have suffered on earth and you will never desire this earth again. And the more suffering weighs you down the sooner you will have to (be allowed to?) give up earthly life and yet be purified for the spiritual kingdom. And you will thank Me eternally that I let you suffer for your own sake. Nevertheless, I give you comfort that your suffering can be averted through heartfelt prayer to Me, that I will take it away from you if you trustingly come to the father like children. Then I will lovingly take care of you and carry the cross for you, i.e. I will find a solution which is equal to a reduction of the hardship.... I lighten your cross so that it no longer weighs so heavily on you, and you will be able to carry it because you draw the strength for it from Me. "My yoke is easy and My burden is light..." I Myself gave you this word. Do you want to doubt its truth? Therefore always believe that every cross is bearable for you if only you carry every burden with your eyes turned towards Me, and if it seems heavy to you, consider it a sign of My love for you, for I want to make My kingdom accessible to those I let suffer without guilt already on earth, because I know about their direction of will, about their activity of love on earth and about their state of soul, which I want to elevate. And therefore patiently accept all suffering, it is only imposed on you for your own good, and you will never reach your aim in the same time if you are spared suffering, if you are not burdened with a cross, if earthly life gives you fulfilment of all your wishes and much more. And if you know of My word that it is a sign of My great love for you, if you get into earthly adversity which almost makes you despair of life, then do not complain and grumble but surrender to your fate and think that your father in heaven truly does not burden His children with suffering if it would not bear far greater blessings for your soul, the maturing of which is the aim of every human being on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

Destiny.... 'Father, Your will be done....'

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May 11th 1948

Every individual person's course of life is predetermined and has to be taken without grumbling and complaining if it is to have a favourable effect on the soul. But strong trust in God has to be present too, then every destiny can easily be endured, for it is shaped by God alone according to His will, only He is able to change every situation in life, He is able to change joy into grief but also suffering into joy if he is approached in heartfelt prayer, and He will do so if the human being in childlike trust tells Him of his problems and commends himself to His grace.

A long path has to be travelled from the abyss to the pinnacle, and this path cannot always be even or it would not lead to ascent. Obstacles have to be overcome, mountains have to be climbed, for the goal is up above and every progress is arduous without the assistance of the right guide. And as long as you humans walk with God Himself by your side as your guide, as long as you entrust yourselves to His guidance, you will not travel the path in vain, He will lead you upwards, and with His help you will be able to overcome every obstacle. And the steeper the path the shorter it will be and the higher you can climb; but when you have reached the pinnacle you will be able to look back and be grateful to your Guide Who enabled you to reach the goal, and every adversity will be over.

The more difficult a destiny, the higher the goals set for you and the brighter the light will shine, and all abysmal darkness will be defeated. God, however, is able to make even the steepest path of ascent seem smooth to you if you hand yourselves over to Him as His children, if you accept every sorrowful event, if you always pray 'Father, Your will be done....' Then He will not let you suffer, even in greatest adversity He will calm your soul and give you peace, He will powerfully work in you Himself and nothing will seem difficult and yet you continue to progress, for your will, your submission to His will, lets you partake of His strength, you will not consider anything a burden to you and always gladly and cheerfully cover your earthly path until the loving Father's hand takes hold of you and takes you into the Father's house, until you have reached the goal and return to the eternal home, into the land of light where no sorrow, no suffering nor adversity exist but only eternal blissfulness....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Strokes of fate.... The Father's love....

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My care pursues you with never changing love, for I don't want your downfall but your happiness.... I want your salvation from darkness and your admission into light. This is why I will not throw you into misery and hardship for any other motive than to aid your ascent, because you still languish in darkness and cannot muster the strength to ascend on your own. But My methods and their effectiveness are unknown to you, and you are easily inclined to believe that I Am cruel.... Yet believe in My love and believe that My action is only ever motivated by love, that with every event I only ever intend your beatitude.... Only I know the outcome of such events, only I know which path you would have followed without My strokes of fate.... and only I know when such a path will lead you astray. And what I then allow to happen to prevent it is only ever based on My love and will have beneficial results even if this seems incomprehensible to you humans.

Thus, the last days before the end urgently require painful interventions on My part, and they will repeat themselves many a time, My hand will increasingly have to solve problems and there will be much suffering and mourning, but souls will also be rescued, people will be evidently directed to the One Who holds everyone's fate in His hands.... even though they will then only fear Him since they will be unable to love Him.... but they will acknowledge Him, they will believe in a God and Controller of heaven and earth.... And this belief can show them the way forward if they are of good will.... My love belongs to the smallest creature and I alone safeguard all life so that one day it will enter the stage of free will and be able to fulfil its last task on earth.... But how much more will I look after those who have already reached this stage so that they do not regress and will not have walked their earthly path in vain....

But I also recognise the obstacles on every person's earthly path. And I know whether a human being will rise above this hurdle or whether he is in danger of failing.... And therefore I pursue him with My care and pull him back or continue to guide him onto another path.... But I will never want his downfall.... Besides, you should know that I Am always a considerate Father.... and that **My** Fatherly care is truly more valuable for the earthly human being than any person's care for his fellow human being....

You should always hold on to this when you doubtfully question yourselves as to how I can allow children to become orphans, families to be deprived of their provider, the most precious possession to be taken away from people.... I can give comfort to everyone, I can take all worries from them, and I Am a Father to all who are lonely and abandoned.... yet they have to find their way to Me.... And this is what I intend, that they establish a relationship with Me in utmost adversity.... For of what use are words which confess faith in Me if they are not turned into action, if people don't come to Me when earthly suffering threatens to depress them.... The living faith will be a true support for people.... but a dead faith will awaken one doubt after another about God's love and omnipotence.... And every human

being is confronted by hours of intense hardship.... Then they shall take their path to Me and I will truly help them in their distress....

I Am the only One who can take but also give. And if you humans know this then you should also believe that I can **heal** the wounds I have inflicted on you for the sake of your beatitude.... believe firmly and without doubt that not everything you regard as good and useful will always lead to beatitude.... My ways are often different but they will certainly lead to the goal. Always come to Me in this belief, and you may then experience My love because you believe in Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The early death of children....

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And I will provide you with strength because I need your cooperation on earth which requires your free will.... I could certainly choose vessels for Myself and appoint them to work for Me, but this does not correspond to My law of eternal order, because free will alone must and can be decisive, which then will also offer the guarantee of success. People are certainly willing to work for Me, yet they often lack the qualifications to carry out a redeeming activity on earth....

And thus I know who voluntarily wants to do this work and serve Me as a suitable vessel. And I will also know how to keep such a vessel alive and lead it through all adversities, especially when the human being is no longer filled with desire for the world but completely puts his earthly wishes aside for the sake of the spiritual work, which he will recognise as extremely important. And thus it will be possible to continue the vineyard work, and your endeavour will always be blessed by Me, after all, there is as yet much to explain to people who are willing to listen, who will contact Me themselves and ask questions to which I will reply through My servants on earth.

You are repeatedly told that I have many schoolhouses in My kingdom, that the whole universe contains creations all of which serve the maturing of the once fallen spirits.... And every work of creation has its own purpose, it will always serve the higher development of the beings whose state corresponds to the living conditions on this creation.... And thus souls, which have covered the process through the earthly creations, will also be able to embody themselves on **other stars**, due to certain tendencies which only I Am able to recognise, which assure their full maturity on other stars and can even result in those souls' incarnation as a human being on earth who can already be entrusted with a mission.... And this also explains the death of small children and babies whose souls would have been unable to cope with life on earth but who, on the other hand, cannot be described as still being in complete opposition to Me, so that I will provide them with a different opportunity for further maturing on one of the innumerable schoolhouses, which usually enable them to accomplish their task and provide the being with some maturity....

In that case it is, in fact, not possible for these beings to achieve the childship to God, which is gained through an enduring earthly life, yet they will be able to achieve beatitude in the spiritual kingdom as well. It is also possible for them.... after having already achieved a high degree of light.... to descend to earth again for the purpose of a mission and then also acquire the childship to God. So many circumstances and tendencies play a part in the soul's embodiment as a human being, including the degree of maturity which it will have already reached in its preliminary stages and which can decline due to the body's weakness but shall not, if the soul embodies itself in the womb of a mother which is unsuitable for the soul's state, in which case the difficulties of maturing are greater and can result in complete failure.

Then I will release the soul from its external shell again and place it where its higher development will be easier and assured, because the soul is no longer blatantly in opposition to Me.

And thus there are many possibilities in order to help the once fallen spirits to return to Me.... Admittedly, the earth is the lowest and most wretched work of creation but it is able to yield the

highest spiritual accomplishments if the being is willing to travel this earthly path.... and yet I know in advance whether free will or other reasons make it impossible for the soul to mature fully, and I will always helpfully intervene where the soul's helplessness requires it, which is unable to cope with its imposed fate and yet is not deliberately opposed to Me....

You humans are incapable of judging this, yet everything is based on My love and wisdom, and thus you also have to accept that I have My reasons for the early death of children, for nothing happens without reason and purpose, and everything is just for the benefit of the spiritual beings which once distanced themselves from Me and shall return to Me again.... And I have infinitely many possibilities to reach My goal one day, and sooner or later you will also know everything yourselves and realise what motivates My reign and work. But I Am constantly concerned for the weak souls and will assist them in every way, for I also know a soul's degree of resistance, how far it has diminished and whether and how far it will still lessen, and accordingly I will place the soul where it can reach its goal fastest. Life on earth is indeed the only possibility to attain the childship to God, yet I also know that and to what extent a soul is at risk of losing its already attained level and slipping back again, in that case I will prevent it in the face of its only very low resistance to Me, which is unable to determine free will and the latter would not exclude a descent. Yet even before its incarnation as a human being the soul will be able to decide whether it wants to cover the earthly progress as a human being, and its will is complied with. And this also explains the future fate of violently killed children who are likewise offered the opportunity to complete their path of development on other heavenly bodies and also mature fully, although under different conditions.

But it is also possible for every soul.... if it seriously wants it.... to return to earth again for the purpose of achieving the childship to God, if it has attained a specific degree of light and voluntarily accepts a mission which places great demands on such a soul. You humans are unable to clearly understand everything, you will never fully comprehend My reign and activity, yet I know of innumerable ways in order to help My living creations to ascend, and I also know the course and outcome of every earthly life.... nevertheless, I will only intervene Myself and establish a change of an appalling course of events if a willing soul can thereby be helped.... which is only known to Me alone. Earthly life as a human being is difficult, and it requires effort and determination to bring it to spiritually successful completion.... I will always help the weak soul if it no longer strongly opposes Me.... but how I express My help has to be left up to My love and wisdom, yet it will always be My endeavour to help My living creations attain full maturity, and I will always use **those** means which will be successful for Me, since I long for My children and would let none fall into ruin which already strive towards Me, which I recognise and thus also work accordingly....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Spiritual death

Spiritual death.... term "life"....

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The human being can live and yet be spiritually dead, but conversely he can also die and yet enter eternal life, except that this is a spiritual life, whereas the former only concerns the body, whereby the soul is in a state of lightlessness and consequently also without strength, thus a state of death is its fate, even if it lives in the midst of a joyful environment. For earthly life is only an illusory life which does not last, yet the human being who is spiritually dead is also without realisation and therefore places the illusory life before the actual life, the life of the spirit in eternity. But what are you human beings basically and really? You are spiritual, only enclosed by a material cover, and as soon as this cover falls, which is transient, the spiritual in you is free, no matter in what state the soul leaves the body.... It is free from its outer form, but not every soul is free to will and able to create. But wanting and being able to create out of itself is its bliss, it is the state which was its original purpose and which has been lost. Wanting and being able to create, however, is synonymous with life.... being able to be continuously active according to its will.... On earth, too, 'life' means being able to be active unhindered by physical weaknesses and infirmities, for an earthly life which is accompanied by the latter is not fully valued and is regarded as a shortcoming as long as the human being does not have the right knowledge about his earthly task. On earth, however, even the inactive person usually compensates himself by fulfilling earthly desires and thus helps himself to overcome his state of weakness or conscious inactivity.... idleness.... taking himself day by day, which was given to him for the upward development of his soul. In the spiritual kingdom, on the other hand, the soul must do without any anaesthetic, it must feel the state of its inactivity oppressive, it must become a torment to it so that it seeks to escape from it. Its lack of strength prevents it from changing its state on its own authority, it is poor in every respect and has to live in want until help is brought to it in its adversity through the prayer of people close to it on earth. For where love sends such a prayer after it into eternity, a glimmer of realisation will come to the soul in a flash. If it uses this, the light around it will soon become stronger and the dreadful torments of lightlessness will subside. But the desire for life now awakens in it and stimulates it to activity, but activity in the beyond is: to work in love, just as the soul can only gain eternal life on earth through a life of love, which only gives its soul the right life. And thus death need never frighten a person who endeavours to live a life of love on earth, for he will not die but live in eternity. But for the others, who only value earthly life alone, death will retain its sting, for they are truly in the state of death after their demise, only that they are not completely extinguished but that the awareness of their existence clings to them extraordinarily and often such that they only think of themselves and pay no attention to the hardship of the souls around them. And then they are in deepest danger of having to remain in the state of death for eternities, for only love can give life, because the law of love has to be fulfilled on earth as well as in the beyond, because without love there is no life and the human being can never be saved. Life and death can therefore be close together, a person's passing away need not signify his death, just as a person's life on earth can only be called life if the spirit is constantly active, if the person sets himself a spiritual aim and eagerly pursues it; if he works with love as his spirit tells him to do, for he will not die but live for eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

The will to live means guaranteed victory over death... Admittedly, you cannot prevent bodily death, but even physical death can be the transition into life if the human being's will is strong enough for him to gain eternal life. This will to live has My approval, even though I said the Words 'Whoever loves his life shall lose it, and whoever loses it will gain it...' Anyone who only thinks about how he can preserve his physical life will very soon realise that he is completely powerless and taken from this earth without being able to oppose it. Thus it is not this kind of will to live which will enable someone to be victorious over death...

The soul's true life has to be desired, and the human being's will has to use all its strength to acquire it, then there will be no more death for the person for eternity, then he will live in light and strength and be able to be constantly active for his own happiness. Then he will have truly conquered death, and the soul's separation from its body will be an awakening into new life, unburdened by the physical shell, free from all matter and yet with an inconceivable abundance of strength. This is the life people on earth should learn to love and only endeavour to gain one day, then they will long for their death, then they will want to relinquish their earthly life for the sake of true life in eternity. But people are still far too attached to their bodily life, they fear to lose it, they love earthly life and therefore will lose it and their fate will be death.

And again, not physical death is meant by this but the death of the spirit, into which the earthly life-loving soul will descend without fail. This death is worse than a human being can imagine, for he will then have lost himself, he will have lost his earthly life and his soul will be without light and strength, totally helpless and in profound darkness... Spiritual death is an indescribable torment for the soul because it is conscious of itself, thus it is aware that it was not obliterated at the moment of death but continues to exist in an agonizing condition. The desire for pleasing activity can only ever be fulfilled by the living soul, for this requires strength which is only inherent in a living being, whereas a being without strength is dead.

However, what the human being accomplishes on earth with his inflowing energy of life need only consist of worldly activity, which will certainly increase material commodities but they are worthless in the spiritual kingdom... Or it can consist of spiritual activity, which will produce everlasting treasures and thus also guarantee a life in eternity. And for this reason, the human being's will should seriously strive towards eternal life, so that he then utilises his energy of life for the acquisition of spiritual strength... then he will be victorious over death, then eternal life will be certain for him and he will not taste death for eternity...

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Spiritual death and renewed banishment....

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Spiritual death is the worst fate that can happen to the soul, for it will be unable to release itself from it once it has departed from earth. It exists, it is also conscious of itself and yet is entirely without light and strength, and this is a state of inconceivable agony. It inevitably leads to a renewed banishment into matter again unless people intercede so effectively on its behalf that it provides the soul with strength, so that it can change itself if it has the will to do so, that is, if it doesn't directly resist it. As long as a soul is apathetic in this state, it can receive help from the enlightened spiritual world or through loving intercession... But it can also be so hardened that it rebels with burning rage against the power which... so it believes... keeps it imprisoned. Then it will steadily descend further and harden into solid substance, which subsequently makes its ascent in the kingdom of the beyond impossible. Then it will have to travel the infinitely long path of higher development through the whole of creation again, for one day even this soul shall wake up to the life which lasts forever...

Countless people on this earth are in this danger of succumbing to spiritual death, for during the end time they do nothing in order to acquire this life. They live without love and therefore without God as well, they already harden their souls to matter on earth, for they strive towards it and fail to consider the spiritual life they are supposed to create for the soul while they live on earth. They bow to the one who is master of the earthly world and also strive for his goods.... And these cannot bestow life upon the soul but they certainly assure its spiritual death.

And if it enters the beyond in this lifeless state it will be in utmost danger, for heartless people rarely leave friends behind on earth who will send loving thoughts to them in the spiritual kingdom. And only these can save the soul, for every loving thought, every prayer full of love has an effect of strength on such souls, they are so effective that the soul changes and has the will to ascend. Then it will have escaped eternal death, it will no longer descend into the state which results in its renewed banishment. All you humans have no idea about the strength of love or you would make an effort to live a life of love.... And then you will attain life, for love itself is life, and it awakens everything that is dead back to life again.

If, however, you don't use this strength, if you go along without love, your soul's spiritual substance has no option but to solidify and thereby gets into a dreadful state, for then death will not lead to the souls transience, instead it will be a state of vegetating in awareness of its existence and of agonising helplessness and darkness. As long as you still live on earth you are incapable of imagining this state, yet you should do everything in your power in order to avoid it, for everything is possible for you on earth, you repeatedly have the opportunity to accomplish deeds of love on earth, and then the danger of death will be over, then you will have to awaken to life while you are still on earth and thus will also be able to enter eternal life, then you will have conquered death. And you are all able to live a life of love, for the divine spark of love is in all of you, which need only be kindled in order to never be extinguished again, because love always gives you new strength and you will inwardly be motivated to be active once you have kindled this spark of love in you. However, you cannot be forced to do so, but the dreadfulness of spiritual death can only ever be pointed out to you so that you will try to avoid this horror of your own accord.... For as long as you live on earth you have the strength to be lovingly active; but once you have entered the kingdom of the beyond you will be incapable of doing anything by yourselves, then you will be dependent on help and can consider yourselves fortunate if it is provided for you by people whose thoughts follow you with love.... Only love redeems, only love is strength.... and everyone should acquire love for himself through loving activity as long as he lives on earth, so that he will not succumb to spiritual death....

Amen

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Jesus Christ - The conqueror of death

Jesus' suffering and death on the cross.... atonement....

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Jesus' suffering and death on the cross was the greatest sacrifice of love ever offered by a human being on earth. It was not a sacrifice of atonement by a guilty person, it was not a deserved punishment, but a sacrifice that was made for the sins of other people out of the deepest love for this.... It was a voluntary sacrifice of atonement that was intended to redeem fellow human beings from their well-deserved punishment.... The death on the cross was unspeakably agonizing, and yet Jesus chose it because His body wanted to suffer out of an immense love for humanity. He wanted to do something that people were not capable of, He wanted to take agony upon Himself in order to spare His fellow human beings. He knew that people's fate after death was suffering and torment as a just punishment for their apostasy from God, i.e. for their will which was opposed to God, and in His love He wanted to reduce this suffering and torment by imposing it on Himself, thus He voluntarily bore suffering so that they would not have to bear it. And thus He chose the most agonizing death.... death on the cross and offered up these unspeakable torments to His father in heaven. He brought Him the atoning sacrifice by suffering and dying for sinful humanity.... And this sacrifice was pleasing to God. For Jesus was pure and blameless, He was without sin.... There was not the slightest guilt in Him, but He chose death, which atoned for the most serious crimes, which was unspeakably agonizing and dishonouring.... He had His pure body crucified by people who were followers of satan in their far-from-God state, and His soul also suffered unimaginable torment along with His body as a result. For His pure soul perceived every sinfulness as torment; the soul, which had become love, suffered from unkindness.... and yet it took this torment upon itself in order to make people's fate more bearable. The sacrifice was made to God in merciful love and God accepted it favourably.... The man Jesus had to completely renounce His love for the world before He could make this sacrifice, He had to free Himself from every desire, He had to be willing to give up everything of His own free will, only then was He able to make this sacrificial death.... His love was so great that it was only for His fellow human beings and not for His own body. And because this immense love motivated Him to make such a sacrifice, God accepted it.... And so Jesus redeemed humanity from eternal death through His suffering and death on the cross, which surpassed every other death in pain and agony, because His love was so great that He was prepared to endure everything for the sake of humanity, which without His work of redemption, without this sacrifice on the cross, would have to suffer for eternities if it wanted to atone for its incomprehensibly great guilt of sin itself....

Amen

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Overcoming death through Jesus Christ....

The world has been redeemed from sin. People should rejoice and exult if they were aware of this great grace which spares them an unspeakably difficult fate in the beyond if they make use of it, that is, if they ask for forgiveness of the guilt of sin by believing in the redemption through Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ accomplished the act of salvation, which is so significant for all beings on earth and in the spiritual kingdom, and people take so little notice of it and do not value this inconceivable grace.... Jesus allowed Himself to be crucified out of love for His fellow human beings and rose again from the dead on the third day.... He overcame death and wanted all people to share in the sacrifice which His

love offered for people, He wanted them to become conquerors of death too, so that they no longer needed to fear death and could therefore enter eternal life because He broke down the barriers through the act of salvation, the full significance of which cannot be grasped as long as man remains on earth. He has overcome death.... and thereby a spell has been broken.... People who were unfree due to the past sin of rebellion against God, whose will was under the influence of His adversary and who were unable to free themselves from him, are now able to free themselves from God's adversary through Christ's crucifixion if they call upon Jesus Christ for help in every adversity for the sake of the act of salvation which the man Jesus accomplished for His fellow human beings. Thus Jesus is God's intercessor for all those who believe in Him and strive to live as followers of Christ, i.e. to be loving and to fulfil His commandments. Then he does what God has given him to do during his earthly existence, then he frees himself from the bonds of death, for to be in bondage to God's adversary is the certain death of his soul. Jesus overcame death.... He was a human being and also died as a human being, although He was filled with the spirit of God and was also able to avert the most bitter death, which He had chosen Himself, by virtue of His unlimited power. He offered the sacrifice to God as a human being and **thereby** overcame His adversary by selflessly only thinking of His fellow human beings' suffering and guilt of sin and wanting to ease their fate, which is and was the result of sin. And God accepted the sacrifice.... He forgives the guilt of those who call upon Jesus as mediator for His grace and intercession. But accepting the sacrifice and forgiving the guilt of sin secures the awakening to life in eternity.... Thus there is no longer death, for after bodily death the soul enters the kingdom of light for eternal life. But only the souls of those who acknowledge Him, who believe in Him as the son of God and redeemer of the world.... People should be triumphant that death has now been overcome and that Jesus has accomplished this work, for now death has lost its terror because there is an awakening in the spiritual kingdom, because God's adversary no longer has power over the human being if he surrenders himself to the divine redeemer and appeals for His help, for strengthening of the will and the graces of the work of salvation.... for the forgiveness of the guilt of sin which the human being brought with him as an inheritance of the once fallen spiritual, to which he himself belongs.... He is redeemed from this sin through Jesus Christ, and he should rejoice and be glad when he considers the love of the man Jesus, who accomplished the most difficult thing on earth of which a human being was ever capable....

Amen

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Resurrection into life....

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People shall arise from the dead into life.... They shall emerge from their graves and ascend to the light, they shall escape death and then become capable of being powerfully active, i.e., 'of living'.... I died on the cross for you humans and with My resurrection on the third day gave you the evidence that I had overcome death, that there need not be eternal death, that you therefore can also arise from the dead into eternal life if you live your earthly life like Me, if you live a life of love.... Then you will defeat the one who brought death into the world, then you will constantly draw God's strength of love to yourselves and no longer experience a state in which you lack strength and light, then the body can perish and the soul will step out of its shell into radiant light, it will arise from its grave and live forever.... I walked a bitter path of suffering on earth and was often afflicted by fear that I might fail, for I knew about My mission which made Me descend to earth as the spirit of an angel.... The human shell weighed heavily upon Me and often caused Me to doubt the power of My will and My strength.... The human shell made me fearful and disheartened, nor was I spared inner conflicts and suffering, even before I already suffered unspeakably as a result of these occasionally emerging fears that I might not be able to cope with My mission.... Yet My love for My fellow human beings grew and so did the strength. I knew that I had to struggle as a human being and had to be victorious were I to help people become free from the adversary's control since I, after all, expect them to take

the same path so that they will be able to arise from the dead into life, but that they would never have been able to take the path of a God in their encumbering sinful nature....

Therefore I was indeed without sin, i.e., My soul came from above, but My body was of the same substance as that of My fellow human beings and thus I also had to fight against all cravings, weaknesses and oppressing states for which there was only one antidote: love.... For this reason you humans can likewise emerge as victors from this earthly life, if you live a life of love like Me, for love is the strength which achieves everything, which cannot be resisted by anything.... And I demonstrated this strength to you by My resurrection on the third day.... My soul emerged from the tomb and took all spiritualised substances of the body along.... which is a process every soul goes through, only that this process, because it is purely spiritual, cannot be seen by people on earth.... this is why I Myself let this resurrection proceed visibly in order to provide you humans with the evidence of a resurrection into eternal life after death. Therefore no person needs to fear his body's death, for only the shell passes away but the essence continues to exist.... The soul escapes from the body and enters into eternal life, providing it takes the path of following Me, the path of love.... My resurrection on the third day was the crowning glory of My act of love and mercy on earth which was indeed tremendously difficult for Me as a human being, but the human part of Me had thereby achieved complete unity with the Divine.... which is everyone's goal in earthly life but which you would never have been able to achieve without My help. I exemplified the right kind of life for you and.... because you were too weak to implement it.... through My crucifixion acquired for you the blessings for strengthening your will, of which all of you can avail yourselves in order to reach your goal with certainty.... You need not fear death, for you will arise again just as I arose on the third day.... And you will be able to enter a life of glory, yet you must have the will.... otherwise the night of death can still keep you captive for a long time.... Your Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ, however, will lift you out of your graves as soon as you call upon Him....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Jesus' resurrection took the sting out of death

B.D. No. 7086

April 7th 1958

Every person's final hour is preordained.... And yet he need not fear it because it is not his actual end, instead, he will arise again.... because his soul will merely discard its earthly shell, which was only a shackle for it in earthly life, and enter the kingdom of the beyond unburdened, providing that its way of life on earth corresponded to My will.... that his soul therefore attained a specific degree of maturity on earth. Thus, there is no end, even though there is death, i.e. a dead state of the soul, the soul will not have perished. This is the reason why I died on the cross and arose on the third day again, so that the human being, that is, his soul, can also experience the resurrection, so that it can arise from the grave and enter the kingdom again, which is its true home. The fact that the soul will not cease to exist is an irrevocable law because.... everything that came forth from Me.... is and will remain imperishable. And the soul is the spiritual being which originated from Me, thus it continues to exist even though the body will die, but the fact that it can arise after its physical death in light and radiance only became possible after My crucifixion and My resurrection, because before this it was still burdened by the original sin of its past apostasy from Me.... There was still darkness, the dark of the grave, which the soul was unable to escape.... the tombstone had not yet been removed by Jesus Christ, the divine Redeemer.... in other words: the atonement for these souls had not been rendered as yet and without atonement the guilt of sin could not be redeemed.... Consequently, there was also darkness in people's souls, they lacked all faith in a resurrection after death, they were engulfed by the bleak night of the grave and death had become a fearful event.... And I rose on the third day from the dead to provide people with the evidence that the body's death is not the end, that the soul will rise again and merely leave the body behind, which is not so spiritualised as yet that it can take it along into the spiritual kingdom as I was indeed able to do because body **and** soul were clothed in a spiritual garment and the body no longer needed to go through a further maturing process on this earth....

Through My resurrection I wanted to take people's fear of death away, I wanted to prove to them that the soul merely changes location when it discards the earthly body, when the inevitable hour of death strikes. For this reason I have risen from the dead, for I conquered death, i.e. the one who had brought death into the world. And so no person needs to be afraid of the hour of death, for it is only the entrance into the actual life which is everlasting.... Death has lost its sting.... Nevertheless it is necessary that the human being acknowledges My act of Salvation and accepts the blessings I acquired for you through My suffering and dying on the cross.... that he allows himself to be redeemed by Jesus Christ, that therefore his original sin will have been atoned first so that Jesus Christ can subsequently push the tombstone away for the soul to rise from the grave's darkness into bright light, that it thus will enter eternal life.... Anyone who fears the hour of death is still subject to this immense guilt, he has not found salvation through Jesus Christ as yet, he has not released himself from the darkness enshrouding him, he still lays in the grave of his sin, even though his body still lives on earth.... For he will lose all fear of physical death when he has placed himself into My arms, when he sincerely appeals to Me to take care of him at the hour of his death.... For he will blissfully fall asleep in peace with his God and Father, he will leave only his body behind on this earth while the soul will arise, it will ascend to the light, it will not feel the darkness of the grave surrounding it, for Jesus Christ Himself will take its hand and lead it out of its physical shell, He will guide it through the gate of life. And it will know that it, too, has risen from the dead, that it will now live in eternity.... The fact that the human being Jesus rose from the dead is certainly true, and those who believe in Him as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world, as My Emissary in Whom I embodied Myself on earth, will not be afraid of their own hour of death, for Jesus Christ gave them the promise that He will go to prepare a place for those who believe in Him.... Thus they will also be raised to eternal life and He Himself will fetch them as He has promised....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Jesus Christ opens the door to eternal life

Gate to eternity can already be passed through before death....

B.D. No. 1559
August 8th 1940

To whom the gates to eternity open, his earth life does not necessarily need to be finished, because he can also in this life already be allowed to gain insight into the kingdom, which exists outside of earth life, he can know about everything, without being raptured from earth life.... For the human being can still attain a state of maturity on earth which allows him to gain insight into the eternal kingdom. To be able to connect with that kingdom outside of earth and its inhabitants is proof that the gates to eternity are not always only passed through with bodily death, but that for some earthly children there are no barriers at all which prevent them from entering the kingdom of eternity. They live on earth and yet are equally at home in those spheres, because the divine spirit in them overcomes every obstacle, and can be present everywhere and at all times.... thus it dwells in the kingdom of eternity even when the body is still held on earth. Such an earthly child will not even be afraid of death.... the physical death which terrifies people. It will be equipped with the knowledge of eternal life that it only longs for the moment when it can give up all ties with earth. The spirit will move into its true home, it will now constantly be there where it could only stay temporarily during its earthly existence, and thus only found entry into those regions when the human being's will permitted it. But now he can permanently be there where his longing on earth let him wander. And thus, the human being has overcome the horrors of death if he consciously tried to penetrate that region during his earthly existence, which is the abode of all spiritual substances after the end of earthly life. He is no longer frightened by the uncertainty of the afterlife, neither does he regard the afterlife as something doubtful, he is in knowledge, and that means that he also recognises the working of the beings of light and hands himself over to these beings of light, precisely because he recognises the consequences of ignorance and wants to liberate himself from an unworthy state, which is his fate on earth, before he works on himself in order to be able to enter into contact with the spiritual beings in the beyond. The human being is far better off whose faith allowed him to recognise divine love and mercy, and who longed for this love and mercy, for it was already granted to him on earth.... The earthly child was allowed to look into an area which bears witness to the infinite wisdom of the Lord, it was allowed to distribute spiritual knowledge on earth itself and thus tear down the barriers which separate the earthly human being from those beings of light.... it was allowed to enter through the gates to eternity already on earth.... For it received something which was offered directly by those beings who inhabit this kingdom of light, and thus death loses all its horror for those earthly children who only want to serve God and who, in their service to God, became true conquerors of death.

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

Jesus Christ is the gate to the kingdom of light....

B.D. No. 5931
April 15th 1954

The gate to the kingdom of heaven will truly be opened for you if you only want to enter it and turn to the right gatekeeper.... to Jesus Christ, Who Himself will then lead you into His kingdom.... There is no other gate where you can exclude the divine redeemer Jesus Christ and still attain beatitude.... Without Jesus Christ the gates remain closed to you and you have to remain outside the kingdom of light until you also decide to entrust yourselves to Him and His guidance.... until you acknowledge Him as the only path to the light, as the saviour and redeemer of all people who live in adversity and misery without Him, be it on earth or in the spiritual kingdom. You all have to surrender

to Him, you all have to enter the path He showed you at the time of His life on earth.... you must all follow Him, then your path will lead directly into the kingdom of heaven, then you will have returned to the father from Whom you once came forth.... But without Jesus Christ you constantly go astray, without Jesus Christ you do not see the right path. Everything is without light before you and you don't realize that you are walking downwards instead of upwards.... You must choose Jesus as your leader and follow Him without resistance. For it was through Jesus Christ and His act of salvation that the gates to the kingdom of heaven were first opened, through Jesus Christ and His crucifixion the path was opened for you humans.... He walked it for you, the path of atonement and infinite suffering, He removed all obstacles which blocked your path to the father, and He Himself took the burden from you so that you can now ascend freely and easily if only you follow Him, Who went before you.... Therefore no soul will find entrance into the kingdom of peace and light which rejects Jesus Christ.... which does not acknowledge Him and His act of salvation and therefore is not released from its great guilt of sin either.... which again and again falls to the ground and cannot rise to light heights on its own, which also sees no path leading upwards but constantly strides downwards because the divine guide Jesus Christ cannot assist it as long as it opposes Him. He alone is the gate to eternity, He alone admits into His kingdom or denies entry to the souls which enter the spiritual kingdom after the death of the body.... He alone segregates the souls according to their will.... and blessed who were already His on earth; blessed who acknowledge Him as God's son and redeemer of the world, who see in Him their father from eternity and have also joined Him for all eternity.... These He leads into His kingdom, which offers bliss without number.... But the gates to the kingdom of heaven remain closed to His opponents, who have to remain outside for an infinitely long time until they too call upon the one Who can lead them to the light.... Jesus Christ, Who redeemed the world from death and sin....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

"No one comes to the father except through Me..."

B.D. No. 5952

May 9th 1954

No one comes to the father except through Me.... These words alone should make people realize the importance of acknowledging Jesus as the son of God and redeemer of the world, and yet they have completely lost their impact, for humanity does not respect them, otherwise it would not so thoughtlessly reject Him Who calls Himself the bridge to the father.... The words of scripture are for most people only letters without spirit and life.... They speak them without being aware of their meaning, they completely disregard the lord's words and therefore do not find their way to the father either, because they do not believe in Him with the conviction which would result in heeding the divine word. No one comes to the father except through Me.... Yet people lack the will to reach the father, which is why they do not seek the **path** to Him either.... which is also why the divine redeemer Jesus Christ is of no significance to them. This attitude leads to downfall, to spiritual death.... Since they do not reach the father, they remain in the power of the one who is God's adversary, they remain in the depths because they do not desire to ascend. It is an exceedingly regrettable state that people do not show any striving upwards, that they do not think about their earthly task and that they are also indifferent to Christ's teaching, the gospel, that they do not accept any of His words as important and think about them.... that they **cannot** attain realization because they do not **seek** enlightenment, because they are completely indifferent to what God wants to convey to them through the scriptures and what the man Jesus, as God's spokesman, preached to people.... And no-one thinks of the fact that he only stays on earth in order to bring about the return to the father, and that he is constantly offered the opportunity to do so, which he rejects in his rigid mind because he does not believe. The distance between the human being and the father is great, yet **one** offers Himself for guidance, for mediation.... One has built the bridge which makes the path to the father passable, and this **one** offers His help to all people.... But He is not listened to, He is not heeded, if He wants to remind people of Himself.... Blind and deaf they pass Him by, although He calls out to them: "No one comes to the father except through Me...." He says of Himself: "I am the way, the truth and the life...." Therefore, anyone who seeks truth

and life must take the path via Jesus Christ, he must make use of His mediation, he must request strength from Him to be able to cover the earthly path with the success which is the purpose of life: to find union with the father which only ensures a life of bliss, a life which lasts forever. People do not know what fate they are facing through their indifference and unbelief, they do not know what they are forfeiting by not respecting the divine word, by not taking refuge in the one Who alone can save them from ruin.... They don't know and don't believe the words of those who know and want to help them. And even if the word sounds from above, they do not accept it, for they listen to another voice, to the voice of the world with which God's adversary addresses them and to which they willingly open their ears.... They seek not **life** but **death**.... they reject the one Who promises them life, and therefore they will remain in sin and death, because without Jesus Christ there is no redemption and no return to the father's house....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Way to the cross over Golgotha....

B.D. No. 6512

March 29th 1956

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

itself the suffering of a walk to the cross, love is prepared for anything in order to utilise Jesus Christ's sacrifice and, as it were, to take part in it itself, for love sacrifices itself....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

Jesus Christ opens the gate to eternal life....

B.D. No. 6850

June 12th 1957

The gate into a life of light and glory is open to all of you who have found Jesus Christ; however, it remains closed to those who are still distant from Him and His act of Salvation. Therefore you all should seriously ask yourselves whether you have already taken the path to Him, to the cross; for His path on earth ended with His death on the cross, hence you will have to seek and find Him **there**, and that is where you must go if you want to participate in His act of Salvation. The goal of His life on earth was the cross, because the crucifixion was intended to bring redemption to you humans.

Thus you will find the divine Redeemer under the cross, which means that you will carry your guilt of sin, for which the human being Jesus died on the cross, to Him under the cross, that you will thereby prove your belief in His divine mission and so also reveal your will to be released from the guilt which separates you from Me, your God and Father of eternity.... In that case you acknowledge **Me Myself** Who accomplished the act of Salvation in the human being **Jesus**.... Your path must lead to the cross of Golgotha if you want to reach the gate into eternal life, for no other path leads to this gate. All of you should seriously question your attitude towards Jesus Christ.... However, with the exception of a few, you fail to do so, even if His Gospel is repeatedly proclaimed to you, even if His teaching of love is time and again presented to you and you continue to hear His name mentioned as that of the divine Redeemer.... You keep your ears closed and all Words bypass you like empty talk. You are barely touched by what you hear about Jesus Christ and His labour of love, it does not enter your hearts, it has not yet come alive in you and you have not yet spent any serious thought on what you have received so far. One day you will have to stop short at the gate to eternity, you will not find admittance, for you had not found salvation as yet because you did not take the path to the cross, His blood was unable to cleanse you and therefore you will arrive at the gate to eternity burdened by guilt. It is not enough to merely voice Jesus' name with your mouth in order to be released from your guilt.... You must approach Him yourselves, you must hand yourselves over to Him with childlike trust and in awareness of your fault and sincerely appeal to Him that He should accept you, that He might also have shed His blood for you, and you must faithfully wait for His forgiveness.... And the weight of your guilt will fall away, clearing the path to the light and opening for you the gate into eternal beatitude.... Jesus Christ Himself will escort you into His kingdom, but without Him you will never be able to go through this gate. If only you would believe that His name is everything, that calling upon His name with profound faith will lift you out of all the adversity which is the result of the sin which still weighs you down.... This is why I descended to earth in the human being Jesus, in order to relieve you of the immense burden of sin and I died on the cross in order to redeem the great guilt which makes all of you sigh while you live on earth.... I died on your behalf.... but you must want to belong to those for Whom I have died.... Hence you must also take the path to the cross, you must make contact with Jesus Christ Who concluded His life on earth on the cross.... Then He will walk with you and guide you into His kingdom which He promised to all those who believe in Him....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Faith in Jesus Christ

Who believes in Me....

B.D. No. 1901

April 29th 1941

Whoever believes in Me has eternal life.... Behold, it was My will to take away the sting of death so that My children.... the people who cling to Me.... will not have to taste the horrors of death, for faith in Me painlessly detaches the soul from the body and it soars upwards. And for this I gave My life on the cross so that My children would not taste death.... My earthly body willingly bore all pain so that My children would not have to suffer, so that through their faith in Me they could painlessly enter eternity.... So he who believes has eternal life, for his faith is the concession of his desire for Me. The child has overcome the separation and found its way home to the father.... And therefore I bless all those who believe.... for they are in truth My children to whom I open the gates of paradise. And so whoever has gone home in the deepest faith in Me, his creator and saviour, whoever has loved Me and striven for Me, I will receive him into My father's house; I will lead him into the kingdom which I have prepared for all who believe.... For whoever believes in Me will also strive to keep My commandments, and I will bless his will.... The death of the body is therefore not to be feared, it only clears the child's path to the father, and My love draws the soul upwards. As soon as the soul separates from the body it will be guided upwards by My servants into a region which is full of light and clearly the soul's future abode. And that is why you should not grieve on earth, for what the soul leaves behind on earth is void. I gave you life in order to take it from you.... and I take it from you in order to be able to give it back to you in all glory....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Fear of death....

B.D. No. 6616

August 8th 1956

Death is just the passageway into a life which will last forever. You humans would not have to fear death if your life on earth corresponded to My will.... if you had travelled this earthly path in divine order, for then you would not feel terror-stricken in view of death, because then your soul would just rejoice at being able to escape the body in order to return to its home where the earthly body is utterly superfluous, where ceasing to exist cannot be spoken of but where a free life in an abundance of light and strength will await the soul. Jesus Christ arose from the grave on the third day.... He demonstrated to you that there is no such thing as ceasing to exist after the body's demise, he has provided you with the evidence that a correct way of life merely results in the change of the earthly into a spiritual body, that the human being continues to exist, that only his shell has experienced a transformation, which is absolutely necessary for staying in the spiritual kingdom.... And you all are able to accomplish this change yourselves, and death would then truly have lost its sting. But since you humans do not believe in life after death, you neglect to prepare yourselves for a stay in the spiritual kingdom, and since your soul has therefore no prospect whatsoever to clothe itself after physical death in a radiantly bright spiritual garment you fear death, and rightly so, for you cannot **cease** to exist but earthly heaviness can still cling to you, and your awakening after the body's death will not be a happy one.... But you will **awaken**, regardless of how imperfectly your soul is shaped.... it will find out that it **has not** and **cannot** cease to exist.... And this fate is unconsciously dreaded by you humans who fear death.

Yet you ought to remember the One Who has overcome death.... Jesus Christ wants to awaken you to life, He wants to give you an eternally-indestructible life which you shall never lose again. Accept

His gift of grace, remember Him during fearful hours and commend your soul to Him, and appeal to Him not to let it fall prey to death, but to have mercy on it and to help it attain life.... And, truly, you will not have sent your appeal to Him in vain.... Your fear will disappear to be replaced by blissful calm, a calm which only Jesus Christ can bestow upon the soul. The living faith in Jesus Christ dispels all dread of death, for the human being knows that he will rise again, just as Jesus Christ arose on the third day.

But anyone without this faith in Him will fear death or believe that he will cease to exist, that he will return into oblivion from where he imagines himself to have emerged.... And he, as well as all others who lived on earth without Christ, will have a rude awakening.... And it will take a long time until they are convinced that they have not perished, but that they can only escape their lifeless state if they call upon the One Whom they refused to acknowledge on earth, but Who alone can give them life again.... Death need only be the transition into a new and immortal life.... It need not worry people on any account, because Jesus Christ has prevailed over it, because He accomplished the act of Salvation in order to deliver people from a condition which had been brought into the world by His adversary.... But Jesus' act of Salvation and resurrection are not properly valued by people.... Many know of them and yet do not believe, and therefore they are also unable to derive the benefit from the effects of the act of Salvation and resurrection.... But the living faith gives people firm confidence and therefore also removes their every fear of death.... And these will blissfully fall asleep in the Lord and joyfully awaken with Him in the kingdom of light and beatitude.... For they will eternally not taste death again, they will only ever have eternal life....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

"He who believes in Me...."

B.D. No. 7906

May 31th 1961

Again and again you will be informed that My promise will be fulfilled which states that anyone who believes in Me will attain eternal life.... but that you must live in a **living** faith in order to partake of this promise. And this in turn means that you have to live in love if you want to attain a living faith.... **Love** therefore guarantees you eternal life, for it gives birth to a living faith. But I must demand such faith from you, for if this firm inner conviction is not within you then you cannot understand the significance of the act of salvation either.... Then you will only be guided by words, you will speak of faith but in truth you will not possess it.... because you lack the knowledge of all correlations, a knowledge which only earns you a life of love.... Without love you can only speak of a dead faith, of words which lack the deep inner conviction.... You just don't dare to contradict a doctrine of faith which is offered to you, but it gives you no enlightenment, and thus you would also never be able to stand up for such a doctrine if this was demanded of you. I have given you the promise: 'He who believes in Me has eternal life....' But you first have to deal with what I want to be understood by 'faith in Me'.... You have to think through what you are told about Me and My act of salvation and take a stand on it, and only then will it become clear whether you are able to believe everything, whether you are fully convinced that it is as you are taught or whether you have inner doubts. And this examination must be undertaken in all seriousness on your part. And then the degree of love plays a major role in what you are able to 'believe'.... Anyone who lives in love does not doubt, for the significance of the act of salvation and the mission of the man Jesus on earth is clear to him.... He knows that Jesus sacrificed Himself for the sake of humanity's sins and understands the divine redeemer's act of mercy.... He acknowledges Him as his redeemer and also knows that he cannot become blessed without the act of salvation.... He himself makes use of the graces of the act of salvation.... he **believes** in Me and can therefore come into the blessing of My promise.... for his faith is alive, it is not a dead form.... it is not a figure of speech, it is not words uttered only by the mouth.... It is felt alive in the heart, and such faith will also have an effect, it will be expressed in works of love, because love does not let the human being remain inactive but again and again expresses itself in works. And beatitude.... eternal life.... I can only give to someone who has changed to love and whose

faith is also alive. All My words are spirit and life.... And thus the promises are truth and will be fulfilled, but I also require the right **spiritual** attitude towards them.... I cannot give beatitude and life to those who have not yet seriously striven for it, who have no inner contact with Me but which **love** establishes.... Then faith will also be right, and then the human being will also strive for perfection on earth, for he will have recognized Me by virtue of his love and faith and will long to return to Me again, from Whom he once originated. And then every promise I made to people when I lived on earth will truly be fulfilled in him. But a dead faith will not result in spiritual success, in a dead faith the human being will not strive spiritually on earth.... Although he does not contradict the doctrines of faith which are brought to him, he will not be able to convincingly uphold them as truth either, because he lacks the spiritual knowledge to do so as long as he lacks love. Without **love**, however, there is no **life** either, because love is the strength which allows for activity, and because 'life' means being able to be constantly active in God's will.... to be able to work in light and strength as My child and to be immeasurably happy....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Comforting words from the father.... Reference to death....

B.D. No. 5493

September 24th 1952

It is an undeserved favour that you humans can take refuge in My arms when you are in need. You always know that I have an open ear for your requests and concerns, but you also know that I wait for your call, that I want to hear the voice of My child which resounds to Me in every mental plea.... I want you to come to Me in every earthly and spiritual adversity so that you will also experience My help. I stand by your side in small as well as in great adversities, but do you also know what I have in mind for you? Do you know whether the help you desire is suitable for the maturing of your soul? Precisely because you do not know this you should pray: 'Father, Thy will be done....' You should certainly ask that I help you, but not in what way, for I truly know best what serves your soul. You children possess My love after all, you all shall reach the goal on earth to find unity with Me.... Everything that serves this purpose I will give to you because I want you to become blessed. You should indeed present all your small and great worries and needs to Me, you should come to Me with all your requests, and if you have profound faith and express this faith in prayer I will also grant your requests, for profound faith is already an elevated degree of maturity and the union with Me will then have already taken place through love, which first gave birth to living faith. So then you shall experience My often marvellous help. But as long as the living faith is not yet present, as long as you are still weak in faith and therefore also weak with love, I often have to deny you what you ask for, yet always only out of fatherly care for the maturity of your soul.... Yet you should always trust in Me that I will arrange everything for you as is good.... But do not value bodily life as the highest good but only regard it as necessary for the soul, and if you thus remember the soul and its state after death and take care of and create for its **life**, death need not frighten you either, for then it will only be the gate into the most luminous eternity for you, yet you will never long for earth again, only then will you **live** and be unspeakably happy in My presence....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

In the spiritual realm

Becoming and passing away.... death.... entry into the spiritual realm....

B.D. No. 2554

November 17th 1942

Life and death, becoming and passing away.... is the eternal cycle according to God's wise plan. Only the spiritually enlightened person realizes the great mystery that finds its solution in this eternal cycle. What is must pass away in order to become again, and again and again things are formed anew, because an eternal existence in the material world is not possible. And what is must pass away because it is still imperfect, and it must arise again in order to become more perfect. For only the outer shell disintegrates, but what the shell harbours is spiritual, i.e. imperishable, which escapes the shell in order to enliven a new shell. And this spiritual must become perfect.... This is the basis of all becoming and passing away. And that is why nothing in the material world can remain unchanged, for it harbours nothing perfect within itself, since it only came into being in order to offer the imperfect the opportunity to become perfect. Once the spiritual has reached the degree of perfection, it can leave the material world, the earth, and enter the spiritual realm. Becoming and passing away is therefore necessary for the higher development of the spiritual, and that is why all passing away should be welcomed and all becoming and arising should make people happy.... The passing away of every form means an overcoming of it for the spiritual hidden within, and overcoming is victory.... If the human being has come to this realization then nothing frightens him anymore, then he also only sees death as a bridge into the spiritual kingdom. For now the spiritual, the soul, leaves its last shell in order to be able to enter the spiritual kingdom carefree. But one thing must have preceded.... a conscious striving for spiritual maturity during life on earth. As soon as man's gaze is directed upwards, as soon as he knows the meaning and purpose of embodiment on earth, he consciously strives upwards. He wants to become perfect as soon as he has recognized God and knows about his outcome and his goal. And for him death means overcoming the last form on earth, from which the soul now finally escapes and therefore also from the material world. The shell passes away, but the spiritual awakens to new life, to a life that lasts forever.... (17.11.1942) But people can also lead a life unconscious of the purpose, and this through their own fault.... as soon as they value matter too highly and thereby stifle every spiritual thought within themselves which would make them realize their actual task on earth. Then they no longer use their last external form for the purpose of maturing the soul. And then death is the end of their development on earth, and the upward development in all other works of creation comes to a standstill in this last phase of earthly life, a standstill occurs in the development.... And then the entry into the spiritual kingdom is not an awakening to eternal life but a state of death, a state of lifelessness is the soul's fate from now on. Becoming and passing away on earth has come to an end for this spiritual being, it has gone through all stages in always constant higher development, but in the stage as man it has failed; it has interrupted the development itself because this stage had given it free will and man abused free will. And then, understandably, entry into the spiritual kingdom must mean great torment and disappointment for him, for only the perfect is entitled to eternal bliss....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Sleep of death.... rising from the graves on the judgment day....

B.D. No. 3916

October 27th 1946

The dead only rest according to the body, i.e., the body is relieved of all earthly activity, and the earthly-material fulfils its purpose assigned to it by the creator by still granting residence to innumerable living beings in its process of dissolution until it is completely dissipated again as

spiritual substance. The human soul, however, no longer has a share in the body's state of rest; it can indeed dwell in the beyond without activity, yet this state is not a state of rest but a state of impotent awareness of its existence, a state of greatest powerlessness which is agonizing because it is consciously felt by the soul. Therefore, it is not possible to speak of a state of rest for the dead and even less so for souls which have reached a degree of perfection that they can enter spheres of light. For these souls are constantly active and are blissfully happy in their activity. And therefore it is wrong to speak of the sleep of the dead until their awakening on the last day.... A raising of the dead will certainly take place on that day.... the spiritually dead on earth will awaken from their sleep when they recognize God in His greatness and might and when they have to answer to His justice. But this awakening will be dreadful. And so, too, many who rest in the graves, bodily and spiritual, who already dwell in the spheres of the beyond, will be called to account because they prefer the rest of death to life-giving activity.... On the day of judgement those souls will also be sentenced to renewed banishment in matter, so that they can now taste the state of rest which seemed desirable to them and yet from which they were able to escape. For if a soul regresses in the beyond it will strive towards matter itself and its will will be complied with.... thus the raising from the graves on the last day will have to be understood.... The body of flesh has certainly found its rest insofar as it no longer needs to serve the soul, yet its spiritual substances must also continue to fulfil their purpose according to divine destiny. But the souls are to be pitied if they cannot enter the state of life after the death of the body, and the resurrection on the last day to eternal life or to eternal damnation is only to be understood in such a way that the realization will suddenly come to those living on earth, the awakening from deepest spiritual sleep, but to the evil for judgment; For good people who are turned towards God and fulfil God's will know about the state of life after bodily death and do not fear the latter, and they also enter eternal life. But many souls will also have to go the renewed course of development on the new earth through their creations, which have long since departed from this earth, which had time in abundance in the spiritual kingdom to change their will and become active, but which remained in their powerless state and preferred the tranquillity of death and therefore became increasingly more powerless, so that the spiritual itself hardened and is ripe for renewed banishment in earthly creations. These arise from their graves, as it were, for they are again offered a new opportunity to come to the light of day, albeit after an inconceivably long period of time. All that is dead in spirit will awake on the last day, yet not to life, but to judgment.... Blessed are those who do not rest in this sleep of death, blessed are those who are constantly active on earth or in the spiritual kingdom and whose activity does not consist in earthly toil but serves their spiritual development.... blessed are those who live in the spirit, who do not give themselves over to slothful sleep, who do not seek rest, for they will live in bliss and need not fear the day of resurrection....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

In My Father's house are many mansions....'

B.D. No. 5449

July 26th 1952

In My Father's house are many mansions.... Can you understand the meaning of My Words? That I promise you a dwelling in My Father's house but at the same time want you to know that a suitable abode is prepared to accommodate every one of My living creations.... that I want to tell you, that what you have not yet achieved on earth you can still strive to achieve in My kingdom, because I have countless possibilities to improve your development in the spiritual kingdom. I have not just the earth at My disposal, but all My creations are places to attain full maturity for the still imperfect soul until it has finally developed to the point that, in heavenly bliss, it will be able to take possession of the most magnificent spiritual creations, for wherever it stays is in 'My Father's house', in the sphere of My infinite love, and it will always stay where the Father has prepared a dwelling place which corresponds to its degree of love and its ability to reign and work in the realm to which it was assigned by Me.

In My Father's house are many mansions.... No being is homeless, the eternal home accepts all souls, yet this home has many different aspects.... it can exhibit the most magnificent flower gardens and wonderful palaces, but it can also include infinitely vast barren regions which take ages to wander through.... yet even in these barren regions paths branch off which lead to areas full of flowers, and it just depends on whether the rambblers pay attention to these paths, whether they attentively try to find a way out from this barren region and also take this way out.... Everyone will be accepted in My eternal home, and everyone has the right to take ownership of a dwelling. But what it consists of is entirely subject to their will.

And therefore I say: In My Father's house are many mansions.... For every human being, every being, prepares its own place of abode depending on the degree of its perfection. Yet no matter how poor his dwelling is.... through his will and his work it can really quickly be transformed, and the most delightful homesteads can arise if only the soul has the desire for it and diligently strives for fulfilment. In that case it will be supported by countless helpers who will create and work with the soul, and it can become a paradise-like dwelling place where previously was a barren and bleak region.... One day every soul will return to its true home, but as long as it is still imperfect it will feel homeless, although it will have already entered the kingdom from whence it once had come. However, I have many schoolhouses, and higher development will advance for sure, even if it often requires a long time.... One day the lost son will return home and reside in the mansion he once owned, he will stay in the Father's house where all children are gathered around the Father, he will be lovingly received by the Eternal Love, Which will give him a seat next to Himself....

Yet infinite times will still pass by until all My children have found home again, until they can take up residence in My house; infinite times will still pass by, yet I will not abandon any one of My children.... The Father's love attracts them, and not one of My children will be able to resist this love **forever....**

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Reunion in the beyond....

B.D. No. 6312

July 15th 1955

There will be a reunion in the spiritual world, you humans can be certain of that.... But whether a reunion with your loved ones can be granted right after your departure from this earth depends on your soul's degree of maturity as well as on your loved ones' souls; if this maturity is not yet sufficiently developed to enable spiritual vision it will have to be acquired first, which could take a long time. Not until the soul has achieved a certain degree of maturity can it assimilate spiritual impressions. Hence the soul has to be enlightened to see who is approaching and although a less mature soul also knows itself to be surrounded by beings, it will not be able to recognise them as long as it lacks spiritual vision. After all, the beings' happiness consists of their ability to communicate with those who were close to them on earth.... The souls which are already enlightened as a result of their maturity will therefore always approach their loved ones, either to interact with equally mature spiritual beings or to assist the weaker souls in achieving maturity too....

Consequently, the **more mature** souls have the ability to recognise the weaker souls but not vice versa.... because weaker souls should be inspired to strive and not be compelled on account of proof.... since it would always be proof if they were approached by a soul of light which it recognises as one with whom it had been linked on earth.... And thus the joy of reunion once again is a gift of mercy and the share of the mature spirit, who feels unspeakably happy as a result and, in turn, does everything to help the immature souls to reach the same degree of happiness.... They support them in the most loving way and never tire in encouraging them.... yet always unknown by them because they approach them in the same cover, in the same garment. The longing for the souls who were near to them on earth draws them closer indeed and can be an enormous advance, and when the moment of recognition comes the souls are infinitely grateful and happy.... And only then do they realise the care which had

been given to them and in turn attend in the same manner to the souls which still languish in darkness.... they now help them to ascend because **every** soul longs for those who were once close to them on earth.

There will be a reunion, but the time when this is possible is up to you.... If you have already gained this certain knowledge on earth you will do whatever it takes to at least achieve the degree of maturity on earth which will allow you to enter the realms of light where you will be welcomed by those you love and who can instantly recognise you; or where you can, without being known, begin your work of deliverance on these souls.... Just take care that you don't pass to the other side without knowledge.... take care, that you have already found God in Jesus Christ so that you.... redeemed by Him.... can enter the spiritual realm.... Then this entry will give you much happiness because of the joy of reunion.... However, if you have not attained maturity on earth you may have to wait a long time.... because everything can only take place in accordance with law, your freedom of will has to be observed even in the spiritual realm so that you too may be greatly blessed one day....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Do not forfeit your eternal life....

B.D. No. 7096

April 18th 1958

Do not forfeit your eternal life.... Admittedly, one day it will be granted to all of you, but eternities of infinite agony and darkness may still go by when you are in a state of death and entirely without strength and light. And you can prolong this agonizing time indefinitely so that you can indeed speak of 'eternal damnation'.... but which **I** have not given to you, instead you volitionally cause and continue to cause it yourselves if you fail to use your human existence to achieve eternal life for yourselves.

I will not let you be lost **forever**, because you are My living creations whom I loved from the start and will never cease to love either, but I cannot give life to you prematurely if you yourselves prefer the state of death, if you are unwilling to accept life from Me.... However, you can easily acquire it by merely entrusting yourselves to Me, Who is eternal life Himself....

And for this purpose earthly life is given you, where you are in possession of intellect and free will, where you can accept instructions concerning your task on earth and thus you need only **want** to emerge from the state of death. And this time on earth is very short, no great sacrifices are expected of you considering what you shall receive if you use your will correctly. The lifespan of a human being is very brief indeed but it suffices to let you reach the goal....

Yet your preliminary development took an infinitely long time until you were able to enter the stage of a human being.... And it will take an equally infinitely long time until you will receive the grace again to repeat your test of volition. The length of these infinite times is beyond your human comprehension since your thinking is limited in your imperfect state.... And just as you do not know of this agony, because retrospection of your preliminary development is taken from you during your earthly life, you do not know of the indescribable bliss either which is integral to the concept of 'eternal life'.... You do not know of the splendours awaiting you in My kingdom when you decide to finally return to Me.... And neither one nor the other information can be proven to you, since then it would be impossible to make a free decision of will.

But you should believe it even without proof and live your earthly life accordingly, you should not forfeit the bliss of a 'life' in My kingdom, you all should include **this** possibility in your intellectual consideration even if it seems implausible to you.... and you should live such that you need not reproach yourselves when the hour of your departure from this earth has arrived one day. You should also listen to those who talk about **such** things which are unrelated to the physical world.... And you should reflect on it and imagine how you would fare if they were right....

There is too much at stake for you humans, it is not just a question of a few years like your lifetime on earth.... it concerns eternal life, it concerns the **never-ending** state of supreme blissfulness.... a state in light and strength that was yours in the beginning.... And for this eternity in light and strength you only need to renounce utterly worthless things for a very short time, for a 'moment' of this eternity.... But you value these things exceptionally high, and hence will forfeit 'life' and continue to remain in a state of death for an endless time again....

And all I can do to help you attain life is to constantly send My messengers to you humans, who warn and remind you on My behalf, who should inspire you to try to arrive at the truth.... who point out to you that I, as the only Truth, enlighten your thoughts, who advise you to establish the connection with Me Myself, so that I can then seize and draw you to Myself.... But you have to take the first step, since I will not force you for the sake of your beatitude. But I will support and strengthen even the weakest will which turns to Me. I caused the entire creation to come into being in order to give you life.

I do not want your death, I want you to live and finally escape your state of death, which has already lasted for an infinite time.... I want to impart My love on you again and offer you a wonderful fate which will never end again.... But I cannot stop you from taking the path into the abyss once more if you volitionally follow My adversary again who once had taken your life and delivered you unto death. I can only ever call to you again 'Do not forfeit your eternal life.... ' but you have to follow My call voluntarily, you have to endeavour to achieve life while you live on earth, and I truly will help you achieve it because I love you....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Mourning the dead

Death in the lord.... mourning.... poor souls - prayer....

B.D. No. 0470

June 17th 1938

A blessed death is to fall asleep in the lord and to awaken in the beyond in fullness of light... What you are given in life will be much easier to bear if you accept it with a view to eternity, for then you live, as it were, only for this.... also know that all suffering will come to an end in a short time if you measure it against eternity.... but that you may enjoy the fruits of this suffering for an eternity. And so you should always take comfort in the fact that your end can be a blissful one and that your entry into the heavenly kingdom will be even more blissful. So you bury your dead and weep for them, and yet this day should be a day of inner joy for you if you consider that the soul has only exchanged this earthly life for a far more beautiful one, that the human being has stripped away all suffering and now enters a new life carefree and redeemed from all suffering, which outshines all earthly things in beauty and happiness.... Why then do you want to mourn? So try to attain such a fate in the beyond already on earth, try to detach yourselves from everything that binds you to the world and you will easily be able to depart from this earth.... But whoever loves the earth too much will also find it very difficult to part from it.... he does not want to part with the goods of this world, his heart is all too attached to earthly things. And this person will not find a place prepared for him over there either, where he can continue the good life of earth. He has neglected to work for such a life in earthly life and must now serve for a long time before he is worthy of happiness in the beyond. There the human being then has the right to mourn such a soul.... but not that it has departed from earth, but only that the soul must now agonize unspeakably in order to become partaker of what it should acquire on earth.... Pray for this soul.... give them your strength through prayer, which they so urgently need.... Whoever truly loves such a soul will be able to save it through this love, for love will be constantly active for such poor souls who did not recognize their life correctly and now have to live in want until they are redeemed from their guilt. The lord's care applies to you incessantly, so let your care also be given to those who are grateful to you from the bottom of their hearts for every help.... Bear in mind that they, too, were erring people who, having been led onto the right path, struggle and fight in order to finally enter the kingdom of light.... But you, who still walk on earth, use this time wisely and only ever long for the lord, so that you will not taste death but live for eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Mourning for the departing....

B.D. No. 1402

April 30th 1940

You should be concerned for the living, but not weep for those whom the lord calls away when the time comes. And so you must submit to the divine will and take comfort in the lord. For God is love.... He does not send you sorrow and affliction so that you may suffer, but for the sake of your souls, which are to mature through suffering. And if you lose someone who is dear to you, your pain will be alleviated if you remember Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. You too take the suffering on your shoulders, if you bear it for the lord.... And for the sake of humanity the lord endured suffering, but you bear it for those to whom your love is directed, if you bear it devotedly and for the lord's sake. Therefore do not complain and do not call the soul back to earth when it has left the earth valley, for the hour of freedom has struck it and all earthly heaviness has fallen away from it. And this shall be your consolation, that God's love is infinite, that this His love concludes life when the time has come that He calls it to Himself into His kingdom.... The path on earth was not easy, now the soul

detaches itself from earth you should not be sad, for it exchanges earthly life for a peaceful life in eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

"I will send you the 'comforter'...."

B.D. No. 7247

April 6th 1959

You shall all be comforted who go through your earthly life grieving or anxious. My love will always pursue you and My love does not want you to suffer. And thus I will send you the right comforter, My spirit, which imparts words of love to you, words of comfort and words of strength. I have promised you My spirit that it will comfort you when I no longer dwell in the body on earth. And this promise applies to all who take the path across earth.... I Myself will always be with them in spirit and address them so that they will not feel lonely and abandoned, so that they will not need to mourn, so that they will not fear and tremble.... For I Myself am with all who ask Me for comfort and strength and love. My spirit is truly a comforter, for can a human being address you more lovingly than eternal love Itself does? And eternal love expresses Itself through the spirit, as It has promised: "I will send you the comforter, the spirit of truth...." And this spirit, which is My emanation, will truly lift you up and comfort you, it will not leave you powerless, it will strengthen you and again and again give you courage and strength, and you will always be able to master earthly life because you lean on Me Myself when your spiritual spark unites with the father-spirit of eternity in order to let Him comfort you. Therefore there will only ever be one path when the heart is sad, when the human being wants to despair in earthly or spiritual adversity, the path to Me Myself, so that My spirit will become active in you, so that it can express itself and truly does so in such a way that you will continue your path strengthened and comforted towards the right goal. For then I will speak to you Myself and My words will touch your heart like balm, they will alleviate all pain and remedy all secret hardship, My word will penetrate your hearts and bring everyone the comfort he needs in his suffering. Not arbitrarily have I spoken these words: "I will send you the comforter...." For I knew about the many hardships into which My children will fall if they want to walk the path of following Jesus. Suffering will not be able to be kept away from them on this path, and in this suffering I wanted to assure them of My comfort.... and since I was no longer on earth in a purely physical sense I promised My own the 'comforter', My spirit.... thus Myself, only not visible as a human being, yet present to everyone who needs comfort and strength and calls upon Me for help in his adversity. But I cannot intervene in a comforting way where My spirit is not requested, where there is no bond between the spiritual spark in the human being and the father-spirit of eternity. I have to wait until the call reaches My ears that a person is in distress and that he expects help from Me. Then I will certainly be ready to help, for I have promised My comforter to all who believe in Me and long for Him.... And therefore no human being need be despondent, no matter what distresses him.... for he will always find comfort and help with Me, and I will quite obviously grant him such, so that 'My spirit' will become manifest and its working, true to My promise: "I will send you the comforter, the spirit of truth...." You can keep this promise of Mine when you are troubled or distressed, for My word is truth, and no one who turned to Me in his distress will need to go from Me without being comforted....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Keep death in mind....

B.D. No. 2912

October 6th 1943

Imagine the hour of your death and ask yourselves whether you are well prepared for eternity.... Consider your relationship with God and how you have used the pound He has given you for your time on earth.... Ask yourselves whether you could stand before God's judgment seat, whether your earthly life is right with God, whether you have shown love, and whether you are ready to depart from

earth at any hour without fear of having to give account to God.... Consider that your strength will also come to an end with death and that you cannot do anything by yourselves if you depart from this earth with an immature soul. Ask yourselves whether you are satisfied with yourselves and can depart from this world in peace.... And exercise the strictest self criticism, and after that make an effort to perfect yourselves....

Make use of every day that is given to you, as long as you are on earth you can still achieve a lot. You have the opportunity to purify yourselves even now, because you have the strength to do so and can increase it with actions of love.... Keep death in mind and recognise yourselves as a weak creature who cannot delay for an hour once God has determined your hour of death. And with deeply felt sincerity ask God for His mercy, for His grace, for His support, that He will give you His love and with His love also the strength which guarantees your ascent. Keep only this goal in mind, that you may awaken to eternal life when your earthly life is over, and then live in accord with this goal, carry out God's will and always think that every day could be your last day on earth.... Then you will prepare yourselves, you will live consciously and without fear pass across into the kingdom of peace, your true home....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Death, where is your sting....'

B.D. No. 7480

December 17th 1959

And your end will be a blissful one if you die in Me, in your Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ, Who has promised that you will not taste death if you have a living faith in Me.... Then I will come and take you to Me into the spiritual kingdom, and your hour of death will just be a change of environment.... Your soul will exchange earth with the spiritual kingdom and be indescribably happy, for all heaviness will fall away and it will trustingly follow Me with burning love, because it has recognised Me as its Redeemer, Who is waiting for it at the threshold to the spiritual realm. Why are you afraid of death?.... Through My death on the cross and My resurrection I have taken the sting out of death, I have bought you life with My blood, and this life you will then take up and never ever lose again.

As long as you live on earth you dread your hour of death.... and regardless of how it may appear to your fellow human beings.... your faith in Me in Jesus Christ will give you a happy ending, even if it seems otherwise to your fellow men, for I alone Am also Ruler over death, and I know whom I can grant eternal life.... And he need not fear death and its horror any longer, for I died the excruciating death **for him**, so that My Own will be spared, who follow Me and thus want to be and have been true confessors of Jesus Christ on earth.

Take My Words seriously and believe that I Am also a Lord over death and that I can ward off all horrors from someone who has become My Own through his faith and love. And even if his body seems to suffer.... I determine the degrees of pain, and truly, My love will not give the person more to bear than he is able to carry and as is necessary for his soul. This is why I was able to convincingly say 'Death, where is your sting; hell, where is your victory....' For I remained victorious over the one who had brought death into the world, and I will truly let My Own have a share in this victory, which I gained over the price of darkness.... I will grant a happy hour of passing away to those who hold on to Me and remain faithful even in times of struggle and of hardship, for I will also give them the strength to endure and to prove their loyalty for Me. And the greatest victory on earth is to follow Me in firm faith until the end, and this faith will be bestowed upon you by your love which alone brings forth a living faith.

Therefore, you who endeavour to live a life of love need not fear the hour of death, for it will only mean an entry into another world for you, and you will gladly leave earth and exchange its domain with the kingdom of light and blissfulness. You will cross over in peace and harmony of soul, you will not have to pass through any darkness but in a garment of light may enter the kingdom which belongs

to Me and promises you glories which you have never seen or experienced before. For if you have found Jesus Christ He will lead you into His kingdom Himself... into the kingdom which is not of this world...

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna