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See You In The Beyond

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Gift of grace before the end.... Jesus Christ....

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I will pour out an abundance of grace in the last days before the end, for people are in need of it; they require much support in order to still be able to cover the last stretch of their earthly path successfully. And many people will even have to be guided onto the right path first and they, too, will require help for this, for they are still on the path into the abyss and have to be called back and guided correctly. Every means used by Me before the end is a means of grace, for people themselves do nothing to prevent it, they travel their earthly path indifferently and therefore don't deserve any help, since they still rather resist than accept help. Yet I love all My living creations and don't want even one of them to go astray.... I don't want them to languish in a wretched state for an infinitely long time again.... And this is why I will temper justice with mercy.... I will leave no stone unturned to save them before the end. And I also know what will help every individual person; I know what is suitable to guide him onto the right path. And this is what I will use without, however, compelling the human being's will, for he has to make a free decision. But it will be made easy for him, for the means of grace will be brought to him so visibly that he will also be able to recognise them as such.

Time and again the human being's attention is pointed to the spiritual kingdom.... Time and again he is approached by death in some form or other, he experiences it in his surroundings by having to let go of people who are very dear to him, and he hears of various kinds of death. He will always be reminded of his own fleeting nature and can then reflect on thoughts about what comes after death.... His thoughts will be directed towards the spiritual kingdom, since they often also follow the deceased and thus give rise to such questions as: Where are they now? Have they completely ceased to be? Or is there a prospect of meeting again?.... And then time and again spirit guides, to whose protection people are entrusted, will intervene by trying to influence them and giving them an explanation.... They make it possible for such people to receive knowledge of My Word, which is directly transmitted to earth, or they let them come across books which will offer them clarification, they do everything to direct their thoughts to the kingdom which is their true home and which they will enter when they pass away from this world.... And the departed, too, exert an influence from the beyond by constantly entering their thoughts which, to a certain extent, will establish a connection from the spiritual to the physical world. My measure of grace is inexhaustible and everyone would be able to take advantage of it, if only they were willing to do so.

That is why I let My Word be heard, for whoever hears and accepts it will truly make use of the greatest gift of grace which certainly will also bring him the right result, which will help his soul to mature and let him reach his goal while he is still on earth, so that he will find Me and enter into union with Me, which then will also assure his perfection.... For it is important that the human being establishes his bond with Me before his soul leaves the body, before the hour of departure from this earth has come.... As soon as he has recognised and acknowledged Me he will not get lost, for then he will take the path to the cross, to the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ, he will recognise Me in Him and thus will also have taken the path to Me. And then he will have been saved from the adversary for good, for Jesus Christ will deliver him from his bondage; Jesus has taken his guilt upon Himself and opened for him the path to the Father.... Jesus and I are one.... To realise this is the guarantee of return

for the once fallen spirits to Me, and for that reason I will always provide people with the information through My Word, that is why My Word is the greatest and most effective gift of grace which I can still offer humanity before the end, and blessed is he who accepts it, for he will truly not go astray anymore.... There is not much time left, and the battle for the souls is fiercely waged on part of the darkness.... But I, too, Am fighting for you, My living creations, and I will help you, so that you, who will settle this battle, will make the right decision, so that you will take the path to Jesus Christ, in Whom I became a human being Myself in order to redeem you.... Make use of this immensely merciful act of Redemption through Jesus Christ and, truly, you will be victorious and delivered from the one who wants to destroy you....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Believe in an afterlife of the soul after death

Immortality of the soul....

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April 4th 1941

The teaching of the immortality of the soul is not accepted by many people because they compare it to earthly transience. In their opinion nothing on earth is permanent, everything passes away, and hence they believe that they are no exception to this natural law. The earthly body decays indeed, that is, it seemingly disintegrates and passes away. But the human being does not consider that the apparent disappearance is only the means of transition into a new form. On reflection he will have to conclude that everything earthly serves some purpose, and he will observe that even the most insignificant creations are somehow related to one another and therefore not without purpose.

When such a work of creation fades away numerous other creations absorb the remainder of the first, which thus serves them and continues to live on in the new creations. He only has to seriously observe an outer transformation and he would have to admit that the inner life cannot vanish either. And he should at least grant the human being this inner life too.... he has to make it clear to himself that the human soul, the emotional life, cannot be discontinued arbitrarily.... that this emotional life is the essential significance of every embodiment. The outer form is of no use unless the inner core is acknowledged by humanity.

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Immortality of the soul....

B.D. No. 1874b

April 4th 1941

The construction of a human being always requires the same components: body, soul and spirit. The body.... the external form.... performs the functions which are determined by the soul. Consequently the body is just the agent through which the soul's will is accomplished. At the moment of death the soul no longer needs an agent for service as it did on earth.... i.e. in the visible work of creation.... because it changes its environment and moves into regions where nothing externally visible needs to be done. The body, which was just the instrument for the earthly path during which the soul should have formed itself into the carrier of the divine spirit, becomes unnecessary.

The spirit, the third component of the living being, lies in fact dormant in every human being and only becomes active when the will of the soul pays more attention to the spirit than to the body, that is, when the soul considers the earthly demands less important than the demands of the spirit, which always amounts to earthly needs becoming secondary. Although body, soul and spirit belong together they nevertheless can have separate goals. The soul can direct its will more towards the demands of the body, but it can also disregard those and make its will available to the spirit within itself. And it is precisely this direction of will that decides its life in the beyond, i.e. the state the soul finds itself in after the earthly life, which can be blissful or distressing. The earthly life, the function of the body, is therefore just a temporary condition for the soul. The soul impels the body to all actions on earth but it has by no means ceased to exist when the body cannot perform its function any longer. The soul has indeed left the body because it moves into regions where it no longer requires an exterior form.

But to consider the soul dead as well would be a completely wrong concept of its essence.... because the soul is something that cannot pass away. Indeed, when the human body is dead the soul can no longer determine its functions; it can, due to a lack of maturity because it had not given enough consideration to the spirit within itself, also fall into a state of inactivity; but it can never 'cease to exist'. Because the soul is something spiritual that is everlasting, while the body consists of earthly

substance, of matter, and is therefore subject to constant change and finally disintegrates into its components as soon as the soul has left the body....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Belief in the soul's continuation of life....

B.D. No. 8059

December 9th 1961

If only people would believe that their soul.... their actual Self.... is immortal, if only they would believe that the soul as a human being on this earth is preparing its own fate in the kingdom of the beyond when it leaves its earthly body.... One day people will bitterly regret their indifference to their later fate, for one day they will realise what they had neglected to do in their earthly life, what they could have achieved had they believed the warnings and admonitions which were constantly given to them on earth. The indifference to their future fate is the great evil which threatens to pull many people into the abyss.... And therefore they shall only ever be informed of the fact that there is a continuation of life after death, that they cannot cease to exist even if they have to shed their earthly body.... their thoughts shall be directed towards this time which will come as certain as one day will follow the other.... If only they were able to gain the belief in a continuation of life after death they would also live more responsibly. This, too, cannot be **proven** to them, they can only **believe** it.... but they can gain a **convinced** faith if they think about it and question their actual purpose of earthly life.... Just a spiritually directed thought would suffice for a person to mentally receive an answer from the kingdom which is the soul's true home.... Yet such questioning thoughts have to be sent out by the human being of his own free will, for he cannot be forcibly urged into such spiritual thinking. But the smallest impulses are enough for him to question himself, and it will definitely only have beneficial results. Hence the human being will often have to suffer severe losses which can affect everything he loves.... earthly commodities or even people dear to him, the loss of which can motivate him to such thoughts.... And then even harsh strokes of fate will have become a blessing for him if they lead the person into a spiritual train of thought and thus enable spiritual powers to intervene, trying to instruct him. And if a person is asked whether he assuredly believes in the soul's continuation of life he will usually doubt it, even if he is religiously instructed in such a way, because he has not yet openly contradicted it. But he lacks the inner conviction and this makes him indifferent in his conduct, which should be aimed towards this life in the spiritual kingdom. But time and again the human being will have to deal with experiences which can and should direct his thoughts to the end which is certain for him and yet will not denote an end for his soul. And frequently he will also receive instructions by way of conversations or as printed material, although he can accept or reject them of his own free will....

And even the loss of earthly goods can make the human being think and wonder whether owning these is the real purpose of earthly existence.... Then it is possible that he will change his way of thinking; then it is possible that he will not regard a continuation of life after death to be out of the question and afterwards he will lead a conscious way of life, because he believes that he will have to be answerable for it one day. And then the certainty that his body's death is not the end will steadily grow, for wherever there is the slightest will to live expediently on earth the human being will also receive help and he will not go astray....

Amen

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The hour of death

Hour of death....

B.D. No. 1798

January 31th 1941

The hour of death has become the subject of insurmountable fear for many people, they are anxious and afraid of every thought of it, and this is always a sign of insufficient maturity of soul. The soul unconsciously recognises its deficient condition and perceives that the death of the body is the end of its earthly existence.... it intuitively senses that it has not made the best use of its earthly life, hence the human being finds the thought of death frightening. The uncertainty after death disturbs him, he is full of doubt about life after death yet he is not entirely convinced that his life is finally over either. And precisely this uncertainty about the 'afterwards' makes him anxious about the hour of separation from this world. The more mature a human being is the less he is affected by the thought of death, the reason for this rests in the realisation that the real life does not start until after the death of the body. Prerequisite for entering the spheres of light is the ability to surrender the earthly life with an easy heart as then the human being is no longer attached to earthly possession, he has overcome matter....

Everything the human being leaves behind on earth are earthly possessions which should no longer be desired but gladly and joyfully abandoned. Everything the human being holds dear on earth he should be able to give up with an easy heart, then his departure from the world is easy. There should be nothing to hold a person back or the release from earth would always be a fight. Consequently every desire should be overcome at an early stage so that death can approach the human being at any hour and never take him by surprise. Equally decisive for the physical ending of the human being is the will for God because anyone who longs for God is happy when his earthly life comes to an end. Spiritually he is already in those spheres and just yearns for the hour which finally takes him where the spirit wants to go, to his true home. Hence the hour of death can mean anxiety, fear and horror for one person, while for the other it can be the granting of what he had long dreamt of and hoped for. It is the release from every form for him, it denotes his entrance into the eternal kingdom, into everlasting glory....

What the human being regards as death can be his entrance into eternal life if he has lived life consciously, i.e. with God, and is therefore mature for life in eternity.... However, it can also really signify death, the soul senses this and fears the hour that will inevitably come when the time of earthly life, which God has designated for the human being, is concluded. Every human being should therefore think of the hour of his death and in view of it live his earthly life consciously, i.e. to improve his soul that it may achieve the degree of maturity which guarantees an easy and painless passing over from earth into the eternal kingdom....

Amen

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

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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

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Strokes of fate.... Spiritual death....

B.D. No. 7853

March 17th 1961

People who no longer have faith in a God and Creator, in the soul's continuation of life after death, have already succumbed to spiritual death, for they do not believe that they live on earth for a purpose and reason but only regard this life as an end in itself. They only move on an earthly level, their thoughts don't find the path into the spiritual kingdom, for they refuse to accept and follow thoughts which originate from there. They are purely humanly-orientated creatures with such a low degree of maturity that the destiny of a renewed banishment almost certainly awaits them, because their free will, instead of striving upwards, aims downwards again.... They have already attained some life and yet surrender to death again.... And neither can they be stopped because it is their free will, because it concerns the last and entirely free decision of will in earthly life. God, however, wants to give everlasting life to people.... And people must accept it from His hand, they cannot receive it from anywhere else than from their eternal God and Creator, nevertheless, they don't believe in Him and thus they won't ask Him for it either. Consequently, He can only impose upon them a destiny in earthly life which dissuades them from the material world and makes them think.... He can only shatter their earthly happiness and hopes because he wants to save them, because He wants to help them to attain the life which will last forever.... For if the human being's every earthly wish and craving finds fulfilment, he will constantly want more and increasingly turn his thoughts towards earthly things, and then his life will only be an end in itself for him but never become the means to an end.

You should therefore not be surprised that events which, in an earthly sense, have a disastrous effect on those who are affected by them, will increase during the last days.... that accidents and all kinds of disasters will claim countless human lives, that earthly possessions will be destroyed and that people

will have to suffer illness and distress.... These are merely the means used by God Himself in order to find access to those people's hearts who refuse access to Him as long as their earthly way of life is good.... Anything He can still do will be done by Him in order to save those people who are approaching death. For spiritual death is far worse than physical death, which need not affect the soul if the person has lived his earthly life appropriately.... the soul cannot die but it must suffer the consequences of the person's thinking and conduct on earth. It will irrevocably have to experience the fate of renewed banishment if it still hasn't found God before the end, if it does not learn to recognise Him before the end and consciously acknowledges Him and appeals to Him for help and mercy in its spiritual adversity. And to make this possible much is yet to happen which you don't think you can reconcile with the **love** of a God.... But it **is** love, no matter how cruel it seems to you, for the soul's spiritual death is far more painful than the most horrendous strokes of fate can be on this earth.... For earthly life comes to an end, the soul, however, must spend an infinitely long time in torment and darkness again before it will receive the grace once more to live on earth as a human being with the same task: to voluntarily make a decision in favour of the One from Whom it once originated.... to voluntarily decide in **favour** of God from Whom it once voluntarily turned away and therefore became wretched. And it can only become blissfully happy again if it has fulfilled the meaning and purpose of its existence as a human being.... Then it will attain life again, it will no longer need to fear death, it will live forever as soon as it returns to God once more, as soon as it has united with Him again, for which its existence as a human being provided it with the opportunity to do and its will made the right decision....

Amen

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Spheres of the spiritual kingdom

My kingdom is not of this world....'

B.D. No. 5336

March 14th 1952

My kingdom is not of this world.... Therefore pay only little regard to the earthly world, only let it affect you as far as your earthly task in life requires, but constantly strive for My kingdom which can be found beyond the material world. My kingdom is the kingdom which lasts forever, whereas the earthly world vanishes with the death of your body; but you can already possess My kingdom on earth if you turn away from the pleasures and commodities of the world and raise your thoughts to Me, if you send them into infinity, questioning Me and opening yourselves up for My reply. Then you already enter the spiritual kingdom which will be your abode one day, then the spiritual kingdom will be of greater value to you than the earthly world, and then you will also receive the wealth which belongs to this kingdom but which cannot be physically received by you. My kingdom is not of this world.... Understand that I want to call you into this world with these Words, which is your true home and which also wants to admit you again after the death of your body. My kingdom is the realm of light, which you will only be able to enter if you have become receptive to light, if you aspired on earth for My kingdom and thus became aspirants for the kingdom which belongs to Me and wherein you may behold Me one day.

These Words of Mine clearly allow you to understand that you should not ardently desire the earthly kingdom, but that you must rise above it if you want to be admitted into My kingdom.... I want to explain the difference to you, I want to tell you that this world does not belong to Me but that My adversary is its master and that I thus place My kingdom in **opposition** to the earthly world.... I want to entice you over into My kingdom because I want to give you what the material world does not offer.... an eternal life in bliss.

Earth is the valley of suffering and tests; it is the place where imperfect human beings are meant to become perfect. Nevertheless, the earth is not a permanent abode; it is just a stage of development of extremely short duration compared to eternity. And the human being himself, his earthly material cover, is transient; it only serves the soul, which ought to achieve higher development, as a temporary abode. Only then will the soul enter the spiritual kingdom which is everlasting but which can still be My adversary's realm if the soul has not achieved spiritual progress on earth, and thus will enter the kingdom of darkness....

Yet you shall strive for **My** kingdom, the spiritual kingdom in which I Am King and Ruler, where only light and happiness exist, where I Myself give in order to delight all who have entered My kingdom.... Therefore pay only little regard to the earthly world, strive for the kingdom which reveals to you splendours which you humans could not dream of, the kingdom whose splendours I have promised you with the Words 'Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, the things which I have prepared for those who love Me....'

Amen

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

B.D. No. 6022

August 13th 1954

In the Father's house are many mansions.... The mansions I have prepared for all souls correspond to their maturity at the time of their earthly departure. Accordingly they are very different and are abodes for the souls for as long as they are content with them, although they can be changed, which is

the soul's own responsibility. The soul's surrounding in the spiritual kingdom depends on its character at the time of its physical death.... radiant, bright, offering the spiritual eye a magnificent vision of breathtaking harmony which fills it with happiness beyond description.... or bleak and cold, squalid and disturbing, turbulent, dreary and depressing, causing the soul unhappiness and wishing it to leave this environment. And yet it can only be offered what it had acquired for itself on earth, it cannot be moved into blissful realms to which it had never aspired nor can it be given light because this would consume the soul due to its immature state. Nevertheless, every soul has the option whether it wants to improve its environment.

And to awaken this wish is the work of innumerable spiritual beings of light which descend into poorly lit mansions to inspire their inhabitants to improve their fate and their surroundings. Yet even this has to happen such that it does not force the soul's will but results in its own desire. Hence they do not perceive the beings of light as such, instead the beings of light join them by using the same cover as the souls and request to be admitted, then they seek to guide the souls' thoughts to change their present situation.... The souls' will has to be motivated to improve their fate; and as soon as the will is motivated the soul suddenly finds itself amongst needy souls who request its help, and now it depends on whether it listens to their appeals, whether it is willing and attempts to help them....

The stronger its impulse to help the more alive it will feel and darkness gives way to a faint twilight which gladdens the soul immensely and increases its will to love. Imperceptibly its environment assumes another shape as the twilight shines through until everything appears clearly to the soul's eyes and its state seems to have improved considerably.... Yet it is always up to the soul's will whether it continues to be helpful or whether it contents itself with its present situation.... which, however, worsens again if it stops making an effort.

Every soul will find what it wants; and if it longs for light, for love and supreme happiness it will certainly achieve its goal and arrive in extremely charming regions where everything is enlightened and where it can settle for as long as it wishes.... Because it also gives what it requests for itself, and this love changes the soul's nature, the love which it receives from the beings of light if it is not entirely obstinate and refuses to ascend from the poorly lit depth and resists all assistance and indignantly rejects every suggestion. Then it also has what it wants.... darkness, which will become incessantly more agonising in order to motivate the souls to change their will.

And for that reason I spoke the Words: 'In My Father's house are many mansions....' Although the condition of every soul is taken into account no soul is forced to remain where it is sent after its physical death.... it will be admitted wherever its will takes it.... it is able to arrange its own surroundings according to its will and thus it can elevate itself from the lowest realms into radiant heights.... providing it takes notice of those whom it encounters as messengers from above, although not recognised by the soul as long as it is without light itself but so touched by their will to love that its own love gets kindled and therefore the path upwards becomes clear.... Eternal love Itself descends into the abyss to elevate what will not resist.... I also redeem the souls from the darkness and countless beings of light take part in this work.... They all help to build those mansions to improve the fate of the souls; they all radiate light and love and entice countless souls from the darkness into their region.... where there is light and strength and bliss....

Amen

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State after death....

B.D. No. 6838

May 24th 1957

After your death you will enter a realm which is like the one you left.... i.e., your surroundings will now also correspond to your state of soul. If only matter filled your thinking, then the world you now enter will also appear material to you; it will place all things before your eyes to which your senses still apply, only that it is an illusory world which will pass away as soon as you want to take possession of it. But it takes a long time for a dark soul before it understands that it no longer inhabits

the material world, which is why even such souls often don't know that they have died in the body. However, the illusions of their new surroundings become ever more unclear, ever more blurred, so that they then feel an appalling emptiness because their spiritual eyes are still closed and their power of imagination for earthly things becomes ever less. And so then they move in barren, endlessly vast regions.... if they don't sink very deeply and wage battles with beings of their own kind in bitterest enmity. A change through completely meaningless vastness can bring the souls to self-contemplation and let them recognize the worthlessness of earthly material goods, and then they can also become aware of their dead state, and as soon as only that is achieved that the souls start to think about their desolate situation, the time has now also come when these souls are helped by suddenly meeting beings and they now look for a way out together.... Those beings come from the kingdom of light but veil themselves and come in the same form to leave the souls fullest freedom of will. And then, with good will, their surroundings can brighten noticeably and an activity can now be assigned to them according to their own will to help. The nature of their activity cannot be presented to you humans because the different areas of spiritual activity also require completely different conditions and often also demand unknown work for spheres unknown to humans. For God has let undreamt-of creations arise for the maturing of the still imperfect souls.... but the state of the souls also determines the creation to which they are now supplied for further development. But if the human being on earth has already been able to detach himself from matter, if his thinking and striving has been turned towards the spiritual kingdom, then the soul can find itself again in spheres of light when it leaves the earthly cover.... i.e., it is able to recognize its surroundings, it sees magnificent creations which, however, have nothing in common with earthly things, which likewise cannot be described but which can be immediately grasped by that soul because of its state of maturity.... thus, as it were, realization comes to the soul in a flash and it possesses knowledge which was never conveyed to it before.... It becomes light in and around itself, and this light makes it immensely happy and awakens in it the desire to communicate, to help and likewise to make itself happy. It will also feel transported into areas which are indescribably beautiful to look at, and it will not be alone but meet equally mature beings and want to work together with them.... And it will also grasp its new activity in a flash, it will not have the feeling that it is entering a foreign realm but feel transported to its home, which it only left of its own free will.... It will also know that this caused its unhappiness and that many beings are still in an unhappy state whom it now wants to help to return to the father's house. An indescribably beautiful fate awaits those souls which have passed their test of will on earth and consciously turned to God in free will.... And these souls will see indescribably beautiful creations, they will also be able to be creatively active in abundance of light and strength, depending on the soul's degree of maturity. Their concern, however, will be especially for the unfortunate souls which were close to them in earthly life and have taken a completely different path than those souls.... but they will not forget them and thus work on them in the spiritual kingdom, albeit unrecognized, in order to snatch them from the abyss for the time being and also enable their ascent. For all work in the spiritual kingdom is meant for the redemption of the fallen.... And every being which can enter the light offers itself for voluntary cooperation because it is full of love and would like to carry the light of love, which shines through itself, into the darkness in order to thank God and serve Him eternally....

Amen

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The souls' fate after death varies....

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I Am present with you Myself when you hear My Word, and My presence has to fill you with light and strength because I Am the primary source of light and strength Myself. The fact that you do not feel it in a purely physical way cannot be helped for you own sakes, since My permeation of light would destroy your weak body if I did not just impart it to the soul which is already able to tolerate a greater measure of light and strength and is happy in this state.

Hence you have to believe this, for I cannot provide you with any other evidence but for the fact that you hear My Word and that this Word also has to make your soul very happy, it demonstrates My direct contact after all, for My Word is strength and light and this is what you hold on to, it cannot vanish anymore, it is the obvious sign of My presence which continues to please you even if you detach yourselves from this heartfelt bond by complying with the world and its requirements again. But you have an abundance of light and strength and are able to resist all temptations by the world, you constantly look into My direction, and you will no longer leave Me, just as I will not let go of you, who have become My Own through your heartfelt bond with Me.

And time and again I want to delight you anew by initiating you into profound secrets, into knowledge which only I Am able to impart to you, because it touches on spiritual areas which are still locked to you as human beings as long as I Myself don't open them for you. And such knowledge will always please you and demonstrate My boundless love for you:

The transition from earthly existence into the spiritual realm entirely corresponds to a person's state of maturity and varies considerably.... A still imperfectly shaped soul possessing little love usually does not know that it is physically dead, it still moves within the same environment and just can't quite understand itself, for it keeps coming across obstacles arising from the fact that it still believes that it is alive and yet it is neither listened to nor able to do the things it used to do on earth. And such souls are also in darkness which, corresponding to their low degree of love, is impenetrable or occasionally changes into a faint state of twilight.... A soul like that is not blessed, it wanders about, it clings to similarly natured souls on earth, it tries to impose its thoughts on them and resists all beings wishing to improve its position, which can last, or even get worse, as long as it does not withdraw and reflect on its state....

If, however, a soul departs from earth which had not lived a bad way of life, which even had acquired small merits through deeds of love but had little will to believe and failed to find Me in Jesus on earth, it will also be frequently unaware that it is no longer physically alive on earth, it will walk through vast deserted regions, admittedly in a slight twilight yet unable to perceive anything, it will meet no other beings and be alone with its thoughts.... And it will still dwell on many worldly thoughts, hanker after many different things and grieve its lack of possessions, which it is unable to understand and thus believes that it was placed into barren stretches of land as a result of disasters or by people with ill-intentions, and will then keep looking for ways out....

And it is possible that it will wander through such areas for an infinitely long time until, due to the bleakness, it will gradually change its way of thinking and subsequently also meet similarly minded beings, which will then signify a small ascent. As soon as it is able to communicate with others it will be possible to instruct such souls, for they are usually approached by beings of light under the same cover in order to help them become aware of themselves. And then these souls will also gradually start their ascent....

And a soul which leaves its earthly body having recognised Me on earth, having lived a life of love, believing in Me in Jesus and is thus redeemed from its original sin, will enter the kingdom of light, that is, it will find itself in a delightful region where it will feel profoundly happy, where it will be met by beings which, like itself, are permeated by light.... it will meet its loved ones again, it will have discarded all earthly heaviness.... it will be able to move itself to wherever it desires to be, wherever it wants to stay, it will experience the kind of bliss it had no idea of on earth.... it will come aglow with burning love for Me, Who prepares such splendours for you.... it will also recognise in a flash what it didn't know before, be it awareness of profound wisdom, be it the spiritual sphere which cannot even remotely be described to you on earth.... overflowing with love it will turn towards the beings requiring its help, be it on earth or also in the kingdom of the beyond.... It will want to serve Me in utter devotion and unite with equally mature beings for greatest activation of strength in order to tackle rescue missions which necessitate immense power. The transition from earth into the spiritual kingdom is but an awakening from a hitherto dead state into life for these souls.... For now that it has attained true life, it considers the state as a human being merely as a state of death, and with an

abundance of merciful love it will devote itself to the 'still dead' in order to help them come alive as well. For 'eye has not seen, nor ear heard, the things which I have prepared for those who love Me....'

If only you humans on earth were able to get an idea of what fate might await you on the other side, you would truly strive to create this fate for yourselves; yet this knowledge cannot be given to you in advance, it can certainly be presented to you, but as long as you have no evidence of it the knowledge will mean too little to you as to make serious use of it.

Nevertheless, it is extremely wonderful for a soul if it is able to immediately exchange its life on earth after death with the spiritual kingdom, if it no longer has to go through the difficult process of maturing in the beyond, for this can often necessitate an infinitely long time if it does not receive loving intercession on part of people, and again, only those will experience this intercession if loving thoughts follow them, and this will only ever be gained by the person who has carried out labours of love himself. In that case his further development will proceed more easily, and the longing to meet his loved ones again can also be a great incentive.... just as every instructing spiritual friend will help him to reach maturity faster, if his instructions are accepted by the soul. But as long as you humans live on earth you will be unable to form an accurate concept, just as the various spheres in which the souls will be able to stay can only vaguely be described to you. And every human being should be grateful for all kinds of ailments and afflictions, which will guaranteed lead to a **better** fate for the soul, irrespective of its nature.... than if it would depart from earth without suffering.... providing its degree of love and faith do not assure the soul the kingdom of light....

Yet the majority of people are without love and faith in Jesus Christ.... And their transition from life to death will not be a pleasant one, for they will meet on the other side what they had pursued on earth. The longing for the earthly world will still be excessive in worldly people and yet no longer be fulfilled, in its illusive existence the soul will indeed create a world for itself, however, it will soon realise that it only created mental images, until it eventually loses interest and realises that it is in a miserable state and yearns to change its situation.... Then it will also receive help....

Yet even those who neither lived a good nor a bad life on earth cannot expect an enviably fate in the kingdom of the beyond.... Admittedly, they will not be depressed by most profound darkness yet their lack of knowledge will torment them, for they cannot understand why they are unable to see anything, unable to speak to anyone and yet exist.... They will have little strength, and only when they think of Me will it become a little lighter around themselves, and only then will My messengers of light be able to cross their path and help them to improve their situation.... providing they allow themselves to be taught and let go of their previous attitudes. But blessed are those who won't have all these difficult experiences in the kingdom of the beyond, for whom the kingdom of light is open and who may take possession of all glories which the Father offers to His children in abundance because I (He) love them and now they also respond to My (His) love....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Homeless wandering in the beyond

Torments of the soul in the afterlife.... desire for earthly good....

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December 17th 1940

The desperate situation of a person whose only desire is for the world and its goods only becomes clear to him after his death. For what he now desires is unattainable for him, and yet the desire for it torments him unimaginably. The greed for it is far greater than on earth, precisely because it remains unfulfilled. He has no desire for spiritual possessions, he only endeavours to attain what seemed desirable to him in earthly life and conjures up all these things in his thoughts. Such covetous thoughts are now also fulfilled, i.e., everything he desires is there, however, no longer tangible but only in his imagination, so that his greed rises to the highest and yet always remains unfulfilled. These are true tantalus torments until he becomes aware of his desperate state and overcomes his desire, i.e. until he realizes that he is chasing after phantoms that remain eternally unattainable. Only then does he begin to think about the hopelessness of his state and to consider the possibilities of a change, and he now also finds support from the beings from the kingdom of light, who first need that state in order to be able to intervene helpfully. But the desperate situation of a soul can last for endless times until it finally comes to recognize it. And as long as it is close to earth it cannot detach itself from its familiar surroundings and therefore often transfers its own desires onto weak-willed people of the same disposition. It tries to stimulate them to do what it considers to be the only desirable thing. And therefore it cannot be emphasized enough that prayer for such souls is a help to them in their agonizing situation, as it weakens their desire for earthly possessions and at the same time the soul feels the strength of such prayer, as it begins to reflect and can thus take the first step into the spiritual kingdom. The prayer for the deceased should always apply to their still weak will and thereby give them the strength to strengthen this will so that it demands to rise....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Contact with the deceased Souls close to Earth

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Countless souls are close to earth whose state of maturity is still very low and who therefore still harbour the desire for earth because the higher spheres are still inaccessible to them. These souls are often still unaware of the fact that they no longer belong to earth, that is, they still don't know that their physical life on earth has come to an end, and therefore they still remain in their old environment and want to talk to people without, however, being heard by them. Sometimes it can take a long time until they realise that they have nothing to do with the Earth anymore. It takes a long time until they find themselves in their new environment and finally stay away from Earth. This stage of ignorance is not very satisfactory for the soul, for it finds no understanding and help anywhere because it turns to people who cannot help in the way it desires to be helped. Only the realisation that it has passed away from earth for good and that people can only offer their help through prayer motivates the soul to reflect on its present state and to consider the possibility that it might be able to change this state itself. Then it will pay attention to every opportunity which raises its degree of maturity. Only then will it take stock of itself and try to hold itself to account, which will often result in bitter remorse that it did not use earthly life in accordance with God's will. And during this remorseful mood it is often visited by beings of light which approach it under a cover so as not to be recognised as beings of light. These draw the soul's attention to the suffering of other souls and try to awaken its compassion for them. Then it will depend on its inner attitude as to whether the beings of light will provide it with strength

or leave it to its fate again until its compassion for the needy souls outweighs its own suffering and the beings of light continue their influence anew, and then with successful results. Earth is surrounded by countless souls which, in a manner of speaking, still live on earth, but unknown to those people who define everything they cannot see and touch as non-existent, and who therefore refuse to believe that the souls of the deceased surround the people who stay behind. For they can only be seen with spiritual eyes, however, the physical eye is blind, consequently the souls are unable to make themselves known by any means, because people do not react to them, since they are dependent on the divine natural laws in which God Himself has placed them. They only see and hear with physical organs, but the souls of the deceased require spiritual vision.

And so there is no connection between the souls of the deceased and people on earth, in a purely worldly sense; only an entirely spiritual connection exists, and this can only be established if the human being on earth is willing to harmonise with the souls, that is, if the human being on earth believes in the soul's life after death and as a result of this belief tries to communicate with these souls. Consciously getting in touch with the spiritual world is the prerequisite so that contact can be established between people and the souls in the beyond, which makes a mutual understanding possible. And then it depends on who is more knowledgeable, the human being or the soul in the beyond. For the informed participant shall instruct the uninformed one. If the soul in the beyond is in a very immature stage, then the human being can convey his knowledge to it by speaking to the soul, which the souls can understand and hear very well. But, if a human being lacks knowledge, he will be instructed by knowledgeable spiritual beings once his will desires this instruction.

And thus you humans on earth can very beneficially influence the souls which are close to earth, since the state of their maturity is usually inadequate, with little knowledge and therefore not much strength. By transmitting the knowledge with loving thoughts they can be helped insofar as it enables the souls to detach themselves more easily from earth and at the same time turn their attention to equally suffering souls in the beyond. This can awaken love in them and they will subsequently be introduced to further knowledge by the beings of light, which recognise the souls' change of heart, and then, on their part, helpfully support the souls.

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Influence of immature souls who died early....

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August 4th 1945

Countless souls dwell close to earth who are secluded without realization of the eternal deity, who centered the kingdom of the beyond blindly in spirit and, still unconscious of their miserable state, stay close to people who were in their vicinity on earth. And these souls, through their desiring and urging, often impel people into actions and speeches which correspond to their will, i.e., they transfer their thinking to people who offer them no resistance, who are of the same spirit and therefore receptive to the influence of those souls. The rapid departure from earth, often in the midst of life due to the influence of demonic forces, to which countless people fall victim, transfers the still immature souls from the state of strength into a state of complete lack of strength. They feel that they can no longer accomplish anything of their own will and therefore seek to transfer their will to living people in order to still have an effect through them, in order to determine them to carry out their will. And this unfavourable influence from the spiritual kingdom of darkness has a particularly detrimental effect on earth because the number of people who die increases daily and many people are deprived of the opportunity to reach their state of maturity on earth. At present the earth is surrounded by dark creatures who even try to deny the forces of light access to earth and are successful where people are indifferent towards the spiritual. The immature souls still strive for the same as on earth, and they transfer their desire to people

(4.8.1945) who have the same thoughts, the same desires and the same state of maturity. And these are willing executors of what they are mentally whispered to. Increased mortality, which is unnatural,

i.e. occurs as a result of human hatred and lack of love, will also increase the darkness in the spheres next to earth, for people have not yet evaluated their earthly life, they cannot yet record the spiritual successes, they are mostly easy-going and belong to the world, and their desire for bodily death is correspondingly, as soon as particularly difficult living conditions do not make them realize the worthlessness of it in the last hour and their thinking still changes before the entrance into the spiritual kingdom. Then the soul will also not be surrounded by deepest darkness but will see rays of light flashing now and then, which it will follow and soon come into brighter surroundings. But then its desire will no longer be exclusively for earthly matter, it will easily separate itself from earth and its former surroundings and find a substitute in the spiritual kingdom which seems more valuable to it.... But immature souls cannot rise into these spheres, they are held to earth as if by chains and are also always close to their relatives or like-minded people on earth. And their spiritual state will hardly lift as long as forces from the beyond exert their influence. And their ignorance is not suitable to have an enlightening effect on people, moreover, they make it difficult for the beings of light to gain access to them, and only the serious will of the human being himself clears the way for the beings of light. And therefore earthly chaos, initiated by human will and demanding many sacrifices, also results in a spiritual decline, for even after the human being's death his thoughts are still active.... And people should protect themselves from the influence of immature, prematurely deceased people by praying for them and asking for protection through the beings of light, for right thinking and God's grace and strength.... Then the endeavours of the dark spiritual forces will be fruitless, they will not be heard by people and cannot cause spiritual harm. For again, it is the human being's own will whether he strives for the good in order to be in contact with good forces or carelessly abandons himself to the pressing thoughts of the bad forces.... The human being can protect himself, but he must have the will to do so and consequently abhor bad thoughts and actions.... He must walk a path himself which corresponds to God's commandments, then all influence from the spiritual kingdom exerted by lower forces will be ineffective. For rays of light penetrate everywhere where only light is desired, where good is striven for and spiritual progress is longed for. There the beings of light are constantly active and they chase away all dark figures around people, for their power is great as soon as the human being grants them this power through his will....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Remorse in the beyond.... Ascent....

B.D. No. 7199

November 1st 1958

Sooner or later you will bitterly regret the time you had lost in your earthly life and you will realise in the beyond what you had forfeited in your earthly life. And lost time during your earthly life is every day which was purely spent in an earthly way, when you gave no room to any spiritual thoughts.... which thus did not correspond to the actual purpose that is the reason for your embodiment as a human being. As long as you live on earth you don't take this knowledge seriously, even if you have it. Yet in the kingdom of the beyond it will burden you like a heavy stone which you will be unable to shift. You will remember these days time after time, and you will regret every pointless deed, just as you will bitterly regret every missed opportunity which you could have utilized for the benefit of your soul.

And still you can count yourself privileged if you come to this realisation in the spiritual realm, if you don't belong to those who are utterly immersed in darkness and don't even feel remorse, because they simply don't realise what they had inflicted on themselves.... who will still have to struggle for a long time in order to ever get to the state when they can see a small glimmer of light and only then realise how futile their earthly life had been.... For once this glimmer of light exists the soul can still be motivated by bitter remorse to turn inwards and change its thoughts and will.... And then it can be given enough strength to enable it to actively help suffering souls, and after that it will certainly progress, even if the conditions are far more difficult than it would have been possible in earthly life.

Hence remorse has to precede progress, for only a soul which begins to understand will try to change its situation, and any realisation will also reveal to the soul the futile path of earthly life, which will always result in bitter regret but also signify a turning point in its wretched state. But for this reason it is also of greatest significance for the human being that he will still arrive at some, if only minimal, knowledge while he is still living on earth, that he will begin to recognise the purpose of earthly life and still try to improve himself before he passes away from this world. For to be able to pass over with even the smallest amount of knowledge will always signify a glimmer of light for this soul.... it will not be moved into total darkness after its physical death, it will be able to find its way about in the twilight, and in a flash it will understand and then also do everything in order to acquire light for itself.

It will also recognise that much work is waiting for it in the spiritual kingdom if only it is willing to work, and the small glimmer of light will guide it onto the right path, which it indeed will take with a feeling of remorse for not having used its earthly life correctly yet also in constant hope for help, which it surely will be granted as soon as it recognises Jesus Christ and appeals to Him for help. Then it will not be hopelessly lost, it will be able to ascend; it will just never be able to achieve the degree which results in unlimited beatitude at the Father's heart.... the childship to God, which is the fate of those who on **earth** endeavour to fulfil the task they were given.... who looked for and found unification with their Father of eternity on earth already....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

State of twilight in the beyond....

B.D. No. 7418

September 29th 1959

Souls passing over into the kingdom of the beyond without having found their Redeemer will find themselves engulfed by thick fog, providing they don't enter the kingdom of darkness due to their totally God-opposing way of life on earth. But there are people who have not become guilty of any explicit wrongdoing, whose offence generally consisted of failing to do good works, who can neither be called bad nor good and whose spirit is therefore not so dark as to be expected by profound darkness in the beyond. Nevertheless, they are not suitable for the kingdom of light either, for their souls are not yet receptive to light, their souls are still encased in thick twilight, they have absolute minimal realisation, depending on their deeds of love which a soul will be able to look back on.

And most souls called back from earth are in this kingdom of twilight.... people, who were apparently righteous in the world and yet have little faith because they lacked love on earth. And these souls are now facing a time of utter barrenness.... a time when they wander about lonely and alone with their thoughts. They are unable to recognise anything in their surroundings, they are spiritually blind and also incapable of perceiving anything but themselves, however, they have not lost their sense of identity, they also remember their past earthly life yet only rather indistinctly and occasionally.... They are in a permanent state of drifting about and searching, for they cannot find what they are looking for.... a place of peace and safety, since they failed to acquire it during their earthly life. They effectively had been parasites on earth, they had lived without having fulfilled their true purpose of life, they have only ever taken and given nothing in return.... irrespective of whether it is understood in an earthly or spiritual way.... They had not acquired any spiritual possessions for themselves but utilized their earthly life in line with their demands. They had spent their earthly life without having seriously thought about its meaning and purpose and living their life accordingly.... And this is what they will receive in the kingdom of the beyond; they won't find anything because they didn't acquire anything that is of lasting value in the spiritual kingdom.

Only now will it show as to whether such a person will be lovingly remembered.... For every loving thought is like a firm foundation on which the soul is now able to move with a certain sense of confidence.... Every loving thought provides the soul with a glimmer of light wherein it is able to recognise its surroundings, if only for a brief moment, but it is stimulated to reflect on it, and its state

can only change through deliberation, by experiencing the blissful relief of every loving thought, by starting to regret when it realises what it had failed to do on earth. And, depending on its nature, its willingness and its resistance, the state of such a soul can change equally soon, if it is not entirely obstinately-minded, in which case its blindness can last for an extremely long time before the twilight will give way to a small ray of light.... And since only loving thoughts can provide this relief, much strength of intercession has to be bestowed upon the soul, it should not be left to its fate, which would merely infinitely prolong its lightless state, for only love will be able to change it, love, which fellow human beings will forward to such a soul and which the soul itself lacked in earthly life, but which will be accepted by God on behalf of such a soul....

But it is possible for all you humans on earth to render much help with your love, and you should therefore constantly stay in mental contact with the souls of the departed, time and again you should tell them about the Gospel of love and that they, even in the beyond, will still have to comply with these two commandments, to love God above all else and their neighbour as themselves.... For this is the only way by which they will be able to make contact with Jesus Christ, without Whom it will be impossible for any soul to enter the kingdom of light. The souls still wandering about in the twilight have not yet made any contact with Jesus Christ, they have not yet found salvation, which was the reason for their life on earth, but they absolutely have to attain it in the beyond if they don't want to descend into the abyss.... Souls wandering about in twilight have not yet been pushed into the abyss, they still have a slight opportunity to find their path into the kingdom of light, for after a long time of barrenness beings of light.... which, however, do not identify themselves as such.... will repeatedly direct them towards the right path leading to Jesus Christ.

And in order that they follow the beings of light, in order that they surrender their opposition, they will require much intercession which you should not deny to the souls. They will be eternally grateful to you if your love prevents their fall into the abyss, if you help them to find their way out of the twilight into the kingdom of light, for your loving intercession will prevent their regression, their souls will become softer and more yielding, and they will find Salvation through Jesus Christ, Who forgives everyone if only he remembers Him and calls upon Him....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Way out of the loneliness in the beyond - Jesus Christ

Radiance of love....wrestling of the beings of light for souls....

B.D. No. 2119

October 17th 1941

The omnipotence of divine love seizes everything that has emerged from it and never lets it fall completely. And thus everything full of light, which is permeated by God's love, will always and constantly turn towards that which still resists receiving the divine radiation of love; for without its will the power of love cannot become effective. God is always and constantly willing to give, but that which has emerged from Him is not always willing to receive. And therefore the will to receive must first be stimulated in the being, and this is the activity of the beings of light, which in tireless love and patience undergo the work of bringing divine love close to the beings of darkness. The beings of darkness do not know about the light and the blissful state of those who dwell in the kingdom of light. And since they know nothing about it, they do not strive for the heights. If the knowledge of it is conveyed to them they reject it because they cannot yet believe, for their present state is so bleak that a kingdom of light is completely inconceivable to them. And yet the beings of light repeatedly try to encourage them to create a change in their state. They present them with the possibilities of moving to a brighter environment and try to influence the being to strive for it. Divine love wants to radiate through everything and constantly struggles for the souls of darkness in order to break their resistance, and therefore these beings often have to be pushed through agonizing situations into a state which lets the will become active in them to flee from it if they do not listen to the ideas of the beings of light. The slightest expression of will attracts the beings of light, which admittedly cannot come into contact with the dark beings in their fullness of light and therefore approach them in an envelopment. As soon as the souls are willing, they also feel the proximity of the beings of light beneficially, and then their influence is also stronger and their endeavours successful. The beings of light now spur the souls on to activity of love. They instruct them in a way beneficial to them and give them advice how they can escape the lightless stay, then leave them again to their loneliness so that what they have heard can work in them, and according to willingness the being will now impart what it has heard to other beings and the work in love begins, which is redeeming and also makes the being receptive for the love currents, which now continue to flow to it. For once the will for light has become active in them then the will to help will also become stronger in them.... They do not keep their knowledge to themselves alone because it moves them deeply.... And thus the radiation of love becomes effective in them, they receive love from the beings of light and pass it on to souls who, like them, are in need. And as soon as a divine ray of love has found a willingness to receive it, it ignites and grows into a flame. Love revitalizes, i.e. it drives to activity.... The being will now be active, it will no longer remain powerless and inactive but will search where it finds souls in need and be diligently active to show them the path to the light. The ray of light of divine love penetrates into the deepest depths; only those who resist it remain untouched, although divine (love) concern is also constantly directed towards them. For everything is born of love, and everything that has distanced itself from it should return to love....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

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

B.D. No. 6483

February 24th 1956

Many souls are waiting for the spiritual flow of grace which they gratefully receive and from which they refresh and strengthen themselves. The spiritual world certainly offers them the

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

Amen

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Transformation from death to life.... helper Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. 6789

March 23rd 1957

Through God's strength you must attain life even though you are still in deepest darkness, in a state of death, for it awakens everything that is dead to life. But the fact that God's strength touches you is necessary for the time being, for it can only touch you when you allow this touch. Even in the state of death your will is not determined.... This applies to the being which has already regained ego consciousness.... i.e. the human being.... and also for the being which, after its earthly change, entered

the kingdom of the beyond in an immature state and then sank into the abyss.... whose abode is therefore the dark kingdom of God's adversary. But as long as this being still has its ego-consciousness, as long as it is still aware of its existence, it still has the possibility to change its dead state. It can come back to life if it allows itself to be touched by God's strength. But because its will is free, there is an equally great danger that it will **not** give up its resistance to God's illumination of love. Then it will sink deeper and deeper, its spiritual substance will harden, it will lose its self-awareness and will be banished again into works of creation.... And in order to avert the fate of the new banishment, in order to protect as many beings as possible from it, those souls of darkness are constantly influenced. A work of redemption of such great magnitude is underway as has never taken place before in the spiritual kingdom. God's love seeks to save what can still be saved, and the work of redemption is carried out by the beings of light with such a loving heart that it is not without success. Again and again messengers of light approach the dark beings but they do not appear in their radiant light but, as it were, adapt themselves to the darkness and, with gentleness and patience, persuade those souls to follow them to where it is less agonizing. And again and again individual souls detach themselves from their surroundings, even if reluctantly at first, but the love of their saviours already begins to take effect and they leave themselves to their guidance. If only one of these souls can be saved, then the spiritual kingdom will receive one more helper who will continue the work of redeeming the souls with such eagerness that he will never work in vain. For all torments and their cause are now known to him, and therefore he also knows how to touch the unhappy souls properly and also convince them more quickly. The redeeming activity now only consists of informing the souls about Jesus Christ and His work of redemption.... to introduce them to the saviour and redeemer **Jesus Christ**, to show them that only **He** can place them into a state of happiness and that He therefore has to be approached. And Jesus Christ Himself supports all efforts to rescue the souls from darkness even before the end by coming to the aid of all who do not completely turn to Him in repulsion. As soon as just one questioning thought arises in the souls about Jesus Christ and His act of salvation, a cross flashes before those souls, at first only like a glimmer which, however, becomes increasingly brighter to finally be clearly visible to them when their thoughts dwell longer on the saviour and redeemer of the world. All these are already grants of strength, but they must not force and are therefore adapted to the behaviour of each individual soul. But inevitably the soul reaches life which only desires to live. And after the state of endless torment in darkness the desire for life will always increase in those souls, and more and more souls will emerge from the darkness when they are called upon by souls wanting to help to follow them. And their guides will always lead them to where they can receive a small light whose benefit they feel, so that they mostly don't want to move away from the light anymore either. And even if their state is still very deficient and worthy of pity, but they have detached themselves from the deepest abyss, and that also means safe ascent, for now they spare no effort, they make good use of even the slightest grant of strength and are in turn ready to help again, and countless souls are preserved from the new banishment, countless souls take the path upwards after an infinitely long time....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

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

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A vast gulf still exists in the spiritual world between those who kept their distance from Me during their life on earth and those who had already found Me and were able to enter the spiritual kingdom in a garment of light. They can certainly see the former and ascertain their miserable state, but the former are staying in a realm where they can see nothing else but themselves or like-minded spiritual beings whose constant discord and dispute among each other poisons their existence and prevents them from feeling any kind of happiness. Nor will these souls ever be able to see their loved ones again if these have already departed with a higher degree of maturity; instead, they must first reach a certain degree before a blissful reunion can happen.... Hence, such souls inhabit two worlds,

although all souls enter the spiritual kingdom after their body's death.... They are two worlds which are very distant from each other, which is not to be understood spatially but merely relates to the nature of each individual world.... A vast gulf exists, and yet, this gulf must be bridged sooner or later. Time and again beings from the kingdom of light must descend unrecognised and try to do their redemptive work on the souls by attempting to persuade them to detach themselves from their environment and to follow the beings of light, which then will aim to lead them ever closer to their own region.... that is, they must inform the souls in darkness of the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ and His immense act of mercy which was accomplished for these souls should they want My mercy for themselves. Only then will the gulf diminish between them and Me, between the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of light.... Only then will the souls take the path which leads out of the abyss into higher spheres, and only then will the blessings of the act of Salvation take effect on them and gradually also result in a state of maturity where they themselves can and want to do redemptive work, because they want to repay their gratitude, which impels their willingness to help the wretched beings which still linger in the abyss.

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

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Desire for reunion - driving force for higher development in the beyond

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

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After the death of its body the mature soul will rise like a cloud of light from the earthly realm into the spheres of the beyond, and then it will have overcome all matter, then it will be free from every bondage, it will be again what it originally was, a free spiritual being full of light and strength. It is only visible and recognizable to the equally mature spiritual being, which is therefore able to see spiritually, whereas it remains invisible to the immature spiritual being, thus it cannot be recognized by it either. And therefore there can be no reunion between the mature and the immature spirits, thus between the souls departed from earth, which enter the beyond in different states of maturity, until the imperfect spirit has attained a certain degree of maturity which opens the spheres of light to it. The imperfect spiritual substance can indeed be recognized by the beings of light, for they see everything and nothing is hidden from them; thus they also know every soul which is still in spiritual darkness, but they cannot be recognized by them. But the souls' longing for their loved ones is sometimes so strong that it is a driving force for higher development in the beyond as soon as the soul has entered the stage of recognition and knows about the possibility of ascent in the spiritual kingdom through loving activity. Then it is restlessly active because the desire for souls close to it constantly drives it upwards. For it recognizes its own kind and therefore knows that it will also see its loved ones again, and this awareness gives it strength again and again, and this strength is supplied to it by precisely those beings which are the aim of its longing; they can convey strength to the souls, yet unrecognized by them. If they approach them to give them helpful advice, then they cover themselves because the immature souls cannot bear their abundance of light. Thus they see themselves surrounded by beings who are, however, alien to them and who seemingly do not belong to any other sphere of light than themselves. But since they assist them with advice and deeds the imperfect souls are grateful and favoured by them and they follow their advice. And thus the mature beings draw their loved ones towards them until they have reached a degree of maturity where they become receivers of light. Then they are also able to see spiritually, they recognize their surroundings, they recognize the beings of light of equal maturity, and their bliss constantly increases because they can unite with those, because they see their loved ones again and now in turn assist those again who languish in the darkness of spirit. Only when the degree of maturity is reached which allows spiritual seeing is the soul free from all burden, for then it too stands in the light, in the realization of pure truth and in love. And every activity it now carries out is blissful because only love impels it to do so and loving activity always triggers bliss. Merging with equally mature souls which complement each other in most intimate harmony is the actual bliss, for it is most intimate love which seeks and finds union. And love is always blissful if it applies to the purely spiritual, for it is giving, not demanding. And yet this love culminates in the desire for God, in the final union with Him. And this desire will always be fulfilled, for the being may desire God at any time and it can also count on the satisfaction of its longing at any time, for God constantly gives, He constantly distributes His love and thereby makes the inhabitants of the spiritual kingdom the most blissful beings.... Their bliss is inconceivable, for love and light fill those spheres where the beings are allowed to dwell close to God, Who is eternal love and the source of light Himself....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

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

Reunion and associations in the beyond....

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June 14th 1957

When souls which had been united in love on earth meet again in the spiritual kingdom they can unite and work together if they have the same degree of maturity.... otherwise one partner has to strive for the same degree which, however, will be eagerly supported by the other. And then both souls will be supremely happy to be able to create and work together, although their sphere of activity is now entirely different than on earth. The spiritual bond delights the soul far more than the earthly one, they are remarkably helpful and of service to the still unhappy beings, which are now recognised and loved as brothers by the more mature souls, and therefore everything is done to deliver them from their wretched situation. And for this reason they care especially lovingly for souls which had been close to them on earth and entered the kingdom of the beyond in a still immature state.... The already

mature soul can indeed recognise its lifetime partner in the beyond, but he will be unable to see the former and often wanders about in desperate search for his loved ones....

Especially the desire to see their loved ones again is a significant factor for attaining maturity of soul, for the desire draws the loved beings close to the soul, which then will tirelessly endeavour to bring it to the degree of maturity which will at last result in a reunion, even if it is just for a short period of time. Then it will strive ever more eagerly to reach perfection. It is, however, lamentable, if two souls, having been closely united by love on earth, enter the spiritual realm in a state of darkness.... if they so disbelieve in a continuation of life that it would not occur to them wanting to see the other one again. Such souls will not meet each other and thus wander about feeling incredibly lonely. And even if they **think** of the one they had loved on earth, he nevertheless cannot make himself noticeable because he is wandering about like a shadow himself, unable to see or recognise other souls. Yet the souls of light are also taking care of these.... But they hardly can get through to them due to their unbelief.... They don't accept any advice to improve their state, they are completely lethargic, and only the thought of people they once loved is keeping them alive. Yet the love which thus united two people on earth is also a blessing for them in the beyond.... because a soul of light is capable of awakening in the soul **a beneficial wish for the other**, and this loving thought in itself can already ignite, irrespective to which level this wish relates, but it can be unselfish and therefore provide strength. And this strength subsequently expresses itself such that the soul will listen to the light beings' instructions, whose advice promises to be beneficial for **the** soul which is loved.

Immature souls still remain in the vicinity of earth, hence they merely feel separated but not as having passed away from earth, hence they try to overcome the apparently spatial separation and as a result also accept the advice of spiritual friends. And it is a great blessing if such souls are also granted intercession by people, as it will have a comforting influence on them and the gift of strength will result in a transmission of light, so that their thinking begins to become clear and realisation will gradually dawn on them. But they will never be able to experience the happiness of a reunion as long as they have not found Jesus Christ.... All efforts by the beings of light are leading towards motivating them to turn to Jesus Christ for help.... For the state of darkness is the state of the unredeemed, the state of those who have entered the kingdom of the beyond **without** Jesus Christ and who therefore have to find Him there first of all. **Love** can also prompt a soul to appeal to Jesus Christ that He might take care of its adversity; and if such an appeal **on behalf of the other soul** is rising up to Him, He will truly consider this love with kindness.... then these souls will be approached by loyal helpers on His instruction.... And even these souls will be allowed to experience a reunion on day, and they will praise and thank the One Who had delivered them from their hardship....

Amen

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See you in the beyond only in the state of maturity of the kingdom of light

Life in eternity.... connections.... reunion....

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The surroundings in which a soul that has departed from life in faith in Jesus Christ now lives are indescribably charming. It can be called a paradise in comparison to the valley of the earth, it is an extraordinarily beautiful region, which is also reminiscent of earthly realms, although it has an incomparably happy effect on the soul. What seemed particularly attractive to the soul on earth it will certainly find in its present surroundings, only far more beautiful and perfect. The soul can lead the same life in the beyond as on earth, as long as this has brought it redemption; thus as soon as earthly life was not an obstacle to spiritual maturity it can dwell in the spiritual atmosphere and therefore its happy state can consist of the joys it longed for on earth. However, advanced souls in particular usually no longer desire such a sojourn. They are already too alienated from the world because they were spiritual seekers. Hence the soul's present environment will be the kingdom of light, and the children of earth have little access to this kingdom, i.e. it cannot be visualized to them. They are unimaginable creations of a magical abundance of light which are devoid of all earthly works of creation. The soul is guided into the new home in a truly caring way by the beings of light coming towards it, everything around it is radiant light, and the spiritual eye sees the strangest creations of gigantic beauty, always adapted to the previous perception, so that therefore the soul must be happy because it sees and hears and is allowed to possess what gives it greatest happiness. And it will never enjoy happiness alone, but beings will always be together with it, which have the same feeling, the same spiritual maturity and are to fulfil the same tasks. This spiritual concurrence of the sentient life of several souls delights the soul to the utmost. The souls that are spiritually on the same level unite intimately and thus form a harmonious whole without any discord or spiritual conflict. Rarely, however, can it be assumed that such a soul will see again many of its relatives who have gone home before. For rarely have they all had the same spiritual endeavour, and thus the surroundings of these souls are also quite different. And according to their fullness of light they also stay close to earth, i.e. with the souls spiritually related to them. Hence all these souls can also find earthly creations around them, however, only those souls will desire them which are still attached to earth and its possessions. Hence the descriptions of such spiritual reunions should not always be regarded as erroneous, it is just that this sphere should not be considered a goal for a striving soul.... What is comprehensible to people on earth is also still very earthly, very human.... but what goes beyond that is again not so comprehensible to people. These spheres are so overwhelmingly beautiful and harmonious that their inhabitants do not like to come back to earth and also rarely approach their relatives, because this proximity is an unfamiliar atmosphere for them, which they leave again as quickly as possible and turn to their actual home, which offers them so many marvellous things and where through the union with spiritually mature beings ever more radiant light is spread, and this is therefore unimaginable for the children of earth, who themselves still pay far too much attention to the world than that they could penetrate into the purely spiritual area. How life in eternity takes place after death can only be conveyed to very few through spiritual vision, but this much is certain, that only rarely the same connections are made in the beyond that existed on earth. For in the rarest of cases the same spiritual attitude, the same spiritual maturity and the same eager striving towards God can be found in people who belonged together on earth, consequently, only the same spiritual relationship of maturity will result in the unification of the beings in eternity, but these can be human souls who are complete strangers on earth who find each other there in order to be unutterably happy by practising works of love which, in turn, apply to the still imperfect beings on earth and in the beyond....

See again in the afterlife.... maturity....

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April 10th 1952

There will be a blissful reunion in the spiritual kingdom for all who leave earthly life in a certain maturity and are therefore able to see with spiritual eyes, i.e. the good will see each other again, but the bad will not until they themselves have also changed and want to be good. A certain level of realization is necessary for the beings to be able to see themselves, because complete loneliness, being dependent on oneself, should also have the first great educational effect, that they reflect on their state until they have come to a result where they can be helped further. Evil beings are indeed together with equally evil ones, but each being remains unrecognizable to the other. They only know each other by their actions as opponents and therefore are always at enmity with each other. But the souls which are still capable of improvement, which are secluded without faith and yet cannot be counted among the entirely bad souls, must be brought to the realization of their pitiful situation in order to finally strive for a change of it, which then already means a step upwards. Loneliness particularly torments such souls who long for their loved ones and cannot find them. But these can be close to them and want to help them, yet they remain invisible to the immature souls until, after a change of heart, they show their willingness to be enlightened. Then their loved ones often meet them, but still unrecognized. Only when they have reached a certain degree of maturity are they allowed to reveal themselves to the soul, and this is an unspeakable happiness which is also always an incentive to ascend for the souls which only now recognize the reality of the spiritual kingdom and are willing to completely integrate themselves into God's will.... A premature reunion in the beyond would have a compulsory effect on the beings insofar as they would now have to believe in the soul's survival, whereas they very often do not yet know of their own death, they only believe themselves to have been transferred to another region and therefore often rebel against their fate. But they have to come so far through their own reflection that they turn to Jesus Christ for help.... And they have to gain faith in Him themselves when they are made aware of this by beings willing to help. They must recognize their adversity, their powerlessness and also the way out.... Jesus Christ, the divine redeemer.... Only then can so much light be conveyed to them that they will see for themselves; but without this faith they are darkened in spirit and recognize nothing but an extremely desolate barren region which they constantly wander through in hardship and agony, for they live in want and suffer dreadfully and find no way out until they judge themselves and try to change or even sink even deeper through defiant rebellion and completely harden their feelings. They are never abandoned by their loved ones, but according to divine law they are denied access until the soul calls upwards, until it desires an improvement of its situation and its thoughts become soft and pleading. Then help is granted to it from all sides, and it can very quickly ascend to the heights and see all its loved ones again....

But an indescribable happiness is granted to those who depart from this earth in the light and find all their loved ones over there who have entered the spiritual kingdom before them....

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Reunion in the beyond in the kingdom of light....

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It is an incomparably happy moment when the soul passes away from earth and enters the kingdom of light, the spheres where impurity no longer exists, where the soul is embraced by a flow of joy-inducing light, where it is approached by exceedingly beautiful beings who show the soul an extent of love which almost overwhelms it. The emanations of light correspond to the soul's state of maturity, thus always to a degree that they will indeed cause inconceivable bliss but not consume the soul, which could indeed be caused by an excess of light if a soul is not yet receptive to it.... In infinite

expanse it sees the most marvellous creations, for now its spiritual eye is able to behold spiritual creations which no longer consist of matter and yet arise just as real and are by no means self-deception....

And amid the beauty it sees it will find its loved ones who had passed over before in the degree of maturity suitable to the kingdom of light.... People cannot imagine the bliss of such reunion, yet in the spiritual kingdom the soul is able to take in profound impressions without fading away and can consciously experience the bliss it receives from God. In its heart it will sing His praises and give thanks, just as it will, if the kingdom of light has become its home, always come aglow with love for the Father, Who has prepared all these blessings for the soul....

Its co-operation with souls who have the same degree of maturity increases its strength and willingness to be active, and it applies this to far less mature souls to help them attain the same bliss. In merciful love it takes care of those it knew well on earth, who still dwell in lower spheres, who neglected their spiritual development on earth due to their unbelief and unkindness, and who are therefore still wretched in darkness or twilight.... It certainly can identify these souls and also approach them and offer its help, yet it will not be recognised in turn, and thus its help is frequently rejected....

Yet a light-soul's love and patience will constantly approach these souls and sooner or later gain influence. The bliss it receives through God's perpetual emission of love, the incomparable creations of the kingdom of light and its co-operation with beings to whom it is attached with joyful love provide it with the constant desire for redeeming activity. It finds its own happiness in giving what it receives itself; its longing for God finds constant fulfilment and it cannot but want to make others equally happy.

It is impossible to describe the splendours of the kingdom of light to people on earth, because only a fully matured soul can endure the abundance of light and therefore also understand the beatitude, which the as yet imperfect person does not appreciate. However, he can and should believe that there will be a reunion in the kingdom of the beyond, that death is not the end of the soul's actual life, and that these souls will recognise each other when they have attained a certain degree of maturity which, however, many souls still do not possess. And therefore it can take a long time for many a soul until it will experience the happiness of a reunion with its loved ones, yet the desire for this is frequently the reason to strive for ascent. The souls' strength of love is constantly at work to release the souls from the abyss and to help them achieve beatitude, to help them enter the kingdom where they are surrounded by radiating light, where they can behold God and every hardship has come to an end....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The soul's entry into the kingdom of light....

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Every spiritual request shall be granted to you.... I have given you this promise because My love will fulfil everything that will benefit your soul. And thus you can also rest assured that you will enter the kingdom of light and bliss after your physical death if you have lived your life on earth in accordance with My will, if you have demonstrated your love for Me through your activity of unselfish neighbourly love.... and if you have lived your life on earth with Me by having allowed Me to be your constant companion....

'He that believeth in Me hath everlasting life....' And anyone who lives a life of love also believes in Me with a true, living faith, and he will therefore be granted a blissful life in the spiritual kingdom.... And realisation will indeed come to him in a flash, he will move within true thinking and his happiness is such that the soul with its light, by which it is permeated, will also be able to delight the souls which still linger in darkness and long for light.... by making others happy it will find its own happiness, and so it has to have a bright light shining within itself first....

You humans cannot possibly imagine this beatitude nor the nature of the activity, but you may well believe that these souls will no longer desire to return to earth.... especially since they know that no human being will remain on earth and every soul will soon meet its loved ones again. Therefore they should not grieve either but only ever strive to achieve a high degree of love which will facilitate their spiritual vision, because this degree is necessary for souls to meet again immediately after their passing away from this world.... otherwise the souls will first have to strive for and attain this degree in the beyond.

Yet the fact that people will meet again one day is absolute truth, and it will be an exceptionally joyful moment when the union takes place in the spiritual kingdom. You humans, who are affected by harsh strokes of fate, should always bear in mind that whatever happens to you in earthly life is only founded on My love and wisdom.... Stay mindful of the fact that I don't want to cause you suffering but greater beatitudes, which you often gain through suffering.... And you should not doubt it but humbly accept everything and, truly, the blessing will not fail to materialise itself. And if, one day, you look back on your earthly existence, you will be filled by profound gratitude and love for Me, Whom you recognise as your Father, Who only has His children's fate at heart, which will await them in the kingdom of the beyond....

Be aware of the fact that you won't stay much longer on this earth, and that you therefore will have to accept a greater amount of suffering in order to reach the goal of voluntarily uniting yourselves with Me. And every prayer you send to Me will come from the bottom of your heart and therefore will also be answered by Me.... You will often send your thoughts into the kingdom which is your true home, and will also be allowed to receive currents of light and strength from this realm, you will keep in constant contact with those who merely went ahead of you and who.... if you possess a high degree of maturity and light.... will support you to also achieve your goal while you are still on earth.... For a soul which is already permitted to spread light will also be able to transmit the light to you humans, and that means that you will then live within utter truth, for where light exists no error will be able to sustain itself because it will be recognised as such, and the path of anyone living in truth must lead to the goal without fail.

And believe that I know every thought in your heart, and thus I also know what you still need and take care that it will be imparted to you.... And even if I occasionally use painful means they will nevertheless liberate the souls from their physical constraints and they will merely exchange earthly life with a far more beautiful life in the spiritual kingdom, where they will be of loving service to Me and therefore also enjoy beatitudes which earthly life cannot offer.... For they have entered the eternal truth from whence they once originated....

Amen

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Loving thoughts of deceased

Distress of souls in the hereafter.... Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. 5855

January 16th 1954

Visualize the hardship of the souls in the spiritual kingdom who are imperfectly secluded, who had no faith on earth in a life after death and who now see themselves displaced into dark, desolate regions without light and without peace.... They wander around and cannot find their way, their fate is a sad one, for they are mostly lonely or together with equally unhappy beings, and because they lack all faith they do not take refuge in God either, for they arrive on the other side just as they left here and their thoughts still go in the same direction as on earth. They only believe themselves to be displaced and don't think about how such a thing could have happened.... And therefore they are in great spiritual distress and know no way out of it. People who are not followed by loving thoughts into that kingdom can often remain in this situation for an infinitely long time, and these souls are extremely pitiful, yet they can only be helped through intercession, so that they receive the strength to direct their will correctly.... But if a soul follows thoughts which are willing to help, then it also feels them to be beneficial and constantly stays close to those from whom the flow of strength emanates.... Then the soul will also find a way out of its situation more easily, it will not sink into an apathetic state but easily allow itself to be guided by helpful leaders. Faithlessness demands the most sacrifices, for a soul which did not want to believe on earth cannot be shown a path in the spiritual kingdom which it has always rejected, and therefore such a soul first has to become aware of its agonizing situation into which it has fallen due to its unbelief.... In its greatest abandonment it is grateful when a being approaches it, and then it also accepts instructions.... it thinks about it and will already feel small reliefs if it is willing to accept, whereas its agonies will deepen even more if it rebels against them. All possibilities are utilized on God's part to help even these souls in darkness to reach the light, yet free will remains untouched even in the kingdom of the beyond, and therefore great redemptive work is necessary in order to change this will after all, so that it turns towards God, so that the soul nevertheless comes to realize that it acknowledges a lord above itself, to Whom it must now surrender if it wants to be released from its torment. It must learn to believe, for only through faith does it understand the love of the divine redeemer Jesus Christ.... And only through faith does it call upon Him, and then it will also be helped. If people knew the dreadful effect unbelief has on them after their physical death they would truly do everything on earth in order to attain certainty about what they are required to believe. They would desire enlightenment in order to do the right thing on earth.... Yet the torments of such souls can certainly be described to people but they cannot be granted insight into the spiritual kingdom. And countless souls depart from earth in a state of complete faithlessness, and good to those who lived on earth in such a way that good thoughts follow them.... good to those whose intercession is remembered and to whom strength can be imparted as a result. For beings will soon join them and guide them to the source of light.... But the souls who receive little help or reject the helpers remain in darkness for an infinitely long time.... who do not find their way to Jesus Christ, Who alone redeems them from the night of death....

Amen

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Love work on departed....

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To remember all souls which are in spiritual hardship is a labour of love of greatest effect, for these souls receive strength through loving remembrance which they feel beneficially and which can

also change their will. The hardship of the souls in the beyond is particularly great because loving thoughts rarely follow them when they have left earth. But only these loving thoughts still have an effect beyond the grave, they are, to a certain extent, benefits which people on earth can bestow upon their departed. And loving thoughts are also the only means to help them in spiritual adversity. And every person who takes care of them in prayer, who is prompted by love to appeal for help for these souls, is practicing unselfish neighbourly love which truly has an effect. It is an extremely agonizing state for the souls when they are completely forgotten by people on earth, when no-one lovingly remembers them and therefore they receive no supply of strength which signifies loving intercession on their behalf.... And for these souls it can take an infinitely long time until they arise from their lethargy, until they feel a small improvement of their situation. And this happens when prayers ascend for **all** unredeemed souls, when people on earth also remember those who have no loving intercessors on earth, when a person takes pity on their fate and wants to help them to come to the light as well. But since people are not very convinced that the soul lives on after death, they give little thought to the fate of those who have passed away before them. They consider their existence to be finished, and they seldom occupy themselves with them, which would already mean a relief for those souls. But often the souls bring themselves to mind by suddenly intruding into people's thoughts.... And then you humans should also dwell with them in thought for a longer time, you should **lovingly** remember those who bring themselves to mind in this way, because this is a silent request for help in their adversity. And you can help them.... by remembering them with love, by only sincerely wishing that they may be well, that they need not suffer and that you.... if you believe.... commend them to God in prayer. Yet the surest help and most successful means for their salvation from darkness is to always point them in thought to Jesus Christ, Who alone is their saviour and to Whom they must entrust themselves in order to emerge from their adversity. Therefore, anyone who is religious himself truly also has the opportunity to help the souls in the beyond attain beatitude if his will of love grasps them.... For for the sake of human **love** Jesus Christ shows mercy to those souls to whom this love applies. And if **you** humans ask God for His merciful help for those souls which have to do without human intercession, He will also give them strength for your sake and open up every possibility for them to reach the light. And your prayer will soften their hardened hearts, they will willingly come to you and will only be of good will towards you, for the souls which are still completely under satanic influence will resist every supply of strength and these will also be prevented from working on you in unkindness. But you don't know how significant heartfelt prayer is for the suffering souls.... You don't know that through such a prayer whole multitudes are released from their torpor, that they desire to live and that they can then also be worked on again by beings of light which approach them in disguise and offer them their help. Love always has to break the first chains and then a supply of strength is possible, and the ascent from darkness to light is assured to those beings.

Amen

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The souls asking for prayer

Needy souls beg for prayers....

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Listen to the pleas of the dead.... Do not refuse them your intercession when they remind you of themselves, and know that without your help they have to suffer indescribably. The fate of an unredeemed soul is extremely sad, and you don't know whether a soul is redeemed or whether it is suffering in this painful state and requires your help. You can only help these poor souls with prayer because then they feel your love and this gives them the strength to improve their own fate. They change their will, and this is first and foremost necessary to initiate a transformation of their sad situation. The souls are grateful for even the least amount of support because they completely depend on you or on the mercy of the souls who have already attained a higher degree of maturity. But these are only permitted to help them when the souls' will requests a change of their present situation.... However, the will of such souls is weak if not completely inactive and therefore they often have to languish for an infinite length of time if they do not receive support by means of intercession which gives them the strength to change their will, i.e. to activate their will. If you could understand such souls' suffering you would not let them ask in vain.... because every thought of a deceased is their way of bringing themselves to your attention and a call for help in need.

Humanity is very unkind to each other and without belief in life after death. That is why it does not remember its deceased and thus they suffer greatly. Time and again they push themselves into the thoughts of the human being to induce him to pray for them. There is immense hardship in the beyond and even the souls of unknown deceased come close to those who compassionately remember the poor souls.... because they experience every gift of prayer as beneficial, as an increase of strength and will to ascend. Deeply compassionate people on earth are always surrounded by needy souls who are hoping for their help. Even the resolve to help such souls is a gift of strength to them and every loving thought which includes them strengthens their will. And then helpful beings in the beyond can come to aid these souls by conveying the strength which is necessary to lessen their overwhelming suffering. Human beings do not really know how to value prayer as a gift of mercy. They can achieve everything by right prayer because God Himself has offered this blessing to them and imposes no restrictions. However, the soul cannot help itself in the beyond but depends on help. And you should give them this love and help to save them from the most painful condition and to facilitate the start of their self-deliverance.... Once the soul has overcome the point of weakness then its aspiration only strives upwards and its greatest need is remedied. However, it has to receive the strength for this by means of loving intercession because only the action of love leads to the redemption of the soul. If the soul itself is too weak to do works of love the human being should lovingly support it so that it receives the strength which it needs for its progress. For that reason you should not forget the needy souls.... because they implore you to help them....

Amen

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Appeals for a gift of strength for the souls of the deceased....

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Whenver you can't help but think of a departed person you should know it is always an appeal for help which you should provide since no one else is taking care of them. And when they see your light they, too, would like to gather around you and draw strength from this light, for they often don't know the meaning of this light, especially if they were caught up in error until now. Then it will

suffice to send just one thought to the soul inviting it to join you and accept a lesson. For especially the souls which are not followed by loving intercession suffer much hardship and they, too, shall be helped to come into the possession of truth. Just one conscious invitation to take part in your instructions is already enough to attract the souls permanently, with the result that they will not leave you anymore, that they will join the large group of those whom I will then be able to address Myself. And you will be constantly surrounded by souls wanting to increase their knowledge in order to pass it on to those who are less knowledgeable and whom they want to help as well. And then it will be essential that you inform them of My act of Salvation, for only when they have found Him and deliverance from their guilt will they accept profound knowledge. This first necessitates their activity of love, as they will only be able to understand it if they employ their will to love again in order to help souls which are suffering the same hardship. Only then will they themselves penetrate the truth ever more, and they will find it easy to hand themselves over to the divine Redeemer and appeal to Him for forgiveness of their guilt. Then, however, will the divine Word constantly flow to them and they will also accept it, irrespective of where and how it is offered to them. Yet especially the first step is very difficult for the soul until it has experienced the strength of intercession, which will express itself as a change of will and thus it is easier to influence, so that the soul will also comply when it receives its calling.

Therefore pay attention to every such request and offer assistance to the souls which desire help, which indeed remind many people on earth of themselves yet will only find intercession with those who are able to help them spiritually because they are in conscious contact with Me and I Am able to reveal Myself to them. And the fact that the strength of My Word is tremendously effective may be experienced by every soul once it has joined you, for its progress will be guaranteed....

Once I Am offered the opportunity to reveal Myself to a person through the working of My spirit, this person will stand amid a gleam of light which will attract many souls willing to accept the same as you have been offered, and due to you all souls which you include in your intercession will then no longer be able to go astray. For then you will only be motivated by love for these souls, and for the sake of this love I will also give strength to those on whose behalf you pray. I also have to apply the laws in the beyond and these first and foremost include the being's free will which may not be infringed upon, neither by Myself nor by My adversary.

Therefore it matters that you.... who also have to respect free will, **lovingly** remember the souls which are still weak-willed but unable to resist the strength of intercession and whose will you are therefore able to influence. Since they were beneficially affected by the strength of love they will no longer resist and be irresistibly drawn to you so that you then will also be able to convey the Gospel of love to them.

If only you knew how ardently your adherents (the souls) accept My Word, how they constantly feel that they are progressing, and how grateful they are to you that you, due to your intercession, helped them to participate in your instructions, you would not stop praying for such souls and even be pleased with their progress, for they, too, will protect you whenever possible, to prevent the receiving of the Word being interrupted.... you will also purify your surroundings, so that no one will become subject to the adversary's temptations as soon as they surround you. Precisely this makes your activity so important, since it enables you to contribute towards the redemption of many souls by offering them bread and wine, thus the delectable elixir of life and the most effective nourishment, and one day you will feel the inner joy of having been able to contribute towards the ascent of those who, without your help, would still have languished in darkness for a very long time....

Therefore take notice of every thought which reminds you of someone deceased, consider it a call for help which you must not reject, and then consciously call him close to you and the first step up will have been taken, for as soon as a person intercedes on behalf of such a soul, I will also be able to grant strength to the soul for the sake of this person.... which otherwise would **not** be possible for Me since it contradicts the law of eternity, as only free will can request strength, but which I now

recognise in the loving intercession and thus grant My mercy to this soul and then will also be able to provide it with the grace of My Word through you.

People would be able to redeem all souls through loving intercession, but how few are aware of this and how great is therefore My adversary's power who will try anything to disrupt such contacts from the spiritual world to earth, but who will be **unable** to take effect if a human being hands himself over to Me with love and thus I will also protect him.... especially if I want to speak through him to the souls in the beyond, which My adversary will never be able to prevent Me from doing.... For where the **will** for redemption exists people will be delivered from the one who had held them captive long enough and whose only weapon is love which will defeat him and from which he takes flight.... because it is and will remain My share for eternity....

Amen

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Power of intercession for the dead

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

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

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

Amen

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Strength of intercession....

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You should give the strength of intercession to all those who have departed from you, irrespective of the degree of maturity you may think they have, for they all still need strength and are grateful

for any help. It is a happy feeling to have helped souls to ascend, which you will only fully realise when you have entered the kingdom of the beyond yourselves and see the hardship of many souls who are not remembered in prayer, because no one on earth will remember them lovingly and provide them with the necessary strength in order to ascend. Once these souls have experienced the strength of love they will work with immense enthusiasm and use this strength, but the first impulse has to be given to them by people's loving intercession, because this is what will affect them first and change the direction of their thoughts.

But this intercession has to be rendered consciously, i.e. with the intention of helping the souls to advance. You humans should know that your prayers are valuable, you should familiarise yourselves with the suffering of departed souls and with a loving heart pray for a gift of strength for these souls. They will surely experience this gift of strength and also gratefully feel the love intended for them which will cause them to love in turn, which will thus affect their environment like a small light that benefits all souls. You humans could do so inexpressibly much to release the souls if you have the will to alleviate hardship and suffering.... For this will motivates you to pray from the bottom of your heart, and only this comprises redeeming strength. You should do everything consciously, external formalities or lip-prayers have no effect, because they exclude the conscious will to help. Only love is liberating.... this has to be said time and again.

You can achieve inconceivably much with love, you can send bright light into the darkness through loving intercession, so that many souls will gather there and be touched by this ray of light, always with the result that their feeling of love will also be awakened and will want to express itself. Loving intercession is a tremendous flow of strength the effect of which will never fail. Include all your loved ones in your prayer, mentally call them to you and tell them that you want to help them and that they should accept your help quietly and without objection; mentally instruct them that they, too, will be able to ascend if they want to use the strength they receive through your intercession. And always point them to Jesus Christ.... Only One can redeem them, and this One can only be reached through love. Therefore inform them that they should use their imparted strength to help other souls in turn who also suffer great hardship, that these deeds of love will bring them ever closer to Jesus Christ Who, with utmost mercy, will then draw all souls to Himself and guide them into the kingdom of light....

Once you have helped a soul to use its given strength correctly its progress will be assured, then the weakness of will and lack of strength will disappear and it will eagerly ascend and take untold souls along, for it then will also share its knowledge with them, and thus a single correct intercession will result in unforeseen blessings.... You humans on earth should not underestimate the strength of intercession, but always remember that it should be made with a loving heart in order to truly give strength.... And include all your loved ones, for they all are still in need of strength and will thank you forever if you increase their strength and remember them with love....

Amen

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Distress of souls in the deep.... intercessions....

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Great is the hardship of those souls who are suddenly and unprepared called away from earth if they have not already reached a degree of maturity through a God-pleasing way of life which makes them suitable for the kingdom of light. Yet the majority pass over into the spiritual kingdom in a truly pitiful state.... without faith in Jesus Christ, without the slightest realization and completely without strength, since they lack love and thus no works of love follow them into the spiritual kingdom either.... They are poor and miserable and don't know where to turn for help because they have no faith in the one Who can redeem them from all sin and suffering.... Jesus Christ, Who would truly hear every call for Him. The spiritual kingdom accepts all souls which have departed from earth, yet how different are the spheres which now offer them abode.... But the kingdom of darkness is the

most populated, and it constantly accepts new inhabitants because there is also great darkness on earth and the souls seek out the same place they left. There the hardship is so unbearable that the souls want to escape it but they cannot do so by themselves but need support. Again and again these souls return to earth and stay close to people who were close to them on earth or who are welcome objects to them due to their similar nature, in order to transfer their own will to them, thus to continue to work indirectly on earth. Such souls can hardly be improved, and yet they should also be remembered in prayer so that through intercession impulses awaken in them which can lead to a change. Where loving prayer follows the souls of the departed, there is always hope that they will soon be able to exchange their dark abode for a dim place, and they will then seek the light until they find it. The souls of darkness often have to stay in the depth for a very long time because they make no attempt to come out and only the desire for light brings them light. Therefore you humans cannot pray enough for these souls that they will strive towards the light, that the desire will awaken in them to enter a somewhat lighter environment. For the will of the being is decisive, and you humans should pray again and again for the strengthening and transformation of a wrong will if you want to help the souls which suddenly depart from earth, which are called away in the midst of life and possess little or no spiritual knowledge at all. They can be helped if only you want to help them, if only you give them love and want to deliver them from darkness. The adversity is overwhelming and cannot be forcibly remedied. A premature recall from earth is often an act of mercy for these souls so that they don't sink even further and then the redemption from the abyss would be even more difficult because the will would then be even more hardened and completely directed towards God. Therefore remember those who suddenly depart from earth and send loving thoughts after them so that they will feel attracted by you, return to earth and be able to learn from you, for they will always stay close to those who give them love, they will be far more willing, They will be far more willing to accept mental instructions from you than they would have been on earth, and for such souls premature death can still be the only path to a change of will if you give them strength through your love, through your prayer, which is intended for the redemption of these poor souls from the darkness....

Amen

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Help for weak souls in the afterlife....

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Not an hour should you be idle which you can use for the redemption of the spiritual. It is work which signifies the highest degree of neighbourly love if you help the souls to release themselves from their bondage, the souls which are too weak themselves and depend on your help, irrespective of whether they are still on earth or already in the beyond.... You, who are knowledgeable, you can help, you can bring them what they themselves lack.... you can help them gain strength if you lovingly take care of them, but you can also instruct them that they should only ever use the strength imparted to them for loving activity and that they can thereby always acquire more strength. On earth people likewise have to be stimulated into loving activity if their souls are to be released from their shackles. Therefore, whatever you can do to first convey the knowledge to your fellow human beings or the souls in the beyond that redemption is possible and how it is possible, you should not refrain from doing, even if you cannot yet see the effect your activity will have.... You should constantly remember that countless souls are in greatest need. And if you lack the opportunity on earth to instruct your fellow human beings, to share your rich knowledge with them or to admonish them to be lovingly active, then take care of the souls in the kingdom of the beyond who are extremely grateful to you for your will to help, who also accept your instructions, who surround you because they feel a certain strengthening in your proximity and who constantly appeal to you for the supply of this strength. Teach them in your thoughts or carry the word of God to them.... And you will find grateful listeners, and your work for God and His kingdom will truly be blessed. Don't let an hour go by unused when you can carry out redemptive work, for earthly activity only has earthly success but spiritual activity surpasses all earthly success because it yields everlasting goods, goods for which the souls sincerely

thank you as soon as they have recognized the hardship they are or were in. Also try to open up the spiritual kingdom to your fellow human beings, try to change their thinking, try to open up areas to them which are foreign to them and also help them onto the path which leads into the spiritual kingdom. Try to convey to them the realization that not earthly life but life in the spiritual kingdom after their death is the actual life they should strive for during their earthly life. Use every hour you can work for God and His kingdom, for the time you have left to work for Him is only short and the spiritual hardship is immense. But you can reduce it if only you are willing to be redemptively active, if you want to help where help is needed....

Amen

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