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Duty of distributing the divine revelations....

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It is indescribably commendable to spread the Word of God. That which is conveyed to people through God's grace shall not remain the sole property of the individual but shall be passed on to the many people who require it for their soul's salvation. Humanity is in serious trouble, it is so distant from God that it does not even recognise His will anymore and goes through earthly life in complete ignorance. However, the human being needs to know what God expects of people, consequently the information has to be imparted to them. And for this reason earthly children who are willing to be of service to Him are chosen by God with the task of making His will known to people. He Himself instructs them first so that they can subsequently pass on their knowledge to fellow human beings. The human race would perish without active help, and active help can only be found in the Word of God. But at the moment everything is rejected by people if it admonishes them to remember God or if they are taught about God in the usual traditional way. This is why God gives His Word to people again.... He provides them with an explanation about their purpose and their task.... He wants to come closer to them through His Word, He wants to familiarise them with everything pertaining to the creation; He reveals to them the correlation of all things and gives them the commandments, which are the basic conditions for their ascent to God. And willing people shall help to distribute the divine gift; they shall diligently strive to make the divine revelations accessible to the human race; as God's eager servants they shall always and forever make His activity known; they shall let their fellow human beings partake in the delectable gift of grace, so that the divine Word will find acceptance among people, that it will strengthen their faith and motivate them to do whatever it takes in order to live in a God-pleasing way.... thus to fulfil the commandments of love for God and their neighbour. Only when a person has knowledge of God's will can he be held to account if he does not live up to them. Admittedly, uninformed people cannot be held to account but neither can they utilise their life on earth and attain a higher degree of spiritual maturity, for they would have to be extraordinarily lovingly active of their own accord, that is, love must be within them, but in that case they will **also** know the meaning and purpose of earthly life and their task. For God imparts His Word to everyone who desires it, it is just not always outwardly noticeable except in the shape of mental transmissions. But those who receive the Word such that they are able to write it down are particularly responsible for the distribution of this Word, for they receive much grace and shall therefore also share it. They shall proclaim the Gospel to all those who do not reject it....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Three ways of imparting the divine Word....

B.D. No. 2510

October 13th 1942

The Gospel must be proclaimed throughout the world, the teaching of love has to be made accessible to all people and this happens in various ways. Those having been taught by God are called to enlighten other people in the first instance, thus to convey the received teachings to them.... to proclaim the Gospel to those who want to accept it. It is a richly blessed mission to work for fellow people's salvation of soul, to instruct them according to God's will and to motivate their conscious work of improving their souls. And this work is expected by God from everyone who has been taught by God Himself. And God constantly teaches those people who willingly open their hearts to Him, He preaches the Gospel to them which they hear within themselves through the inner voice. And this Gospel does not divert from that which has been traditionally handed down, from the Holy Scriptures.... And this is another possibility of receiving the divine Word, and again it teaches love, the love for God and one's fellow human being and for the one who faithfully accepts this Word. And thus everyone has the opportunity to be instructed in the Gospel as soon as he, with the right faith, desires to know God's Word. It will also become understandable to him, for the will to penetrate divine

wisdoms also gives a person the power of realisation, which enables him to regard the divine Words as the Word of God and thus can also be taught by God if he devoutly and hungrily reads the Holy Scripture and not just accepts the Word but seriously tries to grasp its meaning too. Yet the divine Word can also be spiritually conveyed to a person, however, this way is only known to a few people and yet it is the easiest for everyone. This is the direct communication in the form of thoughts, a mental transference of the divine Word, of the Gospel, to people which, however, always requires the person's willingness to receive. If, therefore, a human being desires to be initiated into the divine teaching of love the Gospel will always be proclaimed to him in one way, because it is God's will that humanity shall be instructed and live in truth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

**Bible message is teaching of love.... Jesus' explanation....
Transcripts....**

B.D. No. 4000

March 16th 1947

You must be taught by the spirit within you or you will remain without knowledge. But it can only become active if you live a life of love.... And therefore My mission as a human being on earth initially consisted of conveying the divine teaching of love, for the human being's compliance with it first had to change him such that it enabled the spirit within him to become active and only then were further spiritual instructions possible. However, at the time of My life on earth people had so much diverged from love that they had to be informed time and again and in ever greater detail of the consequences of their heartlessness and the commandment of love had to be constantly preached to them, and I was only able to initiate a few into profound knowledge. Yet it would not have been wise on My part to impart this knowledge to people in general, because without love it remains dead knowledge without result. And therefore it was My will that My disciples' transcripts were preserved in such a form that they indeed lack profound knowledge but nevertheless contain the teaching of love, and anyone who follows it will also penetrate into deeper knowledge if he seriously desires it.

I Myself have certainly shared an abundance of knowledge on earth, yet I also knew My listeners' hearts, I was aware of their degree of love, their will and their realisation of My Personality which made them accept the knowledge they were offered as the only truth. I also instructed My disciples and through pouring out My spirit after My ascension I enabled them to impart to their fellow human beings the same information they received through the spirit, and thus people who were brought the Gospel by My disciples were well taken care of, but since a life of love is always a prerequisite in order to understand profound spiritual knowledge and derive the blessing from it, the commandment of love was intended to be passed on to future generations and was therefore written down by My disciples on My instructions, so that it would be preserved as I had taught it on earth. And My way of life, which was meant to serve as an example to all people, was also a subject of the transcripts which, as My disciples' legacy, were left to humanity but which are missing more profound knowledge because this is My will. For anyone who wants to draw the knowledge from the Scriptures, which indeed include My Word, but who is without love would not know what to do with it, because spiritual knowledge is the light which is only kindled through love, which can only burst into full radiance when the human being's spirit awakens and then enlightens the person from within. Academically imparted knowledge is only valuable if it can be examined and assimilated in order to become intellectual property, but this is only ever possible with the spirit's assistance, which therefore makes love indispensable.

What is therefore more understandable than that I Myself on earth as well as in the transcripts, which came about according to My will, only ever taught love and that the commandment of love must only ever be presented to people first and foremost? What is more understandable than that the human being cannot be admonished often enough to comply with this commandment in order to attain psychological maturity? All further knowledge is just the result of a life of love and will be imparted to each individual person as is beneficial to him. For as soon as his spirit has become active he can

receive unlimited knowledge, since the degree of wisdom he wants is determined by himself, and then he will no longer need to accept it from books but it will be offered to him directly from the spiritual kingdom which, however, can only be understood by a person who has awakened the spirit within himself through complying with My commandment of love, which will never be comprehensible to those who live without love and try to gain their knowledge from books. This is just dead knowledge, only the spirit will give life.... only love will grant complete understanding....

Amen

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God is love

God is Love.... The mystery of love....

B.D. No. 2289

April 4th 1942

The greatest mystery is the love of God, and this mystery can only be revealed through love, that is, only a person who is actively kind-hearted himself is capable of understanding divine love. Each loving spiritual thought is an emanation of God, Who is Love in Himself. And the willingness to accept such a thought, that is, to direct it from the heart, where it is born, to the brain, hence to effectively take possession of it, is the willingness to receive this emanation of love from God. For the heart's willingness is the prerequisite for God's love to become effective.... God is Love.... This is a mystery and it will remain a mystery for people for as long as they belong to this earth and often still in the beyond. For they associate the concept of love with a Being. In their eyes it is a characterisation of a Being, and yet Love is the Being Itself.... Love is something spiritual which does not explain the character but is in itself a Being.... love it that which is good, divine, when the word is used in relation to people.... whereas God Himself is only imaginable as Love, yet it will only become understandable to those people who are so permeated by love themselves that they, during their activity of love, also feel the closeness of God. For what they feel is only love again, and yet they are close to God, because God and love are one and the same. Everything that shapes itself into love is in heartfelt contact with God, i.e., shaping oneself into love is adapting the hitherto imperfect to the perfect. Love is something perfect.... God is perfection, thus love and God must be one and the same. But lack of love is a degree of imperfection; it is also a state of distance from God, because God without love is inconceivable. For this reason loving activity will always trigger a feeling of happiness, and this is the proximity of God which can be markedly felt by the soul, consequently, **all** increased activity of love will also manifest itself in an increased feeling of happiness, inner peace and firm self-confidence, because all this is divine, i.e., the evidence of God's closeness which can only have a spiritual effect, thus in emotions of the soul and not in the body's well-being. God's proximity in turn generates love, for since God is Love in Himself, His presence must manifest itself in a feeling of love again. And this love flows back to God as its origin.... the person having shaped himself into love, that is, his soul, unites with God.... Love flows to love, and thus the unification takes place between the being with the Primordial Being, Which in Itself is only Love....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

God of love.... Not God of wrath....

B.D. No. 5204

September 5th 1951

The God Who created you is not a God of wrath but a God of love.... He wants to give to you but not take from you. However, He wants to give you blissful happiness which will last forever. If He therefore seems to take something away from you, it is just something worthless which is only valuable in your eyes, but in reality it causes you harm. But you believe that the possessions you love so dearly on earth are taken from you by a God of wrath.... You don't know Him, you don't know the God of love Who is the Father of you all and also acts like a Father with His children, Who lets you suffer out of love because He knows that you can only attain possession of the highest and everlasting wealth by taking from you what you value on earth too much. His love for you humans is beyond measure and pacifies all anger which people's behaviour might well be able to arouse were His love not considerably stronger. He does not punish, instead, in His wisdom He recognises His children's love and thus He tries to help and lift them up when they fall. It is not wrath if He destroys what

impedes His children from reaching their Father.... it is **love** which removes and clears the path to Him. A God of wrath is not a perfect Being, for only love can lay claim to perfection, and therefore you humans can reject any teaching which tries to portray your Creator and Father of eternity as an **angry** Being Which sends an inexorable judgment upon you because you have done wrong.... The God of love even has mercy upon the devils.... for this reason He descended to hell in order to show them the path out of the darkness as well.... He extends His hand even to those who have fallen furthest away and wants to draw them up to His Fatherly heart. The God of love takes mercy upon humanity and He seeks to save them. A God of wrath, however, would destroy what does not comply with His will. Nevertheless, God's love does not exclude His righteousness.... He cannot guide those who are sinful into beatitude, yet He will not condemn them. He follows them with His love until they reciprocate it and voluntarily let go of sin, and thus His love is greater than humanity merits it; it is infinite and full of strength, and you humans will never appreciate its depth.... on account of which no wrath can exist next to it. Therefore you need not fear God, but you should love Him with all your heart and strength; you should love Him and thereby partake in His strength. You should love Him so that He can provide you with the highest bliss, which is to be found in the unification with Him, Who is the eternal Love Himself. He looks upon all of you with eyes shining with love, full of affection He extends His hand and calls you with a loving voice, He want to regain the children who once left Him of their own free will.... Yet He will always try to attract you with love, but never try to achieve something with wrath, which is unthinkable without love. He will lift you up to Himself.... His love is a power which will not lose its effect. Wrath, however, would obliterate and destroy and make a return to God impossible.... If, however, the **wrath** of God is spoken of, it should only be understood as His firm will of binding the spiritual beings striving away from Him in His works of creation, but this will ultimately only facilitate their return to him and this wrath is therefore only an act of love by God in order to regain the resisting spirits one day, so that they will become blessed....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

God wants to be recognised through Creation as Love....

B.D. No. 5689

May 31th 1953

The Controller of the universe knows no obstacles, everything is subject to Him, every creature must yield to His will, every living creation, be it a spiritual one or banished into an earthly shell. His will reigns supreme, even though He allows the human being freedom of will; nevertheless, it can never be doubted, for He alone is Lord over Heaven and Earth, over the blissful world of spirits as well as over the kingdom of darkness. It should therefore not be difficult for people to acknowledge this Lord, for everything surrounding a person testifies to Him and His will. For although the human being has freedom of will, he is not capable of challenging God's will, nor is he able to make God's will compliant with his own; but he is not capable of creating from within himself anything that his eyes behold and his senses feel either.... He **can** acknowledge God, if he therefore does **not** acknowledge Him he will be lying to himself and through this lie he will defy the Spirit Which created Him. And, in a manner of speaking, he is passing his own judgment.... banishment from God's proximity.... were it not for the fact that God is also Eternal **Love**.... God's strength and power cannot be denied, and the fact that it reveals itself through Creation is the evidence of His love for His created beings. For it is His will that they can recognise Him, it is His will that they believe in Him and He makes Himself recognisable by revealing His power and strength.... He longs for His living creations' love and can only gain it by manifesting Himself as a God of love.... And therefore it is clearly identifiable that His creations **arose for His living beings**. The strength motivating Him to let constantly new creations arise is **Love**; consequently, the creations must also correspond to the purpose of showing love, His creations must serve to cause happiness and delight or help to lead to happiness and bliss. Anyone who wants to recognise this creative will and is able to do so will himself come aglow with love for his eternal Creator, for where the evidence of love is established it awakens love as well. Demonstrating His **power** and **strength** is not the **sole** purpose for His Creation; instead,

it is intended to show His love which motivated Him to let each creation arise. However, first the Being Itself has to be recognised before a Being's **love** can be known, it has to be believed that the Being is a Supreme Power, that It is supremely perfect; and this **can** be believed because this Power gives evidence of Itself through every creation. Yet God is not satisfied by the mere belief in His power and strength, He wants to be recognised as love, on account of which all His creations also prove God's emanation of love by having the useful and beneficial purpose of facilitating the return of that which is distant from God.... But this ultimate purpose is only evident to those who have already recognised God as a supremely perfect Being, as love; even so, every thinking human being should questioningly observe the surrounding creations so that he can receive an answer:... that God reveals Himself through Creation, that His will emerges everywhere, that no being can determine this will, that therefore the power and strength is entirely with Him, but that His power and strength only gains shape through His all-transcending love which demonstrates itself because it wants to be loved in return.... because it only ever wants to give pleasure. God's love can never be denied, just like the powerful will of the Controller of all worlds, Who cannot be resisted by anything, Who must and can be recognised where the will for it exists....

Amen

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God is Love.... He wants to give happiness....

B.D. No. 7826

February 15th 1961

Believe that I want to guide you into beatitude.... Believe that you were created by a God of love in order to bestow His infinite love upon you, in order to make you happy, in order to let Himself flow into you. And believe that this love will never end, that it has belonged and will belong to you for all eternity. Then you will know that everything in relation to you only serves to guide you into beatitude. However, you must also realise and believe that you, in the state of a human being, would not be able to endure unlimited happiness and neither can My infinite love give you the degree of happiness I would like to give you.... And you are in this state because you once turned away from Me of your own free will. You closed yourselves to the flow of My love and your nature became imperfect. So you are taking the path across this Earth in order to regain your perfection again, because My love for you is greater than great and tries to make you receptive again for My illumination, as I want to make you happy. Hence, your life on earth is not pointless, instead, it shall result in highest bliss when your soul leaves the body and enters the spiritual kingdom. The earthly realm is only a passageway for your soul into the spiritual kingdom; the earthly realm is only the means for your soul to mature fully, to prepare it for My eternal light of love.... Earthly life is only a short preparation time for you humans in order to attain the state again which you were in when I created you.... For you emerged from My **love**, you were perfect and constantly permeated by My love which made you indescribably happy. The fact that you forfeited this beatitude of your own free will must be reversed by you of your own free will again, that is, you must voluntarily attain perfection and return to Me once more, for your separation from Me signifies wretchedness but unification with Me unlimited illumination of love and thus supreme happiness. If you are able to believe this while you live on earth, if you accept the information of this, if you want to return to Me and appeal to Me Myself for help, then you will fulfil your purpose of life on earth, for then My love will take hold of you and will never ever let go of you again, because then you will voluntarily have acknowledged **Me**, Whom you once rejected and therefore changed your nature into the opposite.... The fact that you are still imperfect is the result of your apostasy from Me, but you will attain perfection again if you want it yourselves, for the love I grant you is the strength to implement your will, and so you need only accept My love.... you need only hand yourselves over to Me, which requires faith in Me, and love will also be kindled in you, and it will strive towards Me and seek unification with Me. Just believe that I Am a God of love and that you emerged from this God of love.... and you will no longer doubt that I would like to give you happiness.... Then you will also learn to love Me Myself and your path

across earth will lead to the goal. For My love will not rest until it can permeate you entirely. My love wants to please; it wants to make you happy for all eternity...

Amen

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Supplying the pure gospel

'I Myself Am the Word....' The disciples' Gospel....

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June 4th 1950

Engross yourselves in the Gospel I send to you from above and you will realise that it is the same that My disciples had written down, who did so on My instruction. It is always Me Myself Who speaks to you humans if you accept My Word, wherever it may be. I spoke to people through My disciples and still do so today, because My love is not restricted and neither is My Word, that is, the emanation of My love, which expresses itself through My Word and will never end, which you will certainly understand when you know what My Word fundamentally is. I Myself Am the Word.... This alone must prove to you that I have not committed Myself to letters and that My Word will always and forever be conveyed to the spiritual essence which has embodied itself on earth as a human being. My Word will certainly forever remain the same because, being the only truth, it can never be changed by Me, yet you humans rearrange it through your will, you assign a different meaning to My Word, as long as you are not yet spiritually enlightened. And for this reason alone I must repeatedly convey My Word to earth, so that My Word will come true: Heaven and Earth shall pass away: but My Words shall not pass away. ... **My Word**, the pure Gospel from the heavens, which time and again provides you with the evidence of Myself and My love. As long as you humans are still imperfect you will not keep anything of perfection the way it is.... Instead, you will always strive to change it, precisely because you are imperfect. It is a natural law that nothing will remain pure as soon as it comes into an impure environment, and human will is far more inclined towards that which is imperfect and will always try to drag down what is above himself. Nevertheless, it is free will, which will not be interfered with from My side, hence I will never keep My teaching pure by force, instead, I will repeatedly convey the pure truth again **to those of you who desire it**. People will never become aware of the distortion of My originally pure teaching if they do not profoundly desire the truth themselves, otherwise the error would not be so widespread. And neither will they accept anything that is offered to them by Me with love, for they are spiritually blind, they keep to the letter and remain untouched by the spirit of My Word. I will never expend Myself, and I will never stop bestowing the emanation of My eternal love upon humanity. And therefore I will never stop descending personally to people in the Word.... which I promised you with the Words: I Am with you always, even unto the end of the world.... If I therefore want to stay with you Myself, then you must also be able to hear Me, for I Am life, I Am strength and thus also the Word of eternity, which manifests itself as life and strength, light and love. I do not want you humans to look upon Me as a distant God. I want to be a Father to you, always close and always willing to give you Words of love if you want to hear them. Just as I once spoke to people when I lived on earth, just as I spoke to My disciples after My ascension to Heaven in whom I continued working in spirit as before on earth, that is how I also **always** want to speak to people like to My children, I want to convey Words of love and wisdom to them in order to reveal Myself to them as God, Creator and Father of eternity. And therefore I will never stop being present to My earthly children in the Word, and yet I will only ever impart to them the same that My disciples also received as Gospel from Me, because it is the pure truth, which shall remain, even if Heaven and Earth pass away....

Amen

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The Gospel needs to be conveyed to people time and again in its purity, because this alone has the strength to change people's will. The pure Gospel comes forth from God, it is His spoken Word to people, which will remain for all eternity... However, as soon as it reaches imperfect people, they will either accept it in its purity and then live their lives accordingly or people will distort it according to their will, then it will lose its strength, for then it will no longer be God's Word but people's word instead. As long as the Word of God remains pure and unadulterated it will have a noticeable effect on people, since they will subsequently change their nature and consciously strive towards God.... If, however, the divine Word has been modified, people will remain the same, for they will have reshaped that which was intended to accomplish a change in line with their will and created something distorted, but which is still endorsed as **God's** Word, which nevertheless is completely without strength. Therefore, God conveys the pure Gospel to earth over and over again, and He admonishes people to abide by it... The pure Gospel is the divine teaching of love which Jesus, the man, preached on earth to His fellow human beings and which will always and forever remain the same teaching of love. But since love is no longer practised on earth, people do not understand the divine teaching of love, and in places where the Gospel is proclaimed, love for God and one's neighbour is only preached as a side-line because, due to human influence, so many teachings and commandments were given to people that the fulfilment of these has become more important, but that the human being's change of nature, the real purpose of life on earth, was no longer striven for and yet people believe that they are good Christians because they endeavour to fulfil the lesser commandments and teachings. For this reason the divine teaching of love as Jesus preached it on earth must be mentioned anew time and again, this preaching of love must be given to people in its purest form again so that they can feel the strength of the divine Word if they live accordingly and thus change themselves into love. Admittedly, Jesus' divine teaching of love in its core can still be found if the human being accepts even the spoilt teaching with good will.... Hence anyone who always regards the commandments of love as the first and only important commandments and lives accordingly, will also soon brightly and clearly recognise the changes in the divine Gospel, and he will also understand why the pure teaching of Christ is repeatedly conveyed to earth again; he will understand that God constantly talks to people and imparts His Word to them in all purity, for anyone who lives in love is also permeated by the strength of love, anyone who lives in love will be educated by his indwelling spirit, and God's infinite love is his explanation for the fact that He will do everything in His power in order to guide people into truth and to lead them to eternal life....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Interpretation of the words of Christ.... feeding the pure gospel....

Christ's words, which He spoke on earth, can be interpreted in many ways and must be recognized as eternal truth despite different interpretations. For this reason, however, the interpretations must also correspond to the spiritual meaning which Jesus placed in His words, otherwise they are to be described as erroneous and contribute to the pure gospel being distorted in its meaning. And therefore there is a certain responsibility in wanting to interpret the scriptures according to one's own intellectual thinking when the spirit of God cannot work and enlighten the human being's intellect. But the working of the divine spirit is the result of a life according to God's will.... And so the person who feels called to interpret scripture must ask himself before his conscience to what extent he is fulfilling the will of God.... The interpretation of the gospel, of the words of Christ, must be carried out by the spirit of God Himself, then they will also correspond to the truth, for the word of God, the teaching of Jesus Christ, is a teaching of the spirit, it is a teaching which only concerns the spiritual kingdom and is intended to promote the human being's spiritual development. Consequently, worldly intellect alone cannot grasp God's word in its profound spiritual meaning but the spirit in the human being must be

active, which now directs all thoughts spiritually and leads the human being to the true understanding of Jesus' words.... If the word is only interpreted in a purely literal way, then contradictions can often be found, which, however, immediately disappear with a spiritual interpretation. But if they are wrongly interpreted they endanger the teaching of Christ, i.e. they often give cause for rejection, because again only the intellect judges and contradictions create a will to defend oneself. And thus it can be explained that Christ's teaching is often rejected because the teachers themselves could not be instructed by the spirit within themselves, because they themselves accepted and passed on a wrong interpretation which sooner or later had to lead to rejection, because only truth gives light but error always increases the darkness people suffer from. And once again the whole of christianity is in danger, the recognition and acknowledgement of Christ as redeemer of the world is weakened to the same extent as the truth is weakened, because only through truth does man become light and because only through truth does the courage to confess the saviour and redeemer strengthen, Whose work of love and mercy is so immensely significant that people would also fully confess Him if presented and explained **correctly**. People walk in darkness due to their sinful state and are not led out of darkness. They cannot find the way themselves because everything is dark but the right light can only be brought by God Himself through His spirit. Where His spirit works, there is light, and there is also a deep faith in Jesus Christ and His work of redemption. But where teaching activities are carried out **without** the working of the spirit, only error is presented to people and darkness cannot depart from them....

And thus it will now be understandable to you humans **why** God directs the gospel to earth again in its purest form.... They are His words which never change, which always and forever remain but have not been explained in their meaning by human wisdom.... Now God Himself gives the explanation of His word; in a comprehensible and most loving way He seeks to introduce people to the truth. He speaks the same words to people again and enlightens the spirit of those who listen to Him.... He wants light to shine because deep night is spread across the earth; He wants you humans to recognize what you lack; He wants you to be instructed in truth and now also recognize and acknowledge Jesus Christ, the son of God and redeemer of the world, because you can only become blessed through Him, because His gospel has to be accepted by you as He Himself proclaimed it to you....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

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

B.D. No. 5982

June 22nd 1954

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

It is of no use to you humans when you castigate yourselves, when you perform duty bound actions or confess Me with your mouth if you do not recognise the commandment of love first and foremost and act accordingly.... You believe that you worship Me with your countless ceremonies, and yet you can only worship Me by doing what I ask of you.... And I ask of you to love Me and your fellow

human being.... As long as you find that you lack love when you honestly look at yourselves, you are not yet on the right path, even if you go down on your knees daily and hourly and beat your chest.... This is demanded by people and only serves people too, whom you want to convince of your piety....

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

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

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

How do you recognize the truth from above?....

B.D. No. 8478

April 25th 1963

I truly want to bring light to you and therefore also uncover all errors, and you can believe that you will recognize every error if you remain intimately united with Me and only ever desire to know the truth. Then you will also possess the right faculty of judgement, for My word from above guarantees you this, because you should work for Me and on My behalf. Thus I can only send disciples into the world with the mission to proclaim Me and My gospel who possess purest spiritual knowledge themselves, who have received it from Me and who are also able to differentiate between spirits, who are able to separate truth from error and only have the sole will to serve the pure truth. And even if people's maturity of soul differs so that, depending on their maturity, a light can be conveyed to them from Me which shines brighter or weaker.... yet it will never deviate from the truth if I Myself am the source of spiritual knowledge which comes to people unusually. And even if a piece of knowledge is not so extensive it must still be the truth and allow it to be recognized.... But every contradiction must be clearly pointed out as error. People will always err because their intellect is still too active, which My adversary can influence and which he also does because he is an enemy of truth.... Yet precisely for this reason I guide the pure truth down to earth, and you need not fear that the adversary has the upper hand if you seriously want to stand in the truth.... Then it will also be given to you. But you must not forget that the adversary has great power at his disposal in the end and that he truly makes use of it because people themselves grant him this power.... And the battle will be a fierce one which will be waged between light and darkness, and where only one light emerges he is also already prepared to extinguish or dull it by interspersing it with error and time and again finding people whom he can mentally induce to make changes to spiritual knowledge which was originally conveyed to earth by Me. Yet people who only desire the truth will always reject of their own accord that which does not correspond to the truth. Yet forcibly I neither influence My adversary nor the people belonging to him, because I respect the will of the latter but, on the other hand, the sincere will to

stand in truth will always protect a person from accepting erroneous spiritual material.... Yet because it is the time of the end, time and again a new source will be opened to you where you can draw purest water of life, and from this you will also be able to easily test whether you are inwardly healthy or whether you feel no effect of strength at all. I will not leave people without help who are inwardly connected to Me and trustingly turn to Me for the supply of truth.... And I enlighten their thinking, I give them the right faculty of judgment, and thus you humans need never ever fear to fall prey to error. And I always give you the touchstone, the act of salvation of Jesus Christ, which will solely be the content of My direct revelations, even if these do not yet convey wisdom to you in all depth if the soul's maturity does not allow it.... Yet if I convey My word to you at all I will always emphasise the act of salvation, because you must have found redemption through Jesus Christ on earth if you want to freely enter the kingdom of the beyond.... This is enough for you to know if you want to check whether **divine** revelations are conveyed to you or whether the adversary has intervened in order to confuse you, for as soon as you are not given sufficient information about Jesus and His act of salvation he is the one who wants to prevent your redemption, which you can only find through Jesus Christ. And I will always convey this knowledge to you through My spirit about the significance and spiritual reason for the act of salvation, only then will you become enlightened, and only then will you know if and when you are being addressed by Me Myself, and you will no longer be able to fall prey to error.... Therefore examine everything and keep the best, for as soon as you are stimulated into loving activity good spiritual forces are also at work.... because through a life of love you will also be able to recognize error and it can no longer be dangerous for you....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The gospel of love

Why the gospel teaches only love.... deeper knowledge.... (fire of love radiates light and wisdom)

B.D. No. 5657
April 21st 1953

My will is to fulfil the commandments of love, because this alone can give you what you lack.... You entered earthly life completely without knowledge, and you will leave it just as without knowledge if you don't pay attention to My commandments of love; for what you acquire in intellectual knowledge cannot be regarded as **knowledge** as soon as you enter the **kingdom of the beyond**, where only love is valued and therefore only the knowledge which has earned you a life of love.... For you must consider that to be knowledgeable means to have fullest knowledge of your beginning and your destiny.... **This** knowledge cannot be gained intellectually but it can be gained through a life of unselfish neighbourly love, because love is the fire which radiates light.... thus clearest recognition of all things, both of the spiritual as well as the earthly world and their connections with the creator of infinity.

No light can be given to you **without** love, because only light comes forth from the fire of love. But you will only be blissfully happy when you stand in the light, when you know everything, for this knowledge is a sign of union with Me, Who wants to prepare these beatitudes for you.... But love ensures your union with Me, for **I Myself am love** from eternity.... I want to draw you to Myself, I want to make you eternally blessed, I want to give you light.... Therefore I can only advise you to **live in love....** And therefore I gave you the commandments of love for Me and for your neighbour, because.... if you fulfil them.... you prepare beatitude for yourselves; because then you enter the love stream which gives you light.... realization, a rich knowledge which increases the deeper love becomes in you and therefore also constantly increases your beatitude.

How this increased happiness expresses itself in the spiritual kingdom cannot be made comprehensible to you who still live on earth. But on earth you can already stand in the most radiant light, thus in a realization which can lift you far above your fellow human beings but which you cannot impart to those who do not live like you on earth, i.e. in constant loving activity. For knowledge **cannot be conveyed**, it has to be **gained** through love **itself....** Intellectual knowledge can indeed be transferred, it can be adopted and further developed, but intellectual knowledge is worthless for eternity.... Realization, however, is spiritual knowledge, clarity about things and correlations which cannot be researched and proven on earth but which constitute true life, which are everlasting and retain their value eternally. Spiritual knowledge will never be accepted by an intellectual person who does not live in love, for he lacks light and therefore recognizes nothing because he walks in darkness. In contrast, the spirit of a person who works with love is enlightened, even if his intellect is not sharp and he therefore attracts little attention from his fellow human beings. And this light will never go out and also emit its rays in the spiritual kingdom.... he will always be able to give because he possesses....

And therefore the gospel **only** teaches **love**, I Myself gave people the path which leads to Me, to eternal light.... The proclamation of profound truths would have been completely useless because only people willing to love would have understood them, whereas they would only have made others confused and unfree and yet would never have found acceptance, thus such knowledge would have been conveyed to people for no purpose at all.... but which they could gain at any time if only they fulfilled My commandments of love. No person will be denied knowledge which he desires. But people who live without love never desire the right knowledge, they fear the truth and don't want to hear it.... and therefore can never receive it until they change to love, which also results in a change of their knowledge. But without love there is no brightness of spirit, without love there is no knowledge

which corresponds to truth, and without love the pure truth is never recognized and therefore always rejected, which signifies spiritual darkness....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Gospel of love....

B.D. No. 6410

November 24th 1955

I can only proclaim the gospel of love to you.... for it is love which you lack but which you must irrevocably ignite and let flare up in you in order to have fellowship with Me, which guarantees you eternal beatitude. Love unites us, but unkindness keeps us apart.... If you now want to reach Me, if you want to be united with Me and remain forever, then this can only happen by shaping yourselves into love, by thus assimilating yourselves to My fundamental nature, by becoming again what you were in the beginning.... creatures emanating from My love of the same spiritual substance.... Yet no matter how much love is preached to you, you do not take these words seriously, precisely because without love you also lack any realization of what love actually means for your being.... You certainly know a love but it is wrongly directed, it is a desire for things which excite you, to which you give the word love.... But right love is a divine feeling, right love does not **desire** but constantly **gives** and constantly seeks to please.... Only when you humans ignite **this** love in yourselves do you inwardly move towards Me and seek to establish contact with Me, for unselfish activity of love is already an effect of My ray of love which again and again tries to touch you humans but is very often ineffective due to resistance.... But anyone who gives up his resistance is touched by My ray of love, and its effect is an incomparable urge of love in the heart which now impels you to activity.... And you humans first have to come to this love, then My gospel has been successful, then My teaching of love has been heard and has first broken the inner resistance.... And then I could send My ray of love into the human heart.... And the more insistently My teaching of love is proclaimed the sooner it is possible that the resistance will subside, for first you humans have to know of My will, which only ever demands love, only then will you comply with My demand.... positively or negatively.... for the benefit or to the detriment of the soul.... Love is the **first thing**.... and before further knowledge can be imparted to you, love will and must be preached to you, for without love you only possess dead knowledge, if it has nevertheless been presented to you.... Only love gives life to everything, it brings you alive, it brings My word alive, it enlightens your spirit and establishes unity with Me, Who is love Itself from eternity.... Everything the man Jesus taught on earth was only about love.... Everything He did were works of love for His fellow human beings, and His sacrifice on the cross was the expression of His overwhelming love for humanity.... Only love determined Jesus, the man, in His thinking, speaking and acting.... Only love drove Him to a work of mercy such as has only once been accomplished on earth.... For His love led to complete union with Me, and thus **I Myself** worked through the man Jesus, and **I Myself** therefore died on the cross because it was **love** Which sacrificed Itself for people.... Love has the greatest significance on earth as well as in the spiritual kingdom.... And if a being is without love then it cannot belong to the kingdom where I reign as the eternal love but places itself outside of this kingdom of Mine and vegetates in the absence of light and strength.... For love alone is light and strength. Love is the fundamental law which eternally cannot be overturned.... And whoever violates this fundamental law must also bear the consequences.... to be deprived of the light and strength which signify bliss.... This is why My gospel only ever teaches love. And where love is preached I Myself will be proclaimed, and if you open your heart and ear you will receive the greatest blessing from the proclamation of My word....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

I can only ever tell you the same thing I taught when I walked on earth, for you were only transferred to earth for the **sake** of one **purpose**: to ignite love in you and let it become the all-illuminating flame.... This is your aim in life, and I have pointed this aim out to you humans Myself, and you will always hear the same when I speak to you through My spirit.... It is always the teaching of love which I place before everything else, because without love no further knowledge is of any use to you, because without love you are lifeless and thus do not fulfil your purpose of earthly life. Yet people don't like to hear it when they are repeatedly admonished to love, for they feel that they lack precisely that which I first demand.... They are still strongly attached to self-love and would have to completely change their lives, their thoughts and actions if this self-love is to be turned into unselfish neighbourly love.... It means an inner struggle for people which is all the harder the more self-love dominates a person.... And even if I constantly preach love to them, even if they are pointed to it from all sides, this is not 'good news' to them, and therefore they mostly avoid the place where My teaching of love is proclaimed.... And thus My flock was only small at the time of My life on earth; there were only ever a few who followed Me because they recognized the profound truth which lay in My words.... And there will only ever be a few who now take My words to heart and put them into practice, who thus 'follow Me'.... Love means everything.... and its effect is unimaginable for you humans.... But you make no attempt to test the strength of love on yourselves, you attach too little importance to My words, and therefore I have to preach the same to you again and again: Live in love, for only through love can you become blessed.... As long as you humans do not fulfil this first and most important commandment you will not acknowledge Me either, even though you call yourselves christians, even though you speak My name. As long as you don't practice love yourselves you cannot recognize Me as your God and redeemer either, for you lack all understanding for it, you lack the strength of faith.... You have not yet become aware of what a **living** faith is and how you can gain this living faith, otherwise you would make an effort to perform works of love in order to attain a living faith, in order to now also be able to represent Me before the world with conviction. Unselfish love paves the way for you to ascend, and every labour of love is a step forward.... But then you will also be able to believe in Me with a living faith, and then you will also grasp the significance of My teaching of love and eagerly endeavour to proclaim this teaching of love in My name.... All knowledge is of no use to you if you humans do not have love. But you will attain deepest wisdom on the path of love. It is love which you humans lack and which you should kindle within yourselves, it is love which connects you with Me from Whom you kept yourselves separated for an infinitely long time.... Love is also the strength to resist the one who wants to keep you separated from Me.... Yet without love you are powerless, lightless and in His power. Love alone can save you, and therefore My word will only ever teach you love, and I will never stop sending this word of Mine to you in order to help you attain beatitude....

Amen

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Love the highest bid

The commandment of love as life's guiding principle....

B.D. No. 3755

April 29th 1946

You are unfailingly doing My will if you learn to love.... Let My commandment of love be your guiding principle for everything you do, think and say.... Then you will gain My favour and will be blessed, spiritually as well as worldly, in a manner that benefits your soul. You should not exclude anyone from your love nor refuse to help those who need your help. Then you, too, will discover the secret of eternal love which forever fills all of infinity with its strength, thus it can fill you to excess too so that you become a likeness of Me, as it is your goal on earth. Love has to be practised and for that reason I allow the great hardship on earth because it motivates people's actions of love, because hardship leaves countless people in need of help and gives other people the opportunity to help with compassion.

Therefore don't let your hearts become hardened, be aware of the hardship surrounding you and help where and as you can. Follow My example, Who eased spiritual and earthly suffering on earth, Who helped the weak and sick, Who lifted and healed their souls and bodies, Whose loving way of life has been an example to you and Who told you to follow it. Be merciful, peaceful, gentle and patient, humble with all your heart and righteous in thought and action. Practice these virtues since they are the result of love in your hearts.... thus you have to make an effort, you have to become aware of your faults and try to remove them, you have to banish all unkindness from your heart and strive towards the highest perfection. If you lack the strength to do this then you have the prayer at your disposal, the deeply felt connection with Me, which always guarantees you a supply of strength.... because I don't ignore any human being's distress, least of all his spiritual distress, I know every person's will and give his soul strength and help in accordance with this will.

Let My commandment of love be the guiding principle of your thoughts and actions and you shall fulfil My will on earth.... Don't harden your hearts as this is the greatest danger for you since then you will be entirely without strength from Me. But if you ask for My help you won't be asking in vain because My love for you is unchanging and takes hold of everyone who longs for it.... but as I do to you also do to other people, then your way of life will correspond to My will....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The commandment to love is the most important commandment....

B.D. No. 7115

May 8th 1958

One commandment has been given to you humans, the fulfilment of which is your sole purpose of life on earth.... the commandment of love for God and neighbour.... When the man Jesus lived on earth He declared this commandment to be the most important one, because people at that time completely ignored it, because they were so deeply rooted in selfish love that it paved the way for all vices and desires and thus they also developed in the most alarming way and also led to complete unbelief. And if people were to be helped, if they were to be led onto the right path and to firm faith in God, they first had to try to change their strongly developed self-love into neighbourly love, because **only love** meant salvation for their souls and because faith could also develop out of love and only then could an understanding for the significance of Jesus' act of salvation be expected.... Love is and remains the fundamental law from eternity.... But as soon as humanity is devoid of all love, it is also completely out of order and close to ruin. When Jesus walked the earth He knew about people's

spiritual low and also knew how to remedy this low.... And thus His mission consisted first of all of exemplifying a life of love to people and of using the resulting spiritual abilities again for the blessing of His fellow human beings, in order to also bring them help in earthly adversity and thereby also prove to them what strength love is.... And therefore He also constantly preached only love.... He sought to educate people into a right way of life, He wanted to bring them earthly and spiritual help at the same time because their state was a pitiful one which irrevocably plunged people into the abyss which they did not recognize in their blindness. So Jesus taught love.... And His gospel actually only consisted of that commandment of love for God and neighbour, for all references, all details, only ever referred to the rightly guided way of life which was clearly pointed out to them and which Jesus Himself visibly lived out to all people.... Nevertheless, the commandment of love for God and neighbour is not a 'commandment' in the true sense of the word.... For love cannot be 'commanded', it must be practiced in free will, it cannot be **replaced** by works which can also be done **without** love.... but in turn it will express itself in works, because love urges activity. Jesus therefore showed people on earth what is necessary if a person wants to acquire eternal life. But man himself must now kindle love in himself. It is not enough that he feigns love through works which certainly bring help to his neighbour.... he must feel the need to help his neighbour, only then will his self-love be violated, and only then will he thereby also prove his love for God.... But the human being can develop love within himself through initially mechanical works, the person who first fulfils the 'commandment' can also educate himself to love, and this is what the man Jesus sought to achieve through His gospel of love, for a pure ego man needs a bridge from his previous point of view to unselfish neighbourly love. He first has to be urged to help his neighbour until he will do so of his own accord, but then a slow change has already taken place which is now constantly progressing, as well as God Himself has now gained influence over him through love. Love for God and the neighbour is the greatest and most important commandment.... And therefore Jesus' teaching of love must always precede all teachings, because love is also the key to all further knowledge which remains incomprehensible to people without love.... Love is everything, and whoever has love, his fate is already sealed for all eternity. And where love is preached with all urgency, there the eternal love Itself will also be represented on earth, there the spirit of truth will also be, and there understanding for Jesus Christ's act of salvation and its significance will also be.... For love is also the light which illuminates the spirit of those who preach love and live in love themselves....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Divine love commandments.... right church of Christ....

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May 30th 1961

Wherever the gospel of love is preached the spirit from Me is also active, providing that the mouth does not merely speak dead words which are without spirit and life.... that the preacher only uses dead letters of which his heart knows nothing. Yet as soon as the gospel is proclaimed alive it is I Myself Who speaks through the preacher's mouth, and then the word will not remain without impression either, it will touch the hearts of the listeners again who are also alive and desire to be addressed by Me Myself. Where **love** is taught I can also intervene **Myself**, Who am love.... And where love is taught My vineyard labourers are also active to cultivate people's hearts and to supply them with divine seed, for the commandments of love are given by Me Myself, they are the most important commandments, the fulfilment of which results in an inconceivable blessing. Where love is taught the first thing is done in order to achieve a **living** faith which presupposes the fulfilment of those commandments.... and where there is living faith is My church which I Myself founded on earth.... And thus all people who live in **love** and **faith** belong to this church. Hence you need never ask which denomination or school of thought is the right one.... for every one can register members of My right church, because people can be found everywhere who live in love and thereby also attained a living faith.... And these again will have awakened their spirit in themselves to life and also stand in knowledge.... And this is the sign of belonging to My church, that My spirit works in them.... that a

bright light shines in them, that they are able to recognize the pure truth and therefore also reject error, that they are also certain of their judgment because My spirit itself instructs them and kindles that bright light for them. And thus true representatives of truth will also emerge from every denomination or school of thought. And those who are of the same spirit will come together.... And these will be happy when they find each other, when they gather and feel Me Myself in their midst, as I have promised. For they will feel My presence because I Myself express Myself through the spirit of those who bear witness to Me, who come together to exchange spiritual information. These are therefore alive in faith and also alive in their actions, for once they have recognized Me, which My spirit achieves in them, they will also eagerly stand up for Me; their predominantly spiritually directed life will become recognizable and inspire their fellow human beings to also look for the right life which, however, can only arise through a life of love. Love is everything.... Without love every spiritual organisation is just a dead building, because the members determine the life of this organisation. They must practice love, they must fulfil the divine commandments of love, only then will they come to life and never lose this life again. Therefore, every person should only ever try to increase his degree of love, he should not be satisfied with external actions and the fulfilment of humanly decreed commandments.... he should only pay attention to My divine commandments of love, he should remember that **I** only gave these two commandments of love for God and his neighbour when I lived on earth, and he should know that everything else results from the fulfilment of these commandments: a living faith, profound spiritual knowledge, enlightened thinking and the supply of divine strength in order to be able to successfully cover the path of earthly life.... For the aim is the union with Me, the complete **unification**, which, however, can only be achieved by **love**. For I Myself **am** love, and whatever wants to unite with Me must have completely shaped itself into love. This is so simple and understandable that love has to be lived first, that the commandments of love truly have to be called the most important and that therefore My church is only built on love and the faith which has come alive through love.... Thus only ever endeavour to live in love and know that I am present wherever My gospel of love is proclaimed....

Amen

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Living out the divine commandments of love....

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You are all called upon to live on earth in accordance with My divine commandments of love, because no person can reach perfection on earth if he ignores these commandments of love. And therefore you should all listen to the gospel which My disciples bring to you, because it contains the divine commandments of love and because you will only receive inner light when you fulfil them. Before that you live on earth completely ignorant, and you only strive for worldly knowledge which, however, does not ensure any ascent. Only when spiritual knowledge is granted to you, when you gain insight into a spiritual realm, will you live a conscious life, and I want to open up this spiritual realm for you but I can only do so if you first kindle a light of love within yourselves, and this, in turn, is the **result** of a life of love on this earth. You don't believe how important the commandments of love are to be taken; you don't believe that they have to be fulfilled first if your soul is to develop progressively. But the soul only lives on earth as a human being in order to reach perfection, in order to mature, in order to change itself into love and to reach its original state again.... And this can only happen through loving activity, through the fulfilment of My commandments which demand love for Me and for the neighbour. And this is why My gospel will be proclaimed to you humans time and again, this is why My word will be conveyed to you time and again, because I will not cease to admonish you and explain to you how extremely important it is to comply with My word, which will only ever stimulate you into loving activity. Your imperfection, your shortcoming, only consists of the fact that you lack the strength of love, that your life on earth is determined by self-love, that you only ever think of yourselves and have no understanding for your fellow human being's adversity, that a certain indifference towards your spiritual earthly task exists and determines your way of life.... For all

your wanting and thinking is only earthly directed and only aims at helping the body to feel comfortable, yet you ignore the soul because you do not acquire the strength it needs through loving activity.... And thus your earthly life will only ever remain idle.... and no matter how many earthly goods you acquire and possess they are transient and you cannot take them with you into the kingdom of the beyond if you have to give up earthly life. As long as your soul has to live in want you will not fulfil your purpose of earthly life. And you should only make an attempt and **practise** love.... For once you should not expect any self-benefit but completely unselfishly accept your neighbour in his adversity.... And you will feel a blissful feeling which earthly fulfilled wishes cannot give you.... For your neighbour will show you love again which will make you happy, and truly, a little light has been kindled in you.... For this reason love is also constantly preached to you, because you should be stimulated, for as soon as you try it will not remain an attempt, you will feel inwardly urged to renew your activity of love, because every work of love signifies an influx of spiritual strength for you which you will use again to work in love.... For this is the blessing of every work of love, that the human being's will is strengthened, because love always provides strength. Anyone who proclaims the gospel of love, who tries to motivate his fellow human beings to be unselfishly active in love.... and who also sets a good example himself by exemplifying a life of love to his fellow human beings, which will always be felt charitably by all people around him, can be certain of My blessing. Know that love is a great strength, that you can all make your lives much easier if you use the strength of love, which will also help you to have a living faith, and then you will also have escaped all danger.... For love and faith are the foundations of My church, which I Myself founded on earth; then you will also belong to this church of Mine and you will also regain the knowledge you had lost due to your apostasy from Me, which consisted of you rejecting love.... that you turned away from Me without any love.... Only when love fills your heart again will you be able to unite with Me again, and then your purpose of earthly life will be fulfilled. Therefore listen to My messengers and don't reject them when they proclaim the gospel of love to you, for I send them to all of you who still walk through earthly life without light and love.... Listen to them and seek to live out My word which they bring to you, and truly, you will gain much, and your earthly progress will not have been in vain if your soul leaves the body and enters the kingdom of the beyond, which is your true home....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

What about in the world? - Cooled love

Unwritten law.... Love has grown cold....

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June 2nd 1944

It is an unwritten law that people should help each other, that the strong should help the weak, that adversity and misery should be alleviated and that everyone should give what the other person needs. And this unwritten law is no longer adhered to because earthly authorities do not sanction it. People only comply with what is forcibly demanded of them, and this is no act of neighbourly love, even though it is presented as kind-hearted activity. Only what a person does out of profound love and mercy for his fellow human being can be regarded by God as an act of neighbourly love. However, this inner impetus is missing in people because they no longer know love. Even the support they are expected to give to their fellow human being are activities which lack the true guiding principle.... This is lawfully applied love, not the kind of love God had demanded of people, as it should be in order to shape God-like humans who will find the unification with God again. And yet, God has placed this law into people's hearts, for every person knows how he should behave in order to live a God-pleasing life on earth. However, the inner voice impelling him is hushed up, it is not listened to, and its admonitions gradually fade out until it is completely silent. And even if God's servants preach love to people, even if the blessing or harm of their way of life is made clear to them, they ignore these admonitions as well, they are only interested in their own wellbeing and go past their fellow human beings, their weakness and helplessness, unmoved, they are inwardly dead, the spark of love is smothered, they deteriorate into heartlessness and hatred and are capable of any actions which cause harm to other people's body and soul. This state will not change anymore; it will not change for the better unless God forcefully manifests Himself, unless He raises His voice so loudly that people will be overcome by fear and horror and seriously take stock of themselves and reconsider their way of life. They will not listen to the voice of the believers and of their own accord they cannot return to the path love. And since He does not want people to go astray who merely need an impetus in order to take stock of themselves, God Himself will appear. Love may not be excluded in life or humanity will approach total destruction. For once love has grown cold, God will be infinitely far away from the being He once brought into existence from His love. Heartlessness, however, withdraws all strength from the being, and thus people will steer towards the abyss, towards destruction, if they disregard love, which is the fundamental substance of the divine work of creation. Where love does not exist, God cannot be present.... But God is the Preserver of all things, and without Him and His strength His works of creation will dissolve, including the Earth and with it every creature, as soon as love disappears from it, as soon as the human being has become so heartless that God will withdraw His love from him, because as pure Love He can only be present where love exists....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Signs of the end: cooled love....

B.D. No. 5687

May 29th 1953

This shall announce to you the near end, that love has grown cold amongst people, that a completely godless state prevails, for God cannot be where there is no love, and the word 'God' is also spoken. Without love, however, the world is Satan's kingdom who has taken possession of all these people who are devoid of all love, just as he is himself. And they will also speak and act as he wants, for they are under his influence and are also considered by him on earth.... They have their reward there.... However, a terrible fate awaits them when they leave this earth. Yet everything shall

still be tried on the unloving people in order to achieve a change of nature.... Love shall also be preached to them, if not with words then by example.... they shall recognize that love is a strength which overcomes what seems insurmountable. For the end is near, and just as on the one hand the spiritual decay is clearly recognizable which is the cause of unkindness, so on the other hand it will also be clearly noticeable how the spirit of love overcomes everything, how visibly God assists those who are united with Him through a life of love, Who is truly stronger than His adversary and also demonstrates His might and strength. Love has grown cold amongst people, and thus people are also detached from God, they are so distant from Him and without strength but they compensate for their spiritual lack of strength with the help of the one who is from below.... Who provides them with strength because they are too willing for Him, thus they return to the one from whom they should finally detach themselves in earthly life in order to be accepted by God into His kingdom. Anyone who lives without love wastes his life, for he enters the kingdom of the beyond dead in spirit. It is commendable to work on these souls, for the work can be successful if it is accompanied by a good example, if fellow human beings can see the peace and strength which lies in living faith and is the result of a life of unselfish neighbourly love. The end is near and therefore every soul should still be fought for, the gospel should be proclaimed to every soul but not all want to accept it when it is preached to them in words.... But a good example will be heeded and can also bring success, for God will visibly help those who are faithful to Him and also prove their love to Him through a life of love....

Amen

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Self-love and lack of loving

Selfish love.... Not much willingness for redemptive work....

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March 18th 1942

It can be said that there is not much willingness to accomplish redemptive work on earth since, due to their way of life, people have increased their distance from God and this ever expanding distance also signifies constantly greater weakness of will. But the distance from God also signifies lack of knowledge, and therefore the human being does not realise the necessity and the blessing of redemptive work; he is unaware of the consequences in the beyond and thus does nothing to reduce the state of being far-away from God. This is a certain constraint of will, for although the human being's will is free, the opponent nevertheless still exerts great power over him, namely, when a person's way of life does not correspond to divine commandments. The human being certainly has freedom of will, insofar that he can act and think as he likes.... because he can neither be forced by the evil power nor does God force him in any way.... But if he is evil-minded, then he voluntarily turns to the one who had once abused his will, and the latter will also take possession of the person's will who turns to him. Then it will be difficult for a person to use his free will, and this becomes increasingly more difficult the more power he grants God's adversary over himself. If a person wants to release himself from his power and also wants to release others or help them to do so, he must comply with divine will and, first of all, practise love. After all, love is the strength which counters the opponent, who has become totally heartless. Every work of love liberates the human being, since he detaches himself from the one who wanted to revoke God's order, who did not acknowledge God as the eternal Love and whose power goes hand in hand with absolute heartlessness. Redemptive work is therefore any work whose driving force is love. But nowadays people's every activity is determined by selfish love.... Each person only thinks of his own advantage in his work, yet the desire to help his fellow human beings with it is only rarely present. This is why little spiritual success comes from such work. Were people more connected to God their selfish love would constantly lessen and their love for other people would grow to the same extent. Then a person would feel urged from within to accomplish works of love.... he would only ever want to help and completely liberate himself from the control of the merciless control. However, since the will for redemptive work is only seldom to be found, the opponent has great power on earth. And this manifests itself such that he impels people into ever greater heartlessness and that they follow him willingly and almost surpass each other with works of destruction and feelings of hatred and revenge. And this consistently increases the distance from God until they are completely subject to the influence of evil again which would result in total spiritual ruin were God not to use His power and put to a stop to it.... He will once again revoke His adversary's power over the spiritual beings by banishing them into matter again for an infinitely long time to come....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Heartlessness.... The world's battle against the teaching of love....

B.D. No. 2445

August 10th 1942

Humanity's conduct cannot be reconciled with the teaching of Christ, for this requires actions of love, people's relationships with each other should be like that of brothers. But at the present time all people face each other with hostility, outwardly often united yet in their hearts only ever bearing their own advantage in mind and regarding their fellow human being as an opponent, because they either feel harmed or disadvantaged by him. The human race is completely devoid of love and

therefore also opposed to Christianity, opposed to the divine teaching of love, which it no longer wants to comply with. For it requires effort to practise love, it requires a separation from material things, a shelving of one's own wishes and cravings; it signifies a sacrifice of that which is dear to a person.... Selfish love must be fought against; the human being must educate himself to become modest to enable him to help his fellow human being by giving to him what he gives up. This sacrifice can only be made out of love and therefore love must be practised.... Yet only rarely will a person make this sacrifice for his fellow human beings.... Each person only thinks of himself, this is why he finds the teaching of Christ inconvenient and supports people's intentions to eradicate it.... Where heartlessness exists, the battle against the divine teaching of love will be waged without hesitation. And this heartlessness is widespread throughout the world, people outdo each other with brutalities they inflict upon their fellow human beings, and thus the whole world can be held responsible for the immense world event which purely arose from humanity's heartlessness and which results in ever greater cruelty and must therefore be described as the activity of hell, as the activity of demonic forces. And yet, people do not recognise their low spiritual level. They only look at the purely external consequences of the world event and not at the spiritual state of those whose great heartlessness also incites their fellow human beings to act with unkindness. And as long as this deplorable state of affairs is not recognised, it cannot be remedied either; as long as the human being does not recognise heartlessness as the greatest evil he will not make any effort to live a life of love, i.e., he will not treat his fellow human being with kindness.... And neither will he approve of Christ's teaching, he will reject it, because his compliance with it will not gain him any earthly advantage. However, he will also act accordingly.... love will be pushed aside again and only result in greater heartlessness.... One person will endeavour to destroy the other without inhibition, he will no longer be able to distinguish between right and wrong and thus exceed himself in bitterness and cruelty, and all love will grow cold, lowering the spiritual level to the extreme, and a world without love cannot survive, it is doomed to destruction and with it everything which does not strive to redeem itself through love....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Spiritual low level.... Lovelessness.... Selfish love....

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December 31th 1963

The greatest evidence of humanity's spiritual low level is lovelessness, which is evident amongst people everywhere. Selfish love has steadily increased and hardly anyone is practicing neighbourly love anymore, hence there also has to be a profane state on earth, a state of activity by evil forces, where God's adversary always has the upper hand and people are his willing subjects. The spiritual darkness is getting increasingly worse, rays of light are only seldom recognisable and even frequently feigned by deceptive lights without strength of radiance.... Judging by people's degree of love the time of the end has clearly arrived....

An obvious decline can be detected, people are firmly attached to matter, they only value their body and its comfort, earthly success and an increase of earthly commodities. They do not believe the fact that their souls are suffering extreme hardship since they do not believe in the soul's life after death, indeed, they frequently even deny having a soul. They cannot be forced into a different mode of thinking, their free will has to be respected, but accordingly they also prepare their own fate after their death.

And anyone who observes what is happening in the world, in his immediate neighbourhood, also knows that this state cannot continue forever because it is getting worse from day to day, because people's greed for matter continues to grow, because no spiritual aspiration can be noticed and because every situation will eventually come to an end if it does not correspond to divine order.

People no longer serve each other, everyone wants to rule instead and be served at the same time, everyone wants from the other what he enjoys but no-one is willing to do the same in return.... There is no love, people's hearts are hardened, and there are only ever a few people willing to help in times

of need.... And this is the small flock, for once the will to love becomes active it will establish the bond with Eternal Love. And This will not leave a person again, who voluntarily performs labours of love.

You humans do not know the blessings of loving deeds.... you do not know how much easier you could travel your earthly path if only you would practice love and thereby receive consistently more for your soul, but also receive what you need for earthly life. But heartless humanity lacks this knowledge, everyone just looks after himself, and everyone tries to get whatever he can out of life and forgets that his hour of death is unknown to him, that he can pass away at any time and take nothing he owns into the beyond, but that he will arrive bare and miserable on the other side. For he has nothing to show for his soul which he had starved in earthly life but which is all he has left now and which enters the spiritual kingdom in desperate poverty. And this heartless state of people cannot result in the slightest spiritual progress. However, since the soul only lives on earth as a human being for the purpose of maturing, but this purpose is not fulfilled, a powerful intervention by God has to take place, a sharp reprimand and reminder, so that a few people will reconsider the purpose of their earthly life and change themselves before the earth's last stage begins which will not last long until the end.

People take no notice of God's gentle voice through strokes of fate, disasters and all kinds of accidents, through the Word of God from above, and thus they have to be spoken to with a louder voice, and blessed, who wants to hear God's voice and takes it to heart, for even then there will be many people who don't want to recognise Him when he speaks to them through the elements of nature with tremendous strength.... They, too, will not be forced but able to make a decision of free will, nevertheless they will be spared the worst, the recurrent banishment into hard matter, if they still find and take the path to God, if they still acknowledge Him and call upon Him for mercy....

But then the end will have come, for the earth will no longer fulfil its purpose, it will no longer be used by the souls as a place to mature, it will merely be utilized for the body, and everyone will elevate himself to a ruler of the world and cause the greatest destructions himself in the belief to control all laws of nature and thus also to experiment with impunity, which then will lead to the final destruction of earth.

But this is what people themselves want, and thus it will come to pass as it is proclaimed in Word and Scripture: a new heaven and a new earth will arise and divine order will be re-established, so that the return of the souls to God can continue, as it is intended in His eternal plan of Salvation....

Amen

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World love

Love of the world.... Serious admonition....

B.D. No. 5517

October 26th 1952

People don't want to relinquish the world and so they try to make compromises which I, however, cannot accept. No-one can serve two masters.... especially not when both are entirely opposite in their nature. And thus, the world with all its pleasures and attractions is completely opposite to what you humans should strive for.... the spiritual kingdom, whose Lord I Am and will remain. You certainly live in the midst of the world but only in order to prove yourselves, in order to learn to overcome it, and not in order to savour it to the full and to satisfy your every corporeal wish, for then you will leave your soul dissatisfied to the same extent. You count on a natural decline of your cravings and wishes as you get older and think that you will still find enough time to consider your soul.... But do you know how long you will live on earth? Do you know whether you will experience old age according to your will? Have you any idea how poor and wretched you will enter the kingdom of the beyond were you to be recalled suddenly? Consequently, it is unwise to defer what is most important in earthly life to an uncertain time and thus you should realise that worldly pleasure, an earthly satisfying life on this earth, cannot be right in My eyes, otherwise you would not have to take into account that every day could be your last one. Every person with only a little faith in Me and a continuation of life after death will feel uncomfortable if he thinks about his sudden death, because he knows that he does not live in accordance with My will, but instead he silences himself with the world and its pleasures. Only total unbelievers have no second thoughts or qualms of conscience of any kind by getting out of the world whatever they can.... They have long quelled their indwelling silent admonisher which still makes his voice heard in those who are not without faith. My Words are intended for the latter to bear in mind that the world will not give them anything of lasting value for eternity, that they cannot take anything which seems desirable to them on earth along into the spiritual kingdom. They should bear in mind that they ought to detach themselves from worldly things and that they can easily do this if they develop the love within themselves.... Then they will find nothing desirable anymore if it belongs to the one who is My adversary and therefore devoid of all love.... Love will give a person the right realisation regarding the value and worthlessness of things, love alone is the counteracting force to the world, for anyone in possession of love makes contact with the Eternal Love and **This** becomes the goal of his wishes and cravings, the world will grow pale and no longer exert an attraction, the soul will receive more attention than the body, the human being will learn to overcome the world and live a meaningful and appropriate life on earth and need not fear a sudden recall either, for the soul will have found the path which leads to its true home....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Attitudes of worldly people to the gospel....

B.D. No. 6041

September 2nd 1954

You will not transform the worldly people, no matter how much knowledge you have at your disposal. They do not recognize it and persist in their attitude towards life and God.... Bringing the gospel to worldly people will only be successful when they have recognized that their aim is only transient and that suddenly all earthly striving seems useless to them.... Then your words will also resonate and make them think, and then there will be a possibility that they will have the desire for lasting good and that they will seriously consider the state after death. That is why it is often a blessing when such people are hit by great losses, when the transience of earthly things and also of the

human being himself is brought home to them. It is an apparent misfortune which deprives people of their possessions, very often the very circumstance which helps a person to change his thinking and guides him into a completely different path. And especially in the end time this means of violence will often have to be used, and therefore many people will still be considerably affected.... Earthly opportunities for success will vanish, the sudden death of fellow human beings will cause pain and horror, natural disasters or accidents will destroy earthly possessions.... In every way people will be presented with the transience of what they desire and set as their earthly aim.... And individuals will learn from this, they will abandon their earthly endeavours and only use their strength to achieve spiritual success.... But there will only ever be a few, because the lord of the world blinds the others and arouses their desires, so that they now chase after earthly treasures even more bitterly and are also supported by him the more they become addicted to him. Preaching the gospel to these is fruitless.... But it is about the few who can still be saved, and that is why attempts are to be made everywhere, especially in times where decay and transience are obvious. For it is only ever a matter of turning people's eyes away from matter and towards the spiritual, and this is possible when he is affected by losses of all kinds.... And in the coming time humanity will still be greatly shaken, for much must still be taken from it so that it will learn to recognize the worthlessness of that which fills all its thoughts and aspirations....

Amen

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Opponent action

False Christs and false prophets....

B.D. No. 4977

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And false Christs and false Prophets will come after Me, but do not believe them, even if they perform signs and miracles. I already informed you on earth of the machinations of those who misrepresented My pure teaching and introduced themselves as saviours of the world, who preached under the guise of piety and yet were anything but My followers. For they were not interested in love for Me and their neighbour, instead, they were only interested in power. False Christs and prophets only ever appeared for a purpose which was far removed from My will. They certainly preached the shaping into love but the preachers themselves did not strive for it, and so their words lost strength and truth, consequently, they could not be true prophets and proclaim Me accurately to people, even though they mentioned My name and used Me time and again for the sake of pursuing a purpose. This could only be followed by a time of confusion, a time when I was no longer properly recognised, even by people with better intentions. For the words of those proclaiming the Gospel no longer contained My spirit, now people were **governed** by a worldly spirit instead of being lovingly guided in My will on the right path to Me, the spirit of the Antichrist was already strongly represented and the fruits of his activity became evident: Distortion of My teaching of love, greed for power, pride, deluded thinking towards those who lived according to My will and to whom I was able to reveal Myself. These revelations meant nothing to them, they were suppressed because they undermined what people had built up, because they were the pure truth which the latter could not abide by, since they lived for the world and had worldly aspirations.... Anyone who seriously turned away from the world and towards Me also soon recognised the error and the danger it signified for humanity. However, anyone who does not recognise it has therefore fallen prey to the one who governs the world, who is My adversary and wants to corrupt people. False Christs and false prophets will arise.... Every person who does not know the truth has fallen prey to a false Christ, because he allowed himself to be misled by his apparently divine speeches, which lacked truth because the preacher himself did not live a life of love and therefore did not know the truth. Nevertheless, he portrayed himself as My representative and threatened them with temporal and eternal punishments.... He is a disgraceful prophet, for he thereby distorts My teaching of love, he falsely testified to Me, as I Am not a God of wrath but a God of love instead.... He neither speaks the truth nor is he able to speak it because he does not possess it.... Therefore he instructs people wrongly and yet educates them in the belief of knowing the only truth. My reference to false Christs and prophets mainly concerns teachers who spread errors amongst their fellow human beings, because they speak in My name and yet do not testify to Me correctly. But I want to highlight their activity and denounce their misguided teachings.... I want to help people of good will to gain realisation.... I want to send bearers of light amongst people who are authorised to speak in My name because I have chosen them Myself.... who are also capable of speaking in My name because I Am instructing them Myself. These will very certainly be recognisable as My messengers, as true bringers of light, and no-one of good will and who hates life will be able to call them false prophets. Only someone who wants to hold on to errors will not acknowledge them and portray them as Satan's emissaries, because he avoids the light. The world is approaching the end, and thus more false prophets will appear, but in the same way My messengers will also emerge as their adversaries, so that people will recognise the value and worthlessness of both if they want to put them to the test. Where false Christs and prophets are spoken of, genuine ones must also exist, and these are very recognisable, for they enlighten people and announce the Last Judgment. In contrast, the false ones confuse people and teach them to live, but not according to My will but for their own pleasure instead. Genuine prophets proclaim My Word in its purest form, the false ones use My Word as well,

yet they always pursue earthly goals with it, trying to attain advantages, power and riches. Anyone who receives from Me will pass it on to his fellow human beings without demanding a reward for it, but those who ask for payment have not received the gift they distribute from **Me**. This, too, is a sign by which false Christs and prophets can be recognised, for spiritual gifts are priceless treasures which may never be valued in an earthly way or they will judge the one who allows himself to be paid for them. For every gift shall be distributed with love, even more so spiritual gifts, which My love has intended for people and conveys to them time and again so that they will be saved....

Amen

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Fight of the prince of darkness against light....

B.D. No. 8662

November 2nd 1963

That again and again the wall of faith is shaken is not allowed to surprise you, My servants on earth, because My opponent will fight against truth more and more furiously and seek to put out the light, through which his true nature is revealed. You are not allowed to forget that he knows how short his time still is, and that is why his work is particularly frightening; that is why he will seek to intervene everywhere and disguise himself with the garment of an angel of light; he will as it were appear as a servant chosen by Me to lead men astray who believe in his calling. You have no idea where you can find him everywhere, for he sneaks in where only an existing error gives him the opportunity.... Where error is, is also his area, and there he can rule men and lead them deeper and deeper into error. You men can protect yourselves against it when you just devote yourselves to Me intimately, when you entrust yourselves to Me and ask for protection from him. But often you yourselves do not recognize the danger; you think to be standing high above error and yet are spiritually blinded, because exactly this overestimation of oneself is already spiritual arrogance, which offers the adversary the best possibility to slip in.... Again and again I call out to you all: Be alive in your faith.... don't flatten yourselves and don't let 'worship' become a habit which suffocates all life, for this is the great danger of those who believe themselves called to be leaders of their fellow human beings, that they themselves satisfy all forms and are inwardly far removed from the right, living bond with Me, which only gives them the right to count themselves as My sheep, who then also hear My voice and recognize it as the father's voice. Know it that I demand a living faith from every single man, that I do not let Myself be satisfied with a dead faith.... but that the inner living connection with Me must be established in the quiet chamber, that no public events are necessary for this, because these will again only reduce the devotion, but not increase it, as you wrongly assume it. "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them...." Remember this promise, and shut yourselves off completely from the world, and only when you preach to them the gospel of love, then gather your congregation around you, but refrain from all outward acts and customs, and seek only to establish an intimate relationship with Me.... the relationship of a child with its father.... and truly, then I Myself will be with you and guide your thoughts correctly, and you will also recognize truth as truth but error as error. Do not fall into states of ecstasy; be sober and always only turned towards Me in intimate love, and truly, you will then also work for the blessing of all those to whom you bring My gospel. But beware of being at My adversary's beck and call when he demands that you **refrain** from demonstrating love. Then you will always recognize him as the exit, who is the enemy of all life and who wants to prevent that you find back to Me, because you can only unite with Me again through love.... Therefore **everything** love impels you to do must correspond to **My will** and be blessed by Me.... If therefore a restriction is imposed on you men in love activity, if you are hindered in prayer for the deceased or for your fellowmen, then you know from whom these regulations or teachings start, and then you also know that he still controls you when you comply with his desire.... After all, it must be obvious and clear to you that no restriction will ever be imposed on you from Me in your activity of love, and every loving, intercessory thought will be pleasing to Me and have an effect as strength which the being receives to which the loving request is directed.... Should you men therefore bypass this most important commandment of love, then you must

nevertheless clearly recognize **who** stands behind it, who presents such false teachings to you, and you must defend yourselves against him and his influence, by you joining yourselves all the more closely to Me, Who will truly also protect you from him. But know that you men **yourselves** allow him his work because you have already become too closely associated with him. You allow him too many rights over you, and he makes good use of them, so that you now can detach yourselves from him with difficulty. But powerless is he against love.... Live a life of love yourselves, prove your unselfish love for your neighbour, always carry all those in need on earth and in the beyond in loving intercession, and the adversary will no longer be able to approach you, for he is powerless against love.... Yet do not fear him, since I am also his lord, but intimately hand yourselves over to Me, and in the bond with Me the complete detachment from the one who is My and your adversary will also take place....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Ecclesiastical errors

Peter's successors.... Ecclesiastical-secular power....

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Read the Bible and you will see that the spirit of truth has been pushed aside in a most obvious way. God's Word has been withheld from you so that those of you who are looking for truth shall not recognise it. The records are carefully maintained but to what extent these records comply with Christ's teaching is not scrutinised. And how often has the divine Word been changed, how often has God's Word been wrongly interpreted and how rarely was the wrong interpretation objected to. This deception of humanity cannot be emphasized often enough; after all, it has been the cause of all divisions and religious conflicts. When Jesus lived on earth He spoke about the kingdom of God, about a kingdom which is not of this world.... He did not speak about a worldly power, nor did He speak about an ecclesiastical power, about an organisation, He did not speak about men who were meant to rule His Own on behalf of God either.... He merely said to His disciples 'Go and teach all nations....' He gave them the task to instruct people in His teaching of love and He promised His assistance if they remained in His spirit.... For as soon as they taught love they had to live within love themselves, thus the Lord Himself, Who is love, was with them. But where love rules all dominating control is unnecessary.... where love rules one person serves the other and where love rules commandments are superfluous unless the commandment of love given by God Himself is preached to people. Anything that teaches love complies with divine will, but the addition of further commandments is not in accordance with God's will because the basis of any command is a dominant force.... But people should live together like brothers, they should merely submit to God's will if they want to acquire the kingdom of God. By no means should they rebel against the worldly power which God has indeed appointed for the sake of keeping order where it is violated, however, His kingdom is not of this world....

He alone is Lord and Master in His kingdom, and He certainly needs no one on earth to represent Him and exercise their power over other people. But which Word of the Lord during His life on earth specifies such power?

(26.01.1942) He has lived a life of love, He gave love and taught love.... True love, however, excludes the need to rule.... The stronger should not rule the weaker even where the fulfilment of divine commandments had been taught. Because an enforced action is not to be very highly valued, regardless of how noble and good it is. Not until a person uses his free will are these actions done before God. And thus God only demands the human being's free will. But at no time are people on earth entitled to add their own commandments to the divine commandments. And even less may people be obliged to obey these commandments by threat of temporal or eternal punishment. For then a commandment would be observed to avoid punishment, which otherwise would have been ignored. Thus the fulfilment of such commandments cannot possibly have great value before God and for eternity. When Christ's disciples complied with His instructions and spread the Gospel throughout the world God's activity was clearly visible because in the name of Jesus they healed the sick, they expelled evil spirits and performed miracles in order to reaffirm what they were teaching. God's spirit was with and within them; everything they achieved was the divine working of the spirit. They proclaimed the teaching of Christ, the divine teaching of love, and simultaneously exemplified love to their fellow human beings. Thus, they eliminated the desire to rule, for they were like brothers among themselves and served each other with love. This was the office Jesus Christ gave to his disciples for their future work.... He did not appoint one of the apostles as a person in charge, as a leader to whom all should succumb. However, what developed at a later time completely differed from what the Lord

Himself stood for. An ecclesiastical-secular power came into being that also structured every commandment of love, which no longer corresponded to what Jesus Christ Himself had taught the people. Although servitude in love was demanded, it was no longer practiced by them. And this was of most decisive significance because what Jesus had condemned during His life on earth surfaced again.... people were commanded to do what they should have done voluntarily. And reputable men of distinction called themselves successors of the apostles who had met the duties of their office in greatest poverty.... and a structural establishment displaying enormous splendour called itself the only beatifying church, which Jesus Christ had supposedly installed with the words 'You are Peter, the rock....'

(27.01.1942) These words were interpreted thus by people who desired power; but these words do not by any means allow for the interpretation that Peter is the founder of an ecclesiastical power and that the heads of this church are the successors of the apostles.... those very apostles who, without status and distinction, only proclaimed the Gospel, the divine teaching of love, to the world. Peter was the most devout of them and Jesus emphasized his strong belief with the words 'You are Peter, the rock, on this rock I will build My church.' He calls the community of believers His church, because those who want to acquire God's kingdom have to join together with innermost faith and thus constitute His church. Such is His will, and He expressed this will with those words. However, it is not His will that eminent and exalted dignitaries should believe themselves to be the head of such a community and thus also exercise their power.... that untold customs and ceremonies let the truly essential part become unimportant; i.e. that due to the countless formalities, which are given too much merit, the divine teaching of love remains unnoticed, and that therefore the apostles' real task of spreading the Gospel throughout the world is no longer recognised. There can indeed also be men after God's heart amongst those rulers, and God will truly not deny His spirit and His mercy to them, but then their wisdom is not the result of their position or the exalted office they fill but due to their right way before God.... These then are Peter's true successors because they are strong in faith, and from the strength of faith they draw wisdom, for then they are like a rock from whence the living water comes forth.... Then they are true representatives of the church of Christ, which is the community of believers....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

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

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I once sent My disciples out into the world; thus they were to proclaim My will, My gospel of love. And I instructed them during My life on earth, I Myself exemplified a life of love to them and thus enabled My disciples to be true proclaimers of My divine teaching of love. They were to present the urgency of a life of love to people and also make the effects of such understandable to them, and therefore the disciples also had to be able to prove in **themselves** what they proclaimed to their fellow human beings about it: They had to possess unusual strength and knowledge themselves so that people would recognize the truth of My teaching and then strive to attain perfection themselves. And the first disciples also had unusual strength and knowledge because My spirit was able to fill them, for they had been redeemed through My sacrificial death on the cross, and through their love they were in intimate contact with Me.... It will now also be understandable to you that only **those** can be called My true disciples and followers of those disciples who also provide the evidence of being filled by My spirit, who also draw unusual strength from Me through a life of love and most intimate contact with Me and have truthful knowledge at their disposal which they received from Me Myself.... It will be understandable to you that not everyone can call himself a follower of My disciples who was given an office by **people** which only **I** can bestow, because I know every person's state of maturity and will and therefore also **who** I choose for such an office.... The 'priesthood' cannot be conferred by people, it is an office which **I** alone have to decide upon, because people are unable to judge the inner maturity and will of the person they appoint to such an office.... And thus you will often find true 'priests', i.e.

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

Amen

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Unification of ecclesiastical organisations?.... Spoilt teachings....

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As long as people cannot decide to cleanse the Christian doctrine of all human additions, as long as every single denomination does not have the sincere will to embrace the fullest truth and to remove every error, no agreement of the churches will take place because the various denominations can only meet within pure truth and only then will they be united. However, no group is willing to renounce any of its spiritual knowledge and, above all, usually persists with the misguided teachings since they are unable to differentiate by themselves as long as they are merely governed by their intellect. And, remarkably, no school of thought endorses and solely accepts knowledge gained through the 'working of the spirit'.... God's working within the human being.... instead they deem the product of human intellect more valuable and are unable to dissociate themselves from it. Hence the attribute of the church which I Myself founded on earth is rarely found as proof of credibility and truth of what is preached. The ecclesiastical organisations lack that very aspect which guarantees the truth or they would all meet at the same truth and any disagreement would be eliminated.

And thus it has to be stated to humanity's greatest regret that the pure truth can no longer be found where one would expect to receive spiritual knowledge.... It has to be said that merely a thin thread connects everything when the commandments of love for God and one's neighbour are taught.... although this faintly glowing teaching material could still suffice to make truth accessible to the people since compliance with these commandments of love also guarantees 'God's working in the human being', who is then taught from within, thus he is certainly able to differentiate between truth and error.... But only the teaching of love has survived as divine teaching material, consequently every human being has the opportunity to live within truth as long as he complies with this teaching. Then

he will also know that everything else is human work which only leads to wrong concepts that they are mere earthly expressions of what is spiritually demanded of people by God. However, people do not have the will to thoroughly cleanse the structure which they themselves have erected in the state of spiritual blindness....

No school of thought desists from its doctrines and rules and each one remains a purely secular affair as long as they advocate external customs and practices which can only be regarded as symbols which lack the true interpretation.... And yet they are all fully convinced of their own school of thought, and precisely this is the tragedy, because in doing so they show their heartless attitude which prevents them from recognising the truth.... as well as their indifference and their irresponsibility towards their souls. For every human being living within love will value truth too highly not to seriously ensure that he is living in truth. And merely a sincere question and request for it would result in enlightenment. But where can one find doubts concerning the truth among those who have made themselves leaders of people, who took on and are in charge of a teaching ministry themselves?.... Where, on the whole, is serious desire for truth still to be found? Why doesn't anyone raise the most important question 'What is truth? Do I possess it myself?....' Everyone upholds with certain obstinacy what he has adopted himself without forming his own opinion.... He believes himself to be 'devout' by accepting everything without a word of protest about what was conveyed to him by other people.... He shakes off all personal responsibility, he neither uses his own intellect nor his heart to examine the accuracy of what he in turn is supposed to endorse again.... He himself sins against the spirit, because the spirit is within him and only wants to be awakened by love in order to be able to express itself. And this in a manner which will give him light and clarity so that he will become truly wise because he may receive the light from Me Myself which will give him brightest comprehension.... But why do so few people experience this light of comprehension.... why are so many upholding spiritual values which are so unconvincing when they are seriously examined?....

Why are people satisfied with doctrines that have truly not come from Me and why don't they accept the precious spiritual knowledge from My hand which may be asked for and received by every person who earnestly searches for pure truth and who can, through a life of love in accordance with My will, also establish direct contact with Me in order to be taught by Me directly.... because you humans lack the knowledge about the working of My spirit within the human being. And this in itself is proof that you were and are not correctly instructed, that even the teachers are lacking this knowledge and that consequently they were not given their teaching ministry by Me. For when I commission someone to become a teacher to his fellow human beings I will certainly also equip him with the right knowledge.... But you, who deem yourselves appointed to be in charge of your school of thought or denomination and want to be looked upon as leader, lack this knowledge. You have not been appointed by Me, and you will never be able to lead your fellow human beings into truth because you do not possess it yourselves and do nothing to receive it.

And therefore take notice of what I tell you: The true church, which I Myself founded on earth, can only be found where the working of My spirit in the human being is evident. And this is not outwardly recognisable but it includes members from all the different religious communities, from different schools of thought, for they have won a living faith through a life of love. These will also know that My church does not present itself outwardly, instead it guarantees the closest union with Me to which I then disclose the truth as.... a clear spiritual perception.

This is missing in those who do not belong to My church, who cannot dissociate from misguided spiritual knowledge which cannot possibly have originated in Me but is a human addition, motivated by My adversary who will always oppose truth but which will never be accepted by those who give themselves to Me in love and faith. And thus you will also understand that there will never be a unification of Christian denominations because each one will insist on the doctrine it has represented so far, that the argument between the denominations always concerns misguided teachings which will be anxiously guarded by every one of them because they are unwilling to abandon them.... However, only truth can lead to beatitude and only the person who genuinely wants it will also receive it if he takes the path to Me directly and asks Me for it in all sincerity....

Wrong interpretation of Jesus' Words....

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

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

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

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

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

You ascribe a purely earthly meaning to My Words and ignore their spiritual meaning. And this is why errors have arisen which can only be rectified if you are filled with love, for then you will become enlightened and notice when you are confronted by error.... Then you will know that all

humanly decreed commandments and sacramental acts are a deception, which could only have been alleged to be divine will by a dark spirit, and you will endeavour to free yourselves from error in the recognition of pure truth which alone can benefit the soul, and which can only be recognised as truth by someone who dwells in love, and who thus will fulfil My commandment of love first and then, as a result, also think correctly....

Amen

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Effect of misguided teachings in the beyond....

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Many more errors will still have to be corrected by Me if human beings are to live in truth. People's thoughts are thoroughly lead astray, one misguided teaching leads to many other misguided teachings, and people cannot escape from them, they are representing a truth which was given to them by people who did not have the truth themselves because their spirit was unenlightened. And countless souls enter the spiritual kingdom in this lightless state. Even then they still defend their doctrines and cannot be convinced that their reasoning was wrong, and will remain wrong as long as they do not accept a light which shines for them in the beyond too, but which they have to accept of their own free will. The battle between light and darkness even rages in the kingdom of the beyond, for time and again the beings of light try to kindle a light for those of dark spirit, but their endeavour is frequently in vain since the souls hold on to their misconceptions. And yet, the latter cannot understand why they do not experience beatitude although they believe to have done everything on earth in order to gain it.

And as long as they do not understand that My will is in fact different from what they were told on earth.... as long as they do not realise the irrelevance of what had been demanded of them.... as long as they do not recognise that I make other demands on people than to comply with ecclesiastical customs and external appearances, that I only expect love from people and only assess a person in accordance with his degree of love and that his beatitude will depend on his degree of love.... the souls will not experience an enviable fate, even if they are not languishing in deepest darkness.

But they argue and do not comprehend the state of their wretchedness, indeed, they frequently reproach themselves for not having sufficiently fulfilled the ceremonies and humanly decreed commandments, and as a result are not yet admitted into beatitude. It could be theirs in a very short time if only they would accept the light beings' teachings or accept a small light where the ray of light is transmitted to earth, where purest truth is distributed and avidly accepted by all famished souls.... But they are just as stubborn in the kingdom of the beyond as they were on earth and reject everything which disagrees with their opinion, and the adversary still has immense power over these fanatics....

For even in the kingdom of the beyond they fail to help each other which would increase their degree of love and decrease their rejection of light.... They cannot make any progress in the spiritual kingdom because love is the strength that helps the soul to ascend in the spiritual kingdom too. But love is also the light, and even in the kingdom of the beyond they can love each other, for in a state devoid of bliss there is still hardship and misery, and one soul will always be able to help another.... Then the souls' thoughts will become ever more enlightened, they will question each other and will certainly receive an answer.... But love always comes first, and those souls' big spiritual misconception rests in the fact that they superseded love by what human folly had elevated into a 'divine doctrine'.... that they always complied with human demands first and ignored divine demands.... And their condition will never change unless they put love first and, due to their loving will to help other souls, begin to recognise the pure truth, which will then give them unlimited beatitude....

It is for this reason that every human being, whose thoughts had been misguided on earth but whose will to love and to take action had reached a high degree, will suddenly realise the truth in the kingdom of the beyond and will readily let go of misconceptions. He will endeavour to pass his

knowledge on to other souls because he recognises the immense harm caused by error and because his love urges him to help alleviate spiritual blindness. His influence can be extraordinarily beneficial because he had held the same thoughts on earth which he now can justify to be wrong, and therefore be successful with souls who just listen to him. Error is the worst poison for human souls and the fight of light against darkness will therefore continue relentlessly, and one day the light will surely win.... The human being, however, is free to choose between light and darkness, he will not be forced and can make a free decision.... but everything will be done to make him aware of the truth while he is still on earth. But the beings of light do not cease their efforts even in the beyond, for only the soul who knows the truth can become blessed....

Amen

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Defence of the Divine word

People's deliberate rejection of the divine Word....

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It is remarkable how few people allow themselves to be affected by the divine Word, how little notice they take of the fact that it is conveyed to them in an unusual way, and how often they inwardly object to it and silently or openly reject it. People are already strongly influenced by God's adversary who clouds their power of judgment and has weakened their will, hence they neither recognise nor do they want to recognise what they are lacking and what could help them. That which is most important seems utterly unimportant to them, they only pay attention to the body's demands and have little spiritual interests. This also explains why the divine Word is only occasionally recognised as truth and sends its rays of light in the surrounding area.... Only a few people will feel the strength of the divine Word affecting them and thereby mature psychologically. The Gospel will certainly be carried to all places, but it will not find open doors everywhere, and thus tiny lights will only glow now and then and cannot expel the darkness of night which is spread across the Earth. It will only be bright and clear where the light from above is kindled, where the directly offered Word is accepted, whose effect on people is unsurpassed. And thus it is not down to the Word itself, nor to the activity of God's messengers, instead, the fact that the divine Word will not find the wider distribution necessary for the human race to heal spiritually and to prepare itself for the Last Judgment is entirely due to people's deliberate rejection. Countless threads are woven between Heaven and Earth, just as many threads stretch out from the Earth itself into all directions, the news of God's extraordinary working reaches all places and therefore could also be spread into all directions, yet time and again the threads reach a dead end and, on account of respecting free will, it is impossible to convey the divine Word to people as long as they inwardly deliberately reject it. Hence it is necessary to campaign and work incessantly, and as soon as only one person accepts the message from above a great rescue mission will have been accomplished, and God conveys His Word to earth for the sake of these individual souls, so that they will find the path to Him before the end arrives, before night sets in and extinguishes all light.... Amen

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Rejecting the divine word....

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When My gospel is offered to you directly from above, then do not reject it, because you thereby only confess the ignorance of scripture, which testifies of Me. And one day you will bitterly regret it when you recognize whose word you have rejected and how much further you could have progressed upwards. Admittedly, your will is good, and you believe that the bible is complete and that every further word from Me is superfluous.... but I oppose you with something pure, unadulterated: it is 'My word', as it cannot be offered to you in a purer form.... And this you are to accept and place it **above** the scriptures, which have no longer been preserved in purity as they came forth from Me.... And consider this one thing that I let My word go to all those who have already reached a certain degree of maturity that they can well recognize My voice in it.... that only the will still has to be ready to be addressed by Me. It is a great gift of favour, which is granted to them, and that is not to be rejected. But I can no longer address men even more clearly to do no coercion to their free will, which must decide completely free, otherwise it would be easy for Me to put the stamp of truth on My revelations, but then also the self-decision would be invalid. But you men **can** recognize My voice, if you just practice love, but you are not allowed to let yourselves be determined by such, who are still

weak in love and therefore want to turn you away from My word directly sent to you. Let everyone decide freely of himself and do not let himself be pushed away from the way, which he is prepared to go. And if he desires truth with all his heart, he will also find it through My direct address, because this gives him answer to every question, which only the heart expresses and which he wants to have answered.... Have I not spoken plainly enough through My apostle Paul that I will "reject the understanding of the prudent and destroy the wisdom of the wise, and by simple preaching I will make blessed those who believe in Me?".... All of you are working your way through the scriptures and yet without awakening of the spirit you cannot come to the spiritual sense.... and what is easy for you to grasp you do not take to heart.... you do not want to accept what I have told you just as unmistakably.... And you will find just as many references to the "working of the spirit in you" in the scriptures, where (but) **you** search for **the** passages, which "supposedly" describe My direct address as satanic or not wanted by Me. Why do you not accept the "former", why do you cling to the latter and let your reasoning prevail? My word only speaks to the heart, and it can also only be understood by the heart. That is why it can only be understood by a loving man, and that is why also rarely only a man can be won for it, who has great intellectual knowledge, if he does not live in love at the same time. And My direct word will always be rejected by those who believe themselves to be called to teaching activity but whom I have not called to it Myself, for they lack the awakening of the spirit, and without such it is merely dead knowledge which is conveyed to people, it cannot be alive and therefore cannot result in living faith either.... whereas 'My word' already demonstrates a living faith and a person who receives My word is truly also a servant in My vineyard called by Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Our original sin

Rejecting the strength of love was the 'sin'....

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November 8th 1964

If you are spoken to from above it is a sign of My never-ending love which takes pity upon humanity and wants to come to their aid.... And this love will always and forever apply to you, for you are also part of **Me**, even though you followed My adversary into the abyss of your own free will. Nevertheless, your **fundamental nature is love**. And I will not rest until you have changed yourselves into your fundamental nature again. So if you are now spoken to from above you will also recognise by My address that it can only be the work of a **good power**, for I only ever endeavour to cultivate **love** in you and to refer you to Jesus Christ and His act of Salvation, since then you will travel the right path which results in your change while you are still on this earth. Hence you should not doubt the origin of that which comes to you from above.... Its content cannot be anything but **good**, and thus it must be free from **error**.... For you are taught by the **Eternal Truth Itself** and can be completely confident that **It** will not offer you misguided teachings. But during the last days this assurance is absolutely essential, for it is even intended to make My light bearers doubt the truthfulness of their messages. Yet let it be sufficient for you to know that I Myself protect My bearers of light from all errors. For who else can give you the guarantee for pure truth if not I Myself, Who knows their will and their desire for truth? Time and again I say to you that the adversary's working is **especially** aimed at those of **you** who want to spread the **light**.... that he intends to prevent this and therefore avails himself of all means in order to cast doubts into people's hearts regarding the truthfulness of these proclamations.... Yet **My** influence, too, will become more and more evident. I will ever more obviously highlight the error he has pushed you into, for his aim is to prevent you from knowing the truth.... although he will not succeed with those who genuinely desire the truth. And thus everyone must seriously scrutinise himself as to whether he desires the pure truth.... in that case he cannot be misled anymore; he will recognise it and liberate himself from error. The moment of creation was an act of incomparable bliss for Myself as well as for My bearer of light, for the products of his will and My strength of love were so extraordinarily magnificently shaped that they made both of us indescribably happy so that the light bearer's love for Me flared up ever brighter. For the same creative power was inherent in them.... they were able to take pleasure in it and likewise actively fashion spiritual creations, thereby raising their blissful happiness beyond measure. If I therefore state the fact that these created beings did not lack anything, that they were all externalised in My image and that they were able to work and be creatively active as long as they were permeated by My light of love.... then it must also be obvious to you that they forfeited their activity when they rejected this flow of My strength of love.... that they thereby lost their light, their realisation, so that their thinking became confused and they were no longer capable of being active.... that they hardened but were nevertheless My once emanated strength which I therefore reshaped into creations of the most varied kinds....

This process has been described to you so often already and you can accept this as the purest truth, you can unhesitatingly accept that only the **rejection of My strength of love** was the **sin** against Me, since the brightest light was kindled in them in which they were entirely aware of the implications of their rebellion. Consequently, I will also highlight the misguided notion of any portrayal that I **determined** or **caused** the fall of the bearer of light as well as the fallen beings. All beings acted according to My will until they rejected the flow of My strength of love. But this also resulted in the hardening of the spiritual substance.... and the strength I once emanated as a being had to become active in different ways, which happened through the dissolution of the substance into tiny particles and thus Creation emerged from these. Only from then on did the being have to fight against all kinds of obstacles, since it had to overcome them in order to develop higher again. The activity of the non-

fallen beings consisted of using the strength flowing from Me to them.... but these beings were in a state of brightest enlightenment.... hence in a state of realisation.... and therefore these beings used nothing else but what was according to My will.... As long as the being remained faithful to Me it worked and created in My will. But when it turned away from Me it lost the strength for creating and shaping. It hardened and remained inactive.... which then resulted in the emergence of Creation. I certainly knew from the very beginning that Lucifer and the beings would fall and, for sake of his free will, I did not stop him. Nevertheless, I took no part in it because I had granted the bearer of light.... Lucifer.... the same power, and neither did I limit it, so that he was able to do anything he wanted to do.... And so it was possible for him to persuade the beings to fall away from Me in order to create a second world, in a manner of speaking, a world in complete opposition to Me.... Yet all this was only possible by closing himself.... and afterwards also his followers.... to the flow of My strength of love.... So the rejection of My strength of love was the **actual sin**, for it was aimed against **Me Myself**, since the beings were utterly enlightened regarding their past origin from Me. The fact that the beings' thinking ability expressed itself in a completely opposite will to Mine, that it gave rise to something utterly adverse to God, did not originate from Me, however, the rejection of My strength of love resulted in this wrong direction of will because it signified spiritual darkness, spiritual blindness. From then on Lucifer became My direct opposite who was able to transfer all evil thoughts.... which originated from himself.... onto the beings. For from the moment they consciously rejected My love he gained full control over these beings and kept it until I let Creation arise in order to snatch them from his power and to inaugurate the process of return.

But then the beings had to travel a painful path until they.... in the stage of self-awareness and free will as a human being.... were able to dispel all their wrong thoughts, completely change their will and utterly deify themselves again. Thus they must discard everything of a satanic nature and, of their own free will, strive towards the divine. This alone already proves that evil cannot originate from Me or I could not be called **divine**, since **only good** can be understood by it.... that light and darkness cannot exist **at the same time**, that I do not incorporate love **and** hate in short, all **opposites within Myself**. The free will was indeed able to choose between Me or My adversary, but he **was** already evil when he became My **adversary**.... and then also created everything that was in opposition to Me.... as he was a power like I Myself was.... with the exception that he had a beginning. The worst deception used by My adversary is to make you believe that everything of an evil nature originates from Me as well. This is why I repeatedly draw your attention to the fact that the actual sin was.... **the rejection of My strength of love**, because this caused the state of confusion in the beings.... the state in which they refused every kind of activity according to My will and therefore were dissolved and bound in all kinds of creations. For it is the law of eternity that My emanated strength must become active.... that this strength must voluntarily be requested again in order to enable the re-transformation into a perfect being. That these implanted thoughts in the being originate from Lucifer and thus must be fought against during the time of embodiment as a human being has, through My love, become the process which is intended to turn the 'creatures' into God's true 'children'. And thus Lucifer unwittingly takes an active part in this process of return, which I certainly foresaw from the beginning but I Myself have not **destined** him to become My direct opposite, because he, too, was a free being which came forth from Me in all perfection....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The magnitude of the original sin necessitates Salvation through Jesus Christ....

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October 22nd 1963

If the knowledge of the infinitely long path of development, which you had to travel before your last embodiment as a human being, is given to you and you think about it, then you will also become aware of the tremendous guilt you had burdened yourselves with by your former apostasy from Me.... Because My sense of justice would certainly not let you endure an excess of suffering if you had not brought it on yourselves. Yet it is not an act of punishment on My part but once again only an act of

My eternal love, because I want you to be joyful; however, I cannot give you a blissful life which conflicts with My law of eternal order while your frame of mind opposes Me.... which is the case due to your past antagonism towards Me. However, as human beings you cannot assess the magnitude of your guilt because your thoughts are only limited. Yet the beings which previously had fallen away had no such limitation of knowledge as you have as human beings.... instead they were perfect living creations who were fully enlightened. For that reason their guilt is so tremendous that it requires an act of atonement which could not even be achieved with the infinitely long path through creation. Rather, the greatest act of love and compassion had to be accomplished first by the man Jesus in order to make a final redemption of guilt possible which, however, also necessitates the acknowledgement of Jesus as Son of God and Saviour of the world....

When you return to the realm of light from where you came you can judge the magnitude of guilt that an opposition to Me had meant. You will also understand that only by following the path through creation can you once again obtain the degree of maturity with which you can also comprehend and accept Jesus' act of Salvation....

As human beings, however, you cannot grasp the extent of the immense significance this act of Salvation has for you.... for each individual soul.... and you therefore have to 'believe' what you are told and accept the divine Saviour Jesus Christ without proof. Then you become free of your former guilt and once again place your trust in Me.... Who was incarnated in Jesus.... and at the same time voluntarily return to Him, Whom you once refused to acknowledge and Whom you resisted.... You humans certainly can be given complete clarification; however, you are not able to understand everything in your as yet imperfect state. Therefore it will always be an act of faith when you follow the path to the cross but it is also your only and certain salvation because Jesus Christ will then accept the guilt on your behalf, because He died on the cross for the sake of people's sins, He took them upon Himself and redeemed them with His blood so that you would become free of sin.... And yet, this greatest and most important doctrine concerning the act of Salvation cannot be proven to you.... You have to believe it of your own free will and without any coercion.... And you are able to do so because I will never ask of you the impossible and because I will always help you to come to the right understanding.

However, one thing you should not omit or exclude: that you live a life of love.... because love is the strength which enables you to do everything, because through love you attain enlightenment, and because through love you unite with Me again and establish the condition prior to your fall into sin, when My light could continuously enlighten you. That way I can illuminate you as human beings, as soon as you practise love and voluntarily turn towards Me, no longer oppose Me and open up to Me so that the flow of My love can pour into you without restriction. But this is only possible after you have taken the way to the cross, so that you become free from the guilt of your sins, otherwise you will still suffer in the bonds of the adversary who will prevent you from doing actions of love and keep you in spiritual darkness because he does not want to lose you. Your guilt has been immense but it is redeemed by Jesus Christ Who now has become the visible God for you humans, providing you allow yourselves to be redeemed by Him, because you cannot ever remove your guilt yourselves. I, however, cannot admit you into My kingdom with your guilt because, although I Am in fact a God of love, I Am also a God of justice.... And this justice necessitates complete forgiveness of sins which you can only find in Jesus Christ, in Whom I Myself accomplished the act of Salvation....

Amen

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Jesus Christ - a life of love

Jesus came as Saviour....

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I descended to earth because of the great spiritual need, because I had pity on the people who were held in captivity by My adversary, who could no longer resist him and who cried to God for a Saviour. But only few still believed firmly and steadfastly that the Messiah would come as it was written, but these few expected Him with great longing, they expected Him as their Saviour from severe difficulties and distress.... And I descended for their sake, because their cry for help reached My ears and I did not want to disappoint their faith. Besides, the time had come for the mission of the man Jesus.... I wanted to release the whole of humanity from the adversary's ties, and I also wanted to bring redemption to those who had already passed away but could not enter My kingdom until the immense guilt of sin had been redeemed, which was the cause of humanity's existence on earth.... I Myself came to earth in this human being Jesus to bring salvation to all people, to rescue them from the chains with which they had been bound since eternity and to open the path into My kingdom for them, into the kingdom of eternal peace and bliss.

Only few people were willing to receive Me when I descended to earth, that is, only few recognised Me, because they were living a life of love.... And hence the flock of My followers was small, even though I constantly endeavoured to motivate people to do works of love which would have resulted in their recognition of Me as their God and Father of eternity. Because the immense hardship was caused by the fact that there was little love amongst people, that they were already completely controlled by the one who, being entirely without love, confronted Me as My enemy, whom I wanted to fight and, through My victory, rescue the souls which he held captive. Thus I Myself exemplified a life of unselfish love to people, because love was the weapon which I Myself wanted to use against My opponent and which also gave the people themselves the strength to resist him. Without love they were his slaves, but he cannot resist love, love is the only weapon to which he succumbs, but at the time of My descent to earth it could barely be found amongst people.... Love was the only bond with Me, their God and Father of eternity. And this bond had to be established if people wanted to hear My Word.

My Word could no longer be spoken to them, because without love they no longer believed in a God Who wanted to speak to them. And so I came to earth to speak to people Myself, to reveal to them My will once again, to give them My commandments of love once again, and to once again proclaim My Gospel.... the divine teaching, which was to guide them into bliss. But I had to bring yet more significant help to people.... First I wanted to save them from the power which kept them enchained, which depleted their will and prevented them from fulfilling My will. I wanted to release them from his control.... And to this end I chose the form of the human being Jesus in order to accomplish an act of love and mercy which would deliver humanity from all hardship.... But all the people who wanted to be released from their tormentor also had to side with Me. Those who voluntarily stayed with him could not be saved by Me, but those who turned to Me also received the strength from Me to release themselves from his clutches.

However, this act of Salvation had to be accomplished by human means, because people's will must not be compelled. They should be entirely free to acknowledge or reject the act of Salvation by the human being Jesus.... in Whom I Myself was made flesh. For this reason I walked on earth as the man Jesus and prepared people for the immense sacrifice of compensation, which was to make

Amends for the enormous guilt of sin, on account of which they lived on earth. But only few recognised Me and saw Me as the Saviour, the Messiah, Who always and forever had been proclaimed

by seers and prophets. The hardship was overwhelming when I descended to earth but the act of Salvation was accomplished, because My love was overwhelming too, and thus Love wiped out the guilt of sin by sacrificing Itself on the cross. And this love will time and again try to help people who have not yet found salvation, who have not yet made use of the blessings of the act of Salvation and thus still languish in My adversary's captivity, who would never be able to release themselves without help and whom I will nevertheless never abandon. Instead I will cross their path time and again and draw their attention to the act of Salvation by the human Jesus, Whose love as a 'human being' recognised his fellow human beings' spiritual hardship and Who, by virtue of His love, made the sacrifice to die on the cross in extreme agony. And time and again I will come to people in My Word and inform them of Jesus' act of supreme love and mercy, Who received Me Myself, Who totally united with Me by means of love, and Who became the Saviour and Redeemer from sin and death for all of you....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Jesus taught love on Earth....

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Jesus' soul brought love along with it to earth and therefore He was able to take excessive suffering upon Himself, since love gave Him the strength to do so. He knew that people were especially lacking love and were therefore weak and powerless. Although they also sheltered a tiny spark of love, hence they were **capable** of love, nevertheless, they were unwilling to love because it was smothered by My adversary.... who increasingly stimulated their selfish love and prevented selfless love from coming through. Consequently Jesus exemplified a life of love to people.... Jesus only treated His fellow human beings with kindness, He healed their afflictions, He comforted them and helped wherever help was needed.... He was unselfish and always willing to ease people's fate on earth....

He taught them **why** they should live a life of love, He warned them of the consequences of a heartless way of life, just as He repeatedly demonstrated to them the effects of a life of love and provided the proof Himself by being capable of great feats of strength, by healing the sick and performing miracles by virtue of His constantly increasing love.... for He was closely united with God, the Eternal Love Itself.... And therefore Jesus taught people to establish the bond with God, their eternal Father, which can only take place through love and through heartfelt prayer....

All this had become unfamiliar to people and only a few lived a life of love, but they soon recognised Jesus as the promised Messiah, they recognised in Him the Father.... This love had kindled a small light in them which subsequently was nourished by Jesus' teaching and made the darkness recede.... And this doctrine was meant to be spread among the human race, for this reason He educated His disciples Himself, sending them into the world with the instruction to proclaim Him, His act of Salvation and the Gospel of love, because people should be shown the right path which leads to eternal life....

However, Jesus would never have been able to accomplish this act of Salvation had He not been full of love, but love achieves everything, no limits exist for love.... nothing is impossible for it, nothing exists that love could not overcome.... for as a human being it would have been impossible to survive such an extent of suffering and pain as was imposed upon Him.... But the strength of love helped Him to be victorious.... by virtue of love He endured the most bitter suffering and excruciating death on the cross and only gave up His life when the act was accomplished....

Only then was it possible for a person to release himself from the adversary who kept him in bondage as long as the guilt of sin had not been redeemed.... Only after Jesus' crucifixion were people able to appeal for strength and reinforcement from Jesus Christ, in Whom God Himself, as the Eternal Love, had died.... People are no longer at the mercy of God's adversary and his arbitrary use of power, they can detach themselves from him if they pray to Jesus for help and through a life of love acquire the strength to fulfil God's will.

Consequently, it is most important in earthly life that the Gospel is proclaimed to people, which removes the dense darkness from people and lets them find faith in Jesus Christ as Son of God and Redeemer of the world, and which will always grant the strength to complete the earthly path successfully.... For love is strength, without love a person remains weak and cannot reach his goal, on account of which he lives on earth.... But neither can there be light on this earth without love, for it is the realm of God's adversary who spreads dense darkness with the aim of preventing the recognition of God and not to lose his followers but who can be recognised in the light as an enemy....

Where love is preached, the faith in Jesus Christ can also be awakened if only people are willing to live up to the commandments of love. And thus the labourers in the vineyard of the Lord shall diligently work and spread the Word of God, which will always consist of the divine commandments of love, because people must be informed of the fact that only love will gain them spiritual advancement, that only love will grant them the strength to improve themselves, and that love also bestows upon them the light which reveals extensive knowledge so that they will consciously travel their earthly path.... conscious of their task and their goal.... and do their utmost to strive for it.... As soon as they acknowledge Jesus Christ, as soon as they know that God Himself has accomplished the act of Salvation in Jesus Christ and then consciously hand themselves over to Him, they will also be released from their original sin and reach the goal on earth and the final union with their God and Father of eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Love accomplished the work of redemption....

B.D. No. 7986

September 7th 1961

The love of Jesus, the man, for His fellow human beings was so great that it moved Him to take the most severe suffering upon Himself in order to help them because He recognized their great spiritual hardship, their wretchedness and their helplessness to free themselves from My adversary through their own strength.... The love of the man Jesus gave Him brightest light about people's state, about its cause and only possibility of salvation.... **Love** therefore sacrificed **Itself** for their salvation, for He also recognized by virtue of His love the mission He Himself had taken on.... He knew that He Himself had offered Me to descend to earth, to take abode in a human shell and to shape it such that it could serve **Me** as a shell.... the great spirit of infinity, Which was unlimited yet could fully radiate through a human shell. And thus I Myself became a human being, i.e. My strength of love, My fundamental substance, completely filled a human form which contained a pure soul from above.... a soul from the kingdom of light which had offered itself to accomplish a work of atonement for the great original sin of the fallen spirits, as My justice demanded, in order to be able to receive the fallen beings into My kingdom again. The man Jesus was this soul of light, He was the human form which I chose for My abode and in which I Myself accomplished the work of redemption for you.... The man Jesus had to endure immense suffering during His life on earth because His soul felt the darkness in which it had to dwell and because He crowned His path of suffering with His death on the cross, which was immeasurably painful and brought freedom to the people of the past, the present and the future from the hands of the power which was hostile towards Me and had once dragged the spiritual realm down to the abyss.... But He must be acknowledged as the redeemer Jesus Christ, in Whom the eternal deity Himself accomplished the work of redemption for the great guilt of sin. For only this recognition brings him the solution from My adversary.... The recognition of Jesus as the cover of Myself also means for the human being to become free from the former guilt. And this recognition has to be alive, not just dead words uttered by the mouth but convinced faith that He and I became one.... that Jesus is God, that I Myself was in the man Jesus and thus **I Myself** redeemed people from sin and death. In order to attain this **living**, i.e. convinced faith, you must live in love.... You must follow the man Jesus, Whose life was an unceasing activity of love.... And if only you are of will, He will also strengthen this will so that you will profess Him with conviction and thereby also be allowed to make use of the blessings of the act of salvation, which will ensure your complete redemption. You should

know about the great significance of His descent, about His mission and about the mystery of My human manifestation in Him.... You should know that He was only the visible cover for Me Myself, Who, as an infinite spirit, could not be visible to you and therefore chose a cover for Myself which I could fully radiate through, so that you can now behold Me if you acknowledge My act of salvation and want to accept the sacrifice of the man Jesus.... if you yourselves desire the redemption of your original sin and therefore take refuge under the cross with your guilt. And it will truly be taken from you, you will be free and able to enter My kingdom of light and bliss again, and then you will be able to behold Me Myself in Him.... in Jesus Christ, in Whom I Myself died for you on the cross.... For it was **love** which descended to earth in Jesus, it was **love** which filled Him and which made the most difficult sacrifice for you humans, and this **love was I Myself....**

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Opening the gate to bliss....

B.D. No. 6367

September 29th 1955

Follow Me into the kingdom I have opened for you.... Walk the same path I walked and you will reach the aim, the union with the eternal love, a life of eternal bliss.... I walked this path consciously as a human being on earth because I was drawn by eternal love, which I did not oppose because I was devoted to My heavenly father with all My love.... The love for Him was in Me and grew ever greater the longer I stayed on earth, and through this love which filled Me I also recognized the unspeakable hardship of fellow human beings who completely lacked love and therefore lay powerless on the ground, bound by a power which was devoid of all love.... My love brought this knowledge to Me.... and the knowledge increased My love again, for now it also applied to the unhappy brothers who once stood in the light and had fallen abysmally into darkness.... I became ever more powerful through the influx of love and therefore felt strong enough to fight against the one who held My brothers captive, for I knew that My heavenly father would never withdraw My strength of love but only increase it because I wanted to bring His children back to Him, to whom His love **also** belonged but whom His adversary had in control. But the battle against him meant an unheard-of sacrifice of love.... I had to defeat him with an act of love through which his power was broken.... I had to sacrifice something for all fallen brothers in order to ransom them from their tormentor, I had to pay the ransom, for he never released the souls which had belonged to him since the fall into the deep.... and so I gave My life on the cross.... My overflowing love prompted Me to do so, and I longed for the father's love.... And He gave it to Me, filling Me completely, and so the father took complete possession of Me.... And everything I now did, the 'father' accomplished in Me.... And so I walked the path to the cross, as a human being, but driven by the 'love' in Me, which could not help but bring salvation to the fallen who languished in great need.... And My way of the cross led directly to the father.... the gate was open and it remains open for everyone who walks the same path as I do.... the path of love.... Walking the path of love means constant approach to eternal love and thus also the entrance into the kingdom of light and bliss.... For the loving human being is filled with the power of God, and he will be able to free himself from the bonds if he follows Me, if he looks to Me, if he carries Me in his heart, if he loves Me, just as the man Jesus loved Me.... For through love he then draws Me to himself and receives unlimited strength to walk the path of following Jesus.... There is no other way to Me than that of the divine redeemer Jesus Christ.... He was My son, Whom I sent down to earth, Who, with a heart full of love, constantly yearned for Me and My love and in Whom I, as the eternal love, could then also embody Myself.... He accomplished the work of salvation because His love was for you as His fallen brothers.... And for the sake of this great love I have opened the gate to paradise, to eternal bliss, through which all of you can enter who follow Jesus Christ, the redeemer of humanity.... who walk the path of love that irrevocably leads to Me....

Amen

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Following Jesus

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

B.D. No. 3920

November 1st 1946

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

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

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

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

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

You all should take My conduct on this earth, My life, as an example, which was purely a life of selfless neighbourly love.... Try to follow Me and only ever try to live a life of love too, then you will take the same path and surely reach the goal. I descended to earth because people were taking the wrong paths which never led upwards but only ever took them further down. And for this reason I showed you the right path and called upon all people to follow Me on this path.... And I instructed people because they failed to realise **why** a life of love would enable them to ascend, **why** they were weak and without strength and how they could remedy this weakness.... I informed them about the strength of love and gave them the evidence of truth about My teaching by proving **My** strength and thereby also the result of a way of life in love, as I exemplified it on earth.... I knew about people's great spiritual hardship but I also knew the means to remedy it, and thus I made a constant effort of persuading people to apply these means.... The hardship of the last days is the same, and so are the means whose use will guarantee that the human being can ascend from the abyss.... Yet people ignore what I taught them.... they don't follow Me because they don't believe in Me and My teaching. They are leading an earthly way of life which is far apart from Mine; they completely ignore love and are therefore not taking the path of ascent.... For without love there is no connection, without love there is a broad gulf between you humans and your God and Father of eternity....

Only love bridges the gulf, only love is the path to the Father's heart, and only love is the strength which lets you take the ascending path that requires strength and effort. Anyone who refuses to take the path of love will never be able to lift himself out of the abyss, and My hand cannot take hold of him to pull him up either, for he would never take hold of it as long as he is without love.... He has to follow Me of his own free will, for I do not exert any coercion if a person still resists Me. Love tolerates no compulsion yet it redeems those who are held captive.... I can only instruct you humans and strongly admonish you to practise neighbourly love, showing that you want to be able to emulate Me, so that I can help you because you have the will to follow Me. This is why you should always bear My way of life in mind and make every effort to be like Me, and then you will surely experience My help, for anyone who keeps his eyes on Me will also receive the strength to take the path of following Jesus.... and he will indeed reach the goal of being united with Me....

Amen

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Following Jesus: Bearing the cross....B.D. No. 8680
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You will always cross the bridge to the spiritual kingdom if you follow Jesus, the divine Redeemer, Who established this bridge for you humans and walked the path before you. He Himself bridged this broad gulf between the earth and the spiritual kingdom through His act of Salvation, He walked the most arduous and painful path to the cross and thereby built the bridge into the kingdom of light.... which can be crossed by every human being and will always lead to the right goal....

The path of following Jesus has to be taken, that is, just as He had accepted all suffering out of love for the wretched human race so the human being, too, has to take the path of love and suffering, he has to endeavour to follow Him in order to purge his soul.... even though the human being Jesus had taken all the guilt of His fallen brothers upon Himself and thus the immense original sin was redeemed through the crucifixion, through the act of Salvation.... His soul can only be cleansed and purified through love and suffering, and it has to accomplish this purging while still on earth if it wants to achieve the degree of light which guarantees its happiness. For the human being lives on earth in order to free his soul from all impurities, from all vices and longings, weaknesses and bad habits, which still cling to you as a result of your past apostasy, which it should and will be able to shed if it patiently travels the earthly path in suffering and makes an effort to live a life of love. For love is the most

assured means of purification, love dissolves all impurities and layers which still burden a soul. And suffering.... humbly endured.... is likewise suitable to crystallise the soul, which then will become receptive to light and translucent when it enters the realm of the beyond.

For this reason Jesus spoke the Words 'Whosoever will come after Me, let him take up his cross....' No human being will be entirely spared suffering, even if the weight of burden varies with each person. Yet earthly life is not the ultimate fulfilment, it is only ever a preparatory stage for the true life in the spiritual kingdom.... And any load the soul is still burdened with on earth can only raise its beatitude in the beyond, providing it is humbly endured as God's will. Thus the human being shall take the path of following Jesus of his own free will.... He himself has to want that his soul should attain greater maturity on earth, he consciously has to decide to follow Jesus, he also has to acknowledge His act of Salvation and make use of it for himself. For no earthly existence, no matter how sorrowful, will ever help the soul to achieve perfection if the human being does **not acknowledge** Jesus, if he does not make use of His act of Salvation and its blessings, if he does not believe in Him and the fact that it was **God Himself** Who accomplished the act of Salvation in the man Jesus. Then his earthly path can be as wretched as anything, but he will not derive any benefit from it for his soul, for he did not voluntarily 'follow Jesus'....

However, the more you humans are filled with love the less you will be weighed down by suffering, for love is the best means of release, the fire of love will dissolve the soul's every layer, it will melt away everything that is unclean and hardened, love will achieve the soul's purification within a short time, and the extent of suffering can be reduced where love is already dealing with the soul's purification process....

And therefore the human being will have to be of service to a large extent in order to express his love, for love impels people to be active, and as soon as it thus unselfishly applies to another person the human being will constantly perform labours of love, and then he will travel the path of following Jesus, Who time and again was likewise impelled by love to accomplish helpful acts, Who aimed to alleviate his fellow human being's suffering and distress and used remarkable strength in order to help his fellow human beings.

And thus a constant willingness to help will be the path that follows Jesus, because it demonstrates love, which can only ever have a beneficial effect, both for the provider as well as for the one who accepts the help.... For love is the most Powerful, the Divine, which has to lead to the soul's perfection without fail, which has to purge a soul and make it receptive to light.... love is the final objective on earth, because it leads to unification with the Eternal Love, because it restores the original state of the created being and therefore also guarantees supreme bliss, which the being then finds in closest unity with its God and Father of eternity, from Whose love it once emerged....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Our task on earth

Earthly task: Fulfilment of the commandments of love....

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Every one of you was given a task, and every one fulfils it according to his will, for every human being's will is free. But to know your task is a prerequisite, and this knowledge is conveyed to you through My Word.... which subsequently can indeed be heard and adhered to but also be dismissed.... the consequences of which, however, you will have to bear yourselves. Anyone who complies with the requirements of My Word fulfils My will, hence also his earthly task, and therefore this person can also speak of spiritual progress. Yet even the earthly-minded person should know that one day he will have to be answerable for his failure.... that he was not offered the Word as a message of My will without reason that he must also heed it if he wants to fulfil his earthly task.... He must know that his life will not last forever and that he ought to utilise his short life on earth for eternity. And to utilise it means to first fulfil My commandments of love.... by doing so he will then become worthy of My love and receive the strength to improve his soul.... to accomplish the psychological work which is the purpose of his earthly existence. Every one who endeavours to live in love will also know that he was not placed on earth arbitrarily or without reason but that this is connected to the attainment of a goal, and he will sincerely strive towards this goal.... towards unity with Me....

However, anyone who disregards love, who only tries to achieve for his own advantage, closes his own entrance into eternal life.... for he **lacks love**, which alone is the key to happiness. He also lacks realisation, he doesn't know anything about the meaning and purpose of his earthly existence nor does he accept an explanation about it. Fulfilment of My commandments of love for God and ones neighbour will assure that the human being gains realisation, and anyone who uses My commandments as a guiding principle for his life on earth will have to become enlightened. He cannot go astray; his path will infallibly lead into the spheres of eternal bliss, for he utterly submits himself to My will, he leads his life within My eternal order, he is in constant contact with Me and therefore receives strength in abundance. And he, in turn, will only use this strength for implementing deeds of love again, for he will be impelled to do so by My spirit which is in direct contact with Me and unable to influence him in any other way than in a **good** way.... Thus he will fulfil his earthly task by trying to integrate himself as well as his fellow human beings with the eternal order, by trying to establish the eternal order within himself and, in line with his realisation, also help his fellow human beings to submit themselves to Me and My will, so that that they, too, will establish this contact with Me and achieve the purpose of their earthly lives....

Amen

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Igniting the spark of love.... instruction for this....

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November 23rd 1956

Do not stifle the spark of love within you if it wants to break through, give in to every inner emotional stirring if it is good, and repel every opposing thought which would like to hold you back from loving activity.... For the latter is My adversary's influence, who.... because even without love.... would also like to keep you humans unkind so as not to lose you to Me. Consider that I Myself take care of you as soon as you enter the earth as a human being.... that I place a spark of love in you which enables you to return to Me again after an infinitely long time of separation. And you should guard this spark of love like the most precious possession, for it is a tiny spark of Myself, it is My share, it is what you have been depriving yourselves of for eternities but which is absolutely necessary

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if you want to become blissfully happy. I gave you this spark of love at the beginning of your earthly life, but now you yourselves must also kindle it in you and let it flare up in order to unite with Me again.... And this is what My adversary wants to prevent, he wants to stop every act of love, he wants you to remain as he is, that your hearts harden ever more and that you thus remain under his control.... He does not want to lose you to Me, but I Myself want to win you.... But it is up to you alone which lord will come into his own. For if you practice love then you strive towards Me of your own free will and he cannot hinder you.... But he can influence you to refrain from loving activity, he can incite you into unkind actions, he can awaken unkind thoughts in you, and then you should always know that it is him, your greatest enemy, who only wants to keep you in unhappiness or plunge you again, because he himself is incapable of loving thoughts, because his nature is only hatred and he tries to transfer all his bad thoughts onto you. Don't let yourselves be captivated by him again, resist him, free yourselves from him and only ever hold on to Me, Who wants to help you with all My love so that you will become free from him.... And you can only achieve this if you ignite the spark of love within you, if you nourish it so that it spreads as a bright fire which now fills your heart and brings you ever closer to Me. You now ask what you should do to let this spark of love in you become a bright ray of fire? Above all you must repress self-love, you must think less of yourselves and **your** well-being than of your neighbour's, and you must be devoted to all people who surround you and want to make them happy, help them and stand by their side with advice and action, you must sacrifice in order to be able to give your neighbour what he lacks. You must carry out your daily work in all selflessness, always only concerned about being active for the benefit of your fellow human beings, not striving for your own advantages at the expense of your fellow human being.... Then the desire to give love will become ever stronger, because then I Myself will urge you from within and because you will feel My urging as happiness.... because you will now also be illuminated by My love and open yourselves and you will now have started the return path to Me which will certainly also lead to the aim.... If only you don't stifle the spark of love within you but let it flare up, then you need never fear falling into the hands of the enemy of your souls. For since love is My share this share will also always push towards Me, and I Myself will be able to take possession of you, I Myself will be able to assist you with My strength of love, and the flame within you will always increase. And all of you can achieve this because you all carry this divine spark of love within yourselves, because you all receive this gift of grace as soon as you enter this earth as a human being. Yet it is up to each individual whether and how he makes use of this gift of grace, and likewise, each one of you will also have to answer for it one day when the hour of his departure from this earth has come....

Amen

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Loving activity means transformation of being....

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You should all only make an effort to live a life in which unselfish neighbourly love is expressed. Then you will all still have to discard many faults, you will still have to fight against your self-love, you will have to overcome yourselves, make sacrifices and renunciations in order to help your fellow human beings in their adversity. But step by step you will reach the heights, for only a life of love will ensure your ascent. A life of love therefore also means your change of nature, the change of self-love to neighbourly love, the transformation to the former nature, it means the path to perfection. Nothing else can fulfil the same purpose, nothing else can bring you to the aim than only a life change in love. And you constantly have the opportunity to do so, for living together with people creates such opportunities for you where you can be active in serving love. (7/6/1957) Again and again you will see hardship and help your fellow human beings, you will support them through good encouragement and loving sympathy and also be able to awaken counter-love in their hearts, and again and again you will find yourselves in situations where you can prove your willingness to make sacrifices.... where you have to put self-love aside and think of your neighbour more if you want to comply with God's will. And thereby you will ascend yourselves, for then you will fulfil your earthly task, you will change

your nature into love.... This change is certainly difficult for some people and requires a strong will, yet you need only make an attempt, you need only once have the serious will to ensure that your earthly life is not lived in vain.... and it would become increasingly easier for you to put your 'I' aside and take care of your neighbour, for every act of love provides you with strength and strengthens your will. And soon it would no longer be a sacrifice for you but you would find your own happiness in your activity of love, because with every deed of love you come closer to God, Who is love Himself, and because you experience your approach to God as bliss. A person who is absorbed in love for his neighbour will live in quiet contentment and inner peace, he will not know any earthly desires because he will also have what he needs; the love within him will not allow any unpleasant thoughts to arise in him either, he will go through earthly life with a cheerful mind and also exude a good influence on his surroundings, for a loving person is already close to his aim because he has found unity with God through love.... Yet this is only slightly obvious to his fellow human beings, who are also supposed to carry out this change of nature without any compulsion of will. But his example, the teaching of love put into practice, will inspire far more imitation than words alone can. In earthly life it is always only about this change of nature, about shaping oneself into love, about fighting one's own love and becoming absorbed in caring for one's fellow human beings.... But works that lack **love** are not enough.... For it is not the 'works' that do it, but the **love** that must underlie the works. And a truly paradisiacal earthly life can therefore only be expected by a human race which is absorbed in love for each other. And every work of love carries its blessing within itself, it has an effect on the neighbour as well as on the person himself who gives away his love.... whereas all thinking and striving, all activity and creation is worthless if it is not based on love. And this is what people lack in the last days, what they can only ever be taught but which they must try out on themselves in order to experience the blessing of unselfish love.... Humanity is particularly addicted to selfish love, and this is synonymous with standstill or decline but can never result in ascent.... which is why love has to be preached again and again and also exemplified to fellow human beings as a good example, for without love no human being can attain perfection....

Amen

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Soul work: transforming self-love into neighbourly love....

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Nothing can release you from doing soul work on yourselves if you want to acquire eternal life. The transformation of your being is a work of free will. It is the transformation from self-love to unselfish neighbourly love, for the latter alone is **divine love**, a love as it corresponds to the original being of God.... a love which works itself out as strength and which is the principle of divine order. But at the beginning of his embodiment the human being is filled with self-love as an inheritance from the one who is devoid of all love and to whom you owe your existence as a human being. For once you were divine beings filled with light and strength, you came forth from God's love and thus were also filled with love as His creations. But it was a pure, selfless, divine love which only ever sought to please, which pushed back towards the eternal love and stood in intimate union with it. But this love changed through the influence of the one who turned away from God in self-conceit and who also transferred his will and his attitude to you. And the turning away from God resulted in His love also encountering resistance, that you rejected it and thus it could no longer take effect on you, because all **resistance** nullifies the **effectiveness** of love. But the fact that God does not abandon His creations which emerged from His strength of love.... that He constantly seeks to regain their love and that He therefore found a way to enable their return to Him again is based on His infinite love. However, the return to Him can only take place when the being accepts His strength of love again, which means that it gives up its resistance, that it changes, that it reshapes itself into what it was in the beginning.... that the wrong love, ego love, thus changes into divine love again.... But this transformation of the being also requires conscious work on oneself.... At the beginning of his embodiment, the human being is always only concerned to care for himself and his physical well-being, and to strive.... He will always

think more of himself than of his neighbour, he will first look after his body than perform works of love for his fellow human being, because he is still dominated by self-love as a result of his former apostasy from God. But if he now carries out conscious soul work, then he will also make an effort to displace all selfish love from himself and replace it with unselfish neighbourly love.... And that means a transformation of his nature, for gentleness, humility, peaceableness, justice, mercy and patience will always have a beneficial effect on fellow human beings, but they also require a putting aside of the 'I' and physical desires, a fighting against weaknesses and faults.... thus ego love will slowly change into pure selfless love which always wants to make happy. You must irrevocably accomplish this work of the soul, and no-one can take this work from you, it is the purpose of your earthly life, it is the sure path of return to God and to eternal beatitude. And there is nothing that releases you from this conscious work on your soul, there are no other means which give you beatitude by circumventing this work on yourselves. You are all afflicted with faults and weaknesses because you have given up your former perfection by falling away from God, by rejecting His love.... But you can attain perfection again, you can become full of light and strength again, yet you first have to align yourselves with God's original nature again, otherwise the divine flow of love cannot flow through you. And this is also possible for you in the human stage if only you have the serious will to do so and therefore consciously work on yourselves. The strength also comes to you as soon as you ask God for it. And what you initially feel to be difficult work will always become easier for you, because then you yourselves will feel an unknown happiness which only pure, divine, self-surrendering love can provide. But as long as the human being still puts his own well-being first, this inner feeling of happiness is also alien to him, even if his body creates well-being for itself.... But it is about the **soul....** For **this** is your **actual** self, which should take the path back to God if it wants to expect an eternal life in bliss and be received by God as His child into the father's house again....

Amen

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Meaning of a love life....

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God's admonitions will only ever result in a life of love.... Precisely the importance of a life of love is little known to you humans, and yet a life of love is the sole factor which secures your beatitude, an eternal life. And people don't think of that, and they pay more attention to everything else than their own attitude towards the most important thing in earthly life, **love....** They go about their earthly duties day in and day out but they do everything more with their intellect than with their heart.... They consider all pros and cons, they try to work and create advantageously and to carry out earthly work dutifully, but they don't account for the extent to which the heart is involved, to what extent love is the determining factor in their actions. And yet, every work done **without** love is useless.... And even the daily work must show a degree of love for the people for whom it is done. Yet only few people are aware of this, and therefore for many their whole life can be an idle one if a slow transformation of the human being has not taken place.... a transformation from self-love to neighbourly love, or also: a reshaping to the former being, which was love. For the most part, every deed is only done for the sake of a certain advantage, but selfless activity of love is rare, and only the latter is of value for the human being's soul. And people should once give an account of what they have done during the day in complete selfless love.... It will be extremely little, for selfish love is still too predominant or such a state could not exist on earth as it undeniably does. People should also give account to themselves as to what extent they themselves are still capable of love, i.e. how they are touched by their fellow human being's fate and willing to help him. Every person only thinks of his own fate and tries to improve it if possible, but no one thinks of his fellow human being who is in need. And thus no human being may be self-satisfied if he **only** fulfils his duty. His spiritual state will always remain on the same level, for only an act of love will improve it, only loving activity will bring spiritual maturity to his soul. Therefore, what use is it to you humans if you also provide yourselves with all the comforts of life, if you dutifully do everything in order to gain such a life of well-being,

what use are all your efforts and endeavours in earthly life if they were made without love and you have not progressed one step further in your development at the end of your life if you have only taken care of your earthly well-being? The soul could only recover and mature through works of love, and it is the soul alone which will remain when you have completed your earthly course. The soul can only attain its original form through loving activity, and it is precisely this loving activity which you grossly neglect, you rather add unloving works to it and therefore burden the soul extraordinarily.... And thereby you render your earthly life completely useless, you don't live according to purpose and will one day feel bitter remorse that you left a gift of grace unused and thereby missed out on a glorious fate in eternity. But you humans are also inaccessible to teachings about the meaning of a life of love.... You have already sunk so low through your selfish love that your spirit is darkened and you no longer recognize the light which shines towards you when the divine teaching of love is brought to you. Love has grown cold amongst people, and this also means that earthly life is useless for the souls, that the purpose of earthly life is misunderstood and that people's spiritual state has become darkened. And only the one who makes an effort to live a life of love himself also recognizes the disaster which threatens humanity, which lives without any love.... Only he knows that the prince of darkness then also has power over an unloving humanity, that it is in bondage to him and is in his power from which it can only free itself if it uses the weapon of love against him, for he who kindles love in himself will be avoided by the adversary because in his vicinity is God Himself, Who is eternal love and Whom he flees who is devoid of all love....

Amen

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Purification of the soul through love....

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It contributes a lot to your purification if you only keep reminding yourselves of the commandments of love for God and your neighbour and ask yourselves how far you comply with these commandments. For if you are honest with yourselves you will never be satisfied with yourselves and your way of life, because you could always be more eager in your activity of love and often miss an opportunity. But already the will to act right and already the fact to carry out this self-examination is an advantage for your soul, for every good will has a beneficial effect. And during such a serious examination you will also become aware of your weaknesses, which every person still has, even if his will is good, until he is so eagerly active in love that he is now filled by the strength of love which also gives the will the right strengthening. Just never believe that you no longer need to purify your soul; never believe that you have already reached the degree which secures your entry into the kingdom of light. You must strive and work on yourselves as long as you live on earth, and you will only do well if you often devote yourselves to such inner reflections and try to fathom your faults and weaknesses. And your will will also be strengthened to constantly carry out the work on your soul, because such introspections already testify to your serious will to become perfect. Every omission of a good deed will come to your mind during self-examination, every failure or disregard of the divine commandments of love will come to your mind, and then you should only ever firmly resolve to improve yourselves and use every opportunity to make up for what you have neglected, and it will only result in a blessing for you that you will always fulfil the commandments of love for God and your neighbour more easily, because you will receive strength if your will is serious. The human being should once consider his duties towards his neighbour if he wants to fulfil this very commandment.... He should always remind himself that he should help his neighbour in every adversity and distress, be it of an earthly or spiritual nature.... And therefore he should not close his eyes to his neighbour's adversity, he should always remember how helpful help would be to him in the same adversity and how gratefully he would accept it. And he should always consider what his fellow human being is in need of, be it spiritually or physically.... For he should also try to remedy spiritual hardship where possible, because this is a work of love with a special effect on his fellow human being's soul. For this reason the human being cannot go into himself often enough and think about everything God requires

of him through His commandments of love, for these are always the guideline for a correctly lived earthly change, he can always keep to these commandments if he wants to live his earthly life correctly and according to God's will, always as a blessing for himself and his fellow human beings.... For God requires nothing else of the human being than that he change into love, He only requires that he fulfils His commandments in order to grant him a blissful life in light and strength and freedom, which, however, is inconceivable **without** love.... And all perfection of the soul solely depends on the transformation (of selfish love) into unselfish love, which then also guarantees love for God and establishes the union with Him, on which all beatitude in the spiritual kingdom depends....

Amen

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Free will.... recognizing good and evil.... love spark....

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October 8th 1963

The whole earth existence as man has only one purpose, to bring the still imperfect spiritual, which is in a bodily cover as soul, to the last perfection. And that is why the whole walk of life is to be so directed that it corresponds to the principle of divine order: Man is to always only think and want well; he is to always only carry out good actions, i.e., all thinking, wanting and acting is to be carried by love. For man, since he has free will, can use it in any direction. He can lead a good as well as a bad way of life, and he will not be able to be forced in any way. Every man also has within himself the sense of good and evil, because he has a silent admonisher within him.... the voice of conscience.... and because he feels the effect of good and evil actions on himself, beneficent or sorrowful.... And therefore it is also said: Love you neighbour as yourselves, do to him the same thing that makes you happy, and do him no harm, because you also will not be harmed yourselves. Every man knows how to distinguish between good and evil, if only he is honest with himself. But if he has an evil will, then he also seeks to pervert the law of order, then he denies even the sense of good and evil. But then he only lies to himself, and he will never be able to maintain this assertion before himself. As soon as man lacks all sense of responsibility, his whole way of life is only a lie against himself.... he does not **want** to be good because he is still firmly chained to God's adversary, but he also knows himself that he is bad, even if he does not want to admit this to his fellow human beings and falls into ever deeper sins.... A person who lacks the conscious feeling for good and evil could not one day be called to account for his conduct on earth.... But it is always only his free will how he leads his way of life, and for this he has to answer. If he himself is wronged, then he will also rebel against it. So he knows about right and wrong.... But the adversary is able to dull his feeling so that he is finally only a blind tool for him, that he lets himself be used completely without will for all bad actions and then he already becomes a devil, although he still walks the earth as man.... But his soul is completely dominated by the enemy, by him who seeks to snatch all souls into ruin. That no other fate can be granted to such souls than renewed banishment in solid matter will then also be understandable to you men who make an effort to live in divine order. **Every** man can reach perfection on earth, but his will alone is decisive, whether he seeks support in weakness of will and asks for strengthening, whether he has the desire in him to live right and justly.... Then every possible help will be given to him. And this desire could be in every man, because God leaves out no-one, to whom He {not} offers His favours, which however must also be voluntarily accepted and evaluated.... And man himself determines this. But it is wrong to think that a man would be completely incapable of reaching his aim on earth because he is "unusually" burdened with weaknesses and dispositions.... According to these is also the supply of grace, and also particularly burdened men will come into situations in life where they can think and devote themselves to their God and creator.... That they do not do it is again due to free will, but that they can do it cannot be denied, otherwise God would have to be denied justice, wisdom and love, but He wrestles for every soul to win it for Himself, and therefore truly leaves no means untried to help it. But when the soul of a man gives ear to the opponent and closes its ears to Him Who truly loves it, then it is also pulled down by the opponent, and it does not resist, but is in bondage to him in everything, and that also means that it again completely falls prey to him and again remains his

belonging for endless long time. Because you men must not forget one thing that the divine love spark is associated with **every** man at the beginning of the embodiment on earth, that this therefore only needs to be ignited and the danger of a fall into the deep is thereby eliminated. Every man **can** be **active** in love, but whether he is **willing** to love, that is up to him, however decides the success of earth life and his further fate, which can be happiness and bliss in the kingdom of light or also again banishment in hard matter, because otherwise the final aim cannot be reached, which God has set for Himself at the beginning....

Amen

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A measure of self-love

Selfish love.... Love your neighbour as yourself....

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God instructed you to love each other; He gave you a commandment you must fulfil if you want to be saved. And this commandment requires nothing else but love for Him and your neighbour.... Yet it includes the entire work of improving your soul, which should attain perfection while you still live on earth. Your every thought, word and action should correspond to this commandment of love, it must express itself in your will to give and to please, to help, comfort, encourage and protect.... the human being must do to other people what would please himself were he in need of the same degree of help. Love your neighbour as yourself.... Hence, God has granted the human being a degree of selfish love by which he can always judge how far he fulfils the commandment of neighbourly love. If a person loves himself very much, he also has a duty to give a greater measure to his fellow human being if he wants to comply with God's will. In that case he must also accomplish more kind-hearted deeds.... If a person's selfish love is small and he wants to fulfil God's will, his neighbourly love will exceed the degree of selfish love, and he will find this easier because he will easily be able to let go of earthly possessions and give them to his fellow human beings. But you humans are always expected to practise unselfish neighbourly love, consequently, you must also be able to go without, you must be able to make sacrifices in favour of pleasing a fellow human being. And the more you love a fellow human being, the easier you can do this. But in order to awaken the feeling of love for a fellow human being you must bear in mind that all of you are children of a Father, that all of you came forth from the same strength and therefore all of you are creatures of God's love.... Then you will learn to regard your fellow human being as your brother, you will treat him with love, you will want to help him if he suffers adversity, and your willingness to help will make you happy, because it is blissful in itself and results in spiritual knowledge.... If you give to your neighbour what you desire yourselves, then God will give you what belongs to Him.... He will give you the truth, He will give you light and strength and grace.... He will please you and likewise will only give you possessions which originate from His kingdom, which cannot be offered to you in an earthly way. But He will also bless your possessions in an earthly way by increasing what you sacrifice if it benefits your soul's salvation. If you therefore give because of love for your neighbour, you will not need to starve, for God's love will give you in kind if you are in need, and He is not prudent with His Own but distributes His gifts without measure.... providing you also sacrifice without anxiously calculating what you can do without. If you are impelled to give by love, you will not hesitate or give very little and therefore also receive in abundance from the eternal Love. And if you are incapable of the feeling of love, then you must train yourselves to accomplish unselfish deeds of love, you must look around yourselves and actively intervene with helpful support when you come across hardship. This is God's will, and you should adopt this will as your own, then your kind-hearted activity for your neighbour will make you happy in every way.... you will kindle love in yourselves until it grows into a bright flame which takes hold of everything that enters its vicinity. For love is divine, it comes forth from God and leads back to God again, this is why the commandment of love for God and one's neighbour is the most important commandment which must be fulfilled on earth as well as in the beyond in order to unite with the eternal Love and to attain eternal bliss....

Amen

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You should glow with merciful love towards your fellow human being's need when you are approached for help and are able to provide it. You should feel their hardship like your own in order to help to the best of your ability, and you will awaken reciprocated love in your neighbour, and the flame of love will spread and draw ever wider circles, the loving person will also increase his willingness to help and the reciprocated love in his fellow human being will also constantly find new nourishment.... The flame of love will increase and thrust itself towards Me, Who am eternal love Itself.... Love for Me can only be demonstrated through unselfish neighbourly love, for to love Me as the most perfect being in infinity is not difficult.... but to love one's fellow human being with all his weaknesses and shortcomings is only proof that the human being has a compassionate, loving heart and that he would like to express the love slumbering within him to this weak, helpless neighbour who comes to him in his adversity. This love is therefore mercy and truly born in the human heart.... and it proves love for Me, for loving a flawed being only confirms love for the perfect being, Who is the creator of everything that surrounds the human being, thus also of the neighbour, who therefore has to claim true brotherly love according to God's will.... Neighbourly love can also never be feigned, for the human being either shows love to his neighbour or leaves him in his adversity. But he will never alleviate his adversity if he is not forced to do so by other material advantages which then, however, no longer fall within the area of neighbourly love as it is demanded of you humans by Me.... Providing help for the sake of earthly advantage is equal to an omission in My eyes, for only unselfishness is true neighbourly love, as I demand it through My commandment. What is done out of calculation does not fall under the fulfilment of this commandment but is a dead work which does not receive My attention. But you humans cannot deceive Me, for I see into your hearts.... And therefore I demand merciful love.... a feeling of merciful love which applies to your neighbour in need.... This alone I will regard and value as a proof of your love for Me, your God and father, Who pursues you with His never-ending love and wants to draw you to Himself in merciful love.... And a measure has been given to you as to what love you should give to your neighbour.... You shall love him as yourselves.... The same you claim for yourselves you should also give to him, i.e. you should help him to the best of your ability and always remember that it would also be good for you if you received the same help from your fellow human being.... You should never think that you have no obligation towards your neighbour, for I have imposed this obligation on you through My commandment, through the addition "as for yourselves...." I grant you humans a measure of self-love, and accordingly you should love your neighbour "as yourselves...." And this addition obliges you to always remember your neighbour, just as you also predominantly remember yourselves and this is not denied to you. But as soon as you also take care of your neighbour, your self-love is also justified, and it will also soon no longer exceed the right measure.... For you will increase in merciful neighbourly love and thus also demonstrate ever deeper love for Me.... you will fulfil My commandments and truly become blessed as a result....

Amen

Active charity

Sacrificial love....

B.D. No. 2783

June 22nd 1943

Love enables a person to make any sacrifice, and thus your love should be such that you will gladly and joyfully give up everything if this will help your neighbour. Sacrificial love is inexpressibly beneficial; both for your souls as well as for the soul of a fellow human being who thereby learns to love as well, for the love which touches him will also kindle the indwelling spark of love, which can develop into a flame. A person's deed must be inspired by love, only then will it be true love which not only expresses itself in words and feelings but in active care as well. The bliss of accomplishing a kind deed which helps a fellow human being makes a person feel very happy.... Thus love by itself is already rewarding, because it is pleasing and encourages constantly new actions of love. A love which is willing to make sacrifices does not consider itself; a person gives of what he owns without thinking if it benefits someone else, he gives to others and is happy that he can help his fellow human being.... Only this kind of love will result in his soul's maturity, which is his goal on earth, for it will make his heart receptive for the divine Love Itself, Which requires such a prepared soul as an abode in order to stay and work in a person. Through his love, the human being draws God, Who is Love Itself, close to him, and he will never be without love because divine love will fill his heart and his whole nature will change into love.... He will adapt himself to God; he will find the union with Him on earth already, which is the purpose and goal of his life on earth.... Anyone making a sacrifice out of love for his neighbour gives up very little in exchange for so much more.... As long as he is still fond of earthly possessions, as long as the commodities of the world mean everything to him, he will be incapable of any kind-hearted deed, for his selfish love will be too great and will prevent him from giving for his fellow human being's sake. Only love will make him do this, the love for his fellow human being will make his possessions seem worthless to him, he will only try to help and will no longer calculate the advantages he would gain from his wealth, he will give gladly and joyfully because he will be motivated to do so by love.... But anyone without love is incapable of parting with the possessions of the world, nor will he ever experience pure joy, he will not get to know the happiness which kind-hearted activity triggers in a person.... And in order to help those people, in order to teach them actions of love, God allows adversity to come upon the earth.... harsh conditions, which should encourage every person to practise love; an adversity which intends to kindle the spark of love in every person in order to act with love. Once he has felt the happiness of kind-hearted activity, his heart will no longer be so hardened. Hence you humans should practise love, you should give what is dear and valuable to you if you can reduce people's adversity with it.... you should not think long as to whether it will be to your advantage or disadvantage; you should be impelled by the love in your heart, and this does not stop and think.... It makes sacrifices and gladly gives what it owns, it only wants to help and ease a fellow human being's fate.... And if you can make sacrifices, you will not become poorer but gain far more riches, for God's strength of love will flow to you, which exceeds the value of all earthly possessions.... You will sacrifice earthly goods and exchange them for spiritual possessions, and these possessions will be yours to keep, they cannot be taken away from you, even if you leave the Earth and enter the spiritual kingdom.... Every sacrifice you have made out of love for your fellow human beings will increase your eternal possessions. For this reason you should spend your life on earth with continuous actions of love, you should be of service and give to others, offer help and advice to those who are still weak and require physical and spiritual assistance. You should make sacrifices in order to also awaken love in your fellow human being..... so that you will fulfil your mission on earth....

Amen

Charity....B.D. No. 4706
August 7th 1949

In christian neighbourly love lies the foundation of peace and harmony, both on a large and small scale, i.e., nations and states will live in peace with each other, just as people will live together in harmony among themselves if their behaviour is based on the principle of neighbourly love, if they only want to do good to each other and strive to keep suffering and worry away from their fellow human beings. Then there will truly be peace on earth.... but how far away are people from this now....? They offend each other and are full of ruthlessness, even though they don't consciously want to harm people, yet there is no sign of love for each other, and that is why the great spiritual decline is so obvious, for without love the human being cannot strive spiritually either, without love there is no spiritual progress.... people do not reach their aim.... Only a few still accept the law of love which, however, has to be fulfilled or there can be no peace. And so every individual should seriously ask himself how he behaves towards this law.... he should ask himself whether he is doing everything in his power to bring joy, to alleviate suffering and to control the hardship which becomes obvious to him and requires his help. Man should think more of others than of himself, then he will also see what is lacking and be able to remedy it. Man should avoid everything that offends his fellow human beings, but do everything that makes them happy. Seriously ask yourselves whether you could justify yourselves if such a justification were demanded of you. And you will discover many omissions which are then a sin if the fellow human being suffers or suffers as a result, be it mentally or physically. Help where you can and protect your neighbour from suffering where you can.... Never let self-love prevail, never let your neighbour go hungry if you yourselves are doing well.... This is to be understood literally and also figuratively, for even a kind word, a good look, a helpful action can refresh and strengthen the fellow human being, therefore don't let it be lacking. Practice neighbourly love.... and your earthly life will be harmonious, there will be peace and harmony in and around you, and if all people lived according to this commandment it would truly be paradise on earth. But how does it look in the world? All bad qualities, greed, hatred, envy, discord, insincerity and self-love dominate people, they are not friends but enemies, they do not respect each other but seek to exalt themselves, they do not lay a soothing hand on wounds but inflict new ones, and thus evil becomes ever greater and plunges people into ruin. Love has grown cold among people, and that is the end.... For where love no longer exists all substance hardens, where the heart can no longer feel love all knowledge is lost, thus all life will also die, for only love alone is life.... Hence you humans can certainly still live physically but spiritually you are dead if you are devoid of all love. Again and again love will be preached to you, don't let these admonitions fall on your ears but know that they are the last calls from above; know that there is not much time left until the end but that you will be judged according to your love. Therefore take care that you do not need to fear the judgement.... Practice neighbourly love and thereby acquire eternal peace....

Amen

Only servant love leads to perfection....B.D. No. 8601
August 30th 1963

In every phase of your ascent development you had to serve, because every work of creation had its purpose and its destiny; nothing has been created senselessly by the creative power, which wanted to lead the once fallen beingness up again. As man you certainly cannot everywhere recognize a serving purpose, but the creator Himself let Himself be determined by His wisdom and love to assign a task to all His creations, through the fulfilment of which always only the purpose was reached that the spiritual bound in it reached up step by step. Therefore the beingness in the mandatory state covers an endless long way of development, as this has already been announced to you men many times. But only that can be decisive for the last perfection, what is accomplished by the being in free will; only

the **servicing** as man is decisive of the once fallen being in the stage of free will. Man must **serve in love**, then he becomes active in free will according to the will of God and comes to perfection still on earth. Love will always express itself in servicing.... because love always makes an effort to make the object of love happy, to help it. And servicing love is a pure divine love; it is not directed wrongly as once that it only satisfied itself, but it always only has the well-being of the neighbour as its aim and therefore always expresses itself in servicing.... What now man undertakes in servicing love will always be blessed and always lead to the last perfection. But if he neglects works of servicing neighbourly love, then he irrevocably remains on the same level of his development, and there is also the danger that his self-love increases and he sinks back, that his earth life is an idle run, because he is no longer forced as man.... Anyone who serves in selfless love also fulfils divine will, and he approaches his God and creator again, because servicing love is also evidence of humility, because the human being now no longer exalts himself, which once caused his fall.... The whole of creation serves, albeit in a state of compulsion, and the once fallen spiritual now covers the path to God in this state of compulsion, but in this state it cannot reach the final aim, which has free will as its prerequisite, otherwise the being would eternally remain a judged being and would no longer correspond to the original state, where it was freely exposed and could freely create and have an effect.... It must absolutely receive this freedom again and now exactly again move in divine will, although it **can** also use its will wrongly. And man has to make this decision during his earth life to become again what he was in the beginning. Therefore he is to serve.... And that requires a putting back of self-love, a forming of oneself to unselfish, divine love, which always only wants to make happy.... what is not easy for man at first, but can be achieved during earth life, because all aids are offered to him that his self-love changes and man only still thinks of his neighbour and through this also proves love towards God and therefore approaches Him again, as he once moved away from Him in free will. And whether you men also believe to perfect yourselves by performing acts and customs.... as long as these do not consist of works of servicing neighbourly love, they are worthless before God and do not contribute to your upward development. You can only perfect yourselves through servicing love, because this alone testifies to your free will to return to God. And He will also again and again create opportunities for you where you are prompted to servicing love, where you can stand by the neighbour in spiritual and in earthly trouble, where you can help, comfort and protect all who get into trouble and cannot free themselves from it. The earthly progress before through all creations was certainly difficult and sorrowful, but you certainly reached ascent through it, because you were prompted by natural law to be of service.... But in the stage as man it is far more difficult for you, because you must overcome yourselves, your free will must become active to do what you were forced to do before through natural law.... You must serve.... but are no longer forced to do so, but your will alone decides.... And therefore you also bear a great responsibility for your earthly life as a human being.... you can sink back again but also reach the highest height.... you can unite with the eternal love Itself through servicing love, and then your aim will have been reached on earth, you will have found union with your God and creator, you will return as children to the father from Whom you once originated as creatures....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Help in spiritual distress

Concern for the souls' salvation.... Utterly unselfish neighbourly love....

B.D. No. 1504
July 5th 1940

Every undisturbed hour should be used to work for the benefit of the human race.... Spiritual wellbeing should take precedence over earthly interests, because there is no time to lose. The demon likewise makes use of every opportunity to spiritually damage the human race, and so the opposing power must constantly be at work in order to prevent his actions; good spiritual forces must unite in their work against this power, and thus neither indifference nor carelessness may arise, which would only serve the adversary's purpose. For then he will only intensify his activity, he will also weaken people's determination and wear them out if they do not diligently work against him.... What's more, it is a transgression against the commandment of neighbourly love if people slacken in the battle for the salvation of souls which are in need of help. It should be your greatest concern to help those who are approaching their spiritual downfall. Don't leave them in their spiritual darkness and turn away from them indifferently, for they need your help. They are weak and no longer able to release themselves from the power of the opponent. In their dark and lightless surroundings they do not recognise their soul's adversity and therefore do not desire light. Even so, you should make an effort to kindle a small light and bring these poor souls a tiny glimmer of it, so that they will take notice and pay attention to your activity. You should leave no stone unturned in changing their indifference of spiritual knowledge into interest; you should show their thoughts the right path, you should educate them and beseech them to remember their soul and to understand the meaning of life; you should try to persuade them to have faith in Jesus Christ and explain that a life of love on earth is far more beneficial than only to live for selfish love, for the fulfilment of earthly wishes. You should not withhold anything from them which made you find the path of ascent; you should acquaint them with the teaching of Jesus Christ and the fact that they can only ascend through kind-hearted service. You should do everything possible which can guide these souls out of the spiritual night into the light of day. Then you will be kind-heartedly active in the truest sense of the word. This is the most unselfish neighbourly love because it only applies to a fellow human being's salvation of soul. This task requires infinite love and patience, for it is very difficult to persuade the beings in darkness to accept the Word of God; they will staunchly resist it, because the opponent himself is your strongest adversary and incites people's will into most powerful resistance. Nevertheless, a person's love can be victorious if these souls are tirelessly and patiently fought for with these very means of love.... Not the external person but the soul needs to be paid attention to, which is in a pitiful state and can no longer muster the strength to release itself from the opponent's shackles. Hence the love of an enlightened person, that is, someone who knows the truth, will recognise the adversity of such souls and not slacken in his effort for them. He will try to help them through heartfelt prayer, he will present this soul's hardship to the Father in Heaven and appeal to Him for strength to accomplish the redemptive work, if his own strength is not sufficient and the person's will begins to tire before the soul has been won over for eternal life. Therefore you should constantly be active with love, and give all your love to your fellow human beings' souls which suffer adversity. Don't let yourselves be depressed by failures but always desire the strength from God, then you will be able to solve the most difficult tasks, you will snatch the souls from the opponent and lead them to the heavenly Father, and these souls will be grateful to you for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Redemptive work on earth is the greatest act of neighbourly love and therefore pleasing to God. This work applies both to a fellow human being's body as well as to his soul. For the more diligently the soul is worked upon, the more the body's adversity will abate. Redemptive work, however, is everything that helps the soul to gain freedom; everything that can serve its liberation from Satan's control and its further development, everything that assists its perfection. Anyone can accomplish this redemptive work and thereby practise extremely richly blessed neighbourly love, especially during the last days before the end when countless souls suffering spiritual adversity should be helped, because their souls will be hopelessly lost without help, given that they no longer have the strength to release themselves. If you humans bear in mind that a totally weak soul is in urgent need of help, then it should be your heartfelt decision to help, providing you feel a spark of love in yourselves, because the weakness of this soul is not a temporary condition but continues forever until it receives external help. Although in its human stage the soul is capable of releasing itself if it subordinates itself to God's will and keeps His commandments. Yet since it failed to do so it is devoid of all strength and can only be helped by fellow human beings, because its wrongly inclined will has made it impossible for God's direct action. Hence love is necessary in order to take part in the redemptive work on earth, and every person who practises this neighbourly love, will be blessed by God as this love is truly unselfish. Redemptive work can only be accomplished by those who deny themselves, who have overcome their inclination towards the world and who are therefore actually already labourers in the vineyard of the Lord, who offered to carry out work which does not result in earthly achievements but solely concerns a fellow human being's spiritual wellbeing. And this kind of neighbourly love must be successful, it will not remain ineffective, the work of helping a neighbour's soul will not be done in vain providing his will is not entirely opposed to God and thus also opposes his fellow human beings' efforts.... In that case his soul will be lost for eternity, for its spiritual adversity is too great to be remedied on earth during the short time which is still available for the redemption of people's souls. Then the soul's fate will be a renewed banishment, a process through the new creations on earth, which will last an infinitely long time again....

Amen

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Spiritual need of the neighbour....

And this shall become a blessing for you yourselves if you take care of your neighbour in his spiritual hardship. To alleviate earthly hardship is indeed the commandment of neighbourly love, that you should do to him what you want to be done to you when you are in the same hardship. But you should also help him in spiritual hardship, and this will have an effect on his soul as well as on your soul. For spiritual hardship is far worse than earthly hardship, because the latter will end with the passing away of earthly life, but spiritual hardship will be taken over into the kingdom of the beyond and will have a dreadfully agonizing effect on the soul. And you can help your neighbour in spiritual adversity if you first help him to a living faith.... if you point him to **Jesus Christ**, without Whom no human being can become blessed. If your neighbour is still completely without faith then he is in great spiritual hardship and it will not be easy work for you to help him to faith. But you can encourage him to work with love, you can first influence him so that he practices love, and then it will already be easier for him to believe what you recite to him. And this is first of all the knowledge about Jesus Christ and His act of salvation which you should pass on to your neighbour who does not yet possess it.... And he will soon be able to believe it if he is of good will and therefore also lovingly active. But it also has to be conveyed to him in all truth so that it will not cause his rejection and then it will be very difficult to ever make him understand the act of salvation. Truth alone has the power to influence a well-meaning person, but he will immediately reject error and destroy all vineyard work on him. Therefore, the first thing you need to do is to know the truth yourselves before you can offer spiritual

help to your neighbour.... but you, who are taught by Me directly, have much spiritual knowledge in your hands which you can impart to him, and your love will also ensure your success, for whatever you undertake with love for your neighbour will not be without success.... It will benefit his soul, just as you yourselves will receive more the more you give away of your spiritual wealth, for the need is great.... People try to remedy earthly hardship themselves, even if they approach you as their brothers for help.... But they don't think about spiritual hardship and therefore don't ask for help either. And therefore you should offer it to them yourselves; wherever you can you should direct your conversations to a spiritual basis, you should try to find out your neighbour's attitude in the spiritual sphere, and you should proclaim the gospel to them, i.e. stimulate them to be active in love.... And then you will also find the opportunity to speak of Jesus Christ and His act of salvation and notice the impression this makes on the people you thus teach.... And even if you only achieve a small success you will nevertheless have rendered an invaluable service to your neighbour, for the words you used to him will not be lost.... They will take root and one day the seed will sprout and a strong faith can develop from it, depending on the willingness of the person you show true neighbourly love towards. Therefore often think of your neighbour's **spiritual** hardship and try to help him. And it will truly be a blessing for him and for you, for I Myself will support you, I Myself will knock on the hearts of those, and blessed are those who open the door of their hearts to Me when I desire entrance....

Amen

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Love to work otherworldly souls

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

B.D. No. 5901

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

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

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

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

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

be able to work with love in order to receive ever more strength and enter into increasingly brighter light.

Light makes the souls tremendously happy, and in this happiness their willingness to love will constantly grow, hence a single soul in the beyond is able to carry out a most extensive amount of redemptive work. For as soon as it understands, it will also impart its realisation to other souls and try to encourage them into the same loving endeavour.... For just as on earth there is only one applicable commandment in the spiritual kingdom: Love God above all else and your neighbour as yourself....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Intercession for souls in darkness....

B.D. No. 6157

January 7th 1955

I will show mercy to all who entrust your love to Me.... There is great hardship in the kingdom of the beyond, especially for those souls which have no advocate on earth, which are forgotten by people or have acquired so little love that they are only thought of in displeasure. All these souls have a bitter fate, they are in tormenting darkness and completely without strength so that they cannot help themselves alone and are dependent on help. They reap what they have sown, and their fate is not unjust, it is not undeserved, for such souls cannot expect anything other than what they have acquired for themselves in earthly life, where they were completely without love.... Nevertheless, they shall also be helped, and the love **they** lack must be offered from another side.... but which I also accept and book for the benefit of those souls.... Whatever love you give to these souls is given to them again as strength which they can now use according to their will. But a soul which receives the supply of strength through your love also knows the purpose for which it receives it, and it is so grateful for the help that it eagerly endeavours to increase the strength.... that it then also uses the strength to work with love. It will never reject a person's love, whereas it often resists the same efforts on the part of the world of light because it has no faith in what they tell it, for the beings of light stand before them in the **same** condition and are therefore not listened to. But people on earth, especially those who were close to them, achieve much more, for those unhappy souls look up to them because they see the strength of love emanating from them as a ray which is a blessing to them.... You humans have great power over those souls in darkness if you remember them with love.... if you want to help them.... For they feel this and have confidence in you and also listen to you if you reproach them or proclaim the gospel to them. And no matter how stubborn a soul is, no matter how blind and ignorant it may be.... your love changes this state, it immediately understands you if your thoughts are filled with love, and then it also accepts.... Without love there is no progress, on earth as well as in the spiritual kingdom.... without love there is no redemption from the abyss.... And I give the souls in darkness the great grace that the love which is turned towards them from earth is recognizable as light.... as light which gives them hope and never shines in vain.... Those you remember whose adversity prompts you to call for help are truly not abandoned, for what you give to Me through your love for those souls I also pass on and also commission My messengers in the spiritual kingdom to help in a special way.... And it will not be without success. The souls in the kingdom of the beyond are only little thought of by people.... The belief in a continuation of life is not very strong, and that is why the connections are also severed for most people, the concern for **spiritual** well-being does not occupy them, and only few thoughts follow them.... It is also **dark** around people on earth, and the souls do not return there where they find nothing that is good for them.... Also remember those souls who are without intercession, call them to you in the will to help them, let your love also radiate into the depth, for a soul will always cling to this ray of light and ascend, and it will come to you from where the light shone for it.... Pray to it what it lacks.... light and power.... Bring My word close to it and you have already succeeded in bringing it salvation, because My word has such power that it always desires to hear it and will therefore always stay where it is offered food and drink which your love can make accessible to it.... And those redeemed souls will thank you eternally....

Effect of the divine word on otherworldly souls....

B.D. No. 7444

November 2nd 1959

You are in the midst of a multitude of souls when you receive My word or pass it on to your fellow human beings. You cannot see them but you would be overjoyed if you could feel their gratitude which makes them seek ever more contact with you. They feel that nourishment emanates from you which satisfies them, which does them good and which gives them the strength they need. Every word which penetrates their hearts is also felt by them as being spoken by Me Myself, and therefore they are particularly happy that I dignify them with an address and they burn with ardent love for Me. You do no spiritual work unnoticed by these souls, for once they have accepted food and drink from you they will not leave you again, and they only ever wait for you to establish the bond with the spiritual world, which they notice as a ray of light and then follow everything with utmost attentiveness and take part in what is offered to you by Me.... You do not know about the great blessing of spiritual bonds through listening to or passing on My word.... You don't know how many people you can make happy with it and what effect My word has on all these souls which need light and strength but which are also willing to accept light and strength. They greedily accept every word and think about it, and once a soul has discovered this source of life it will no longer leave it, for it will always derive more benefit from it the more eagerly it accepts the food and drink. And then it works with it itself because it cannot help but repeatedly mention the grace it is offered by being allowed to participate in the feeding of countless souls. And if you humans remember these souls to whom you can only do good by letting yourselves be taught, by accepting My word directly or indirectly.... if you consider that every spiritual conversation always spreads brighter light around the soul, then you should not miss any opportunity to hear or read My word and again and again hand out nourishment to the souls surrounding you which will help them to mature in a short time. You should remember these souls with compassionate love and know that you can help them to salvation if you proclaim My word, silently or aloud, as the occasion arises. You will never be without a listener, for even if the children of the world don't want to listen to you, but the beings in the kingdom of the beyond are always willing to listen to you, they are waiting for it because a spiritually directed thought already expresses itself as a spark of light which they rush towards so as not to miss anything. These souls truly hunger and thirst for the bread of heaven and the water of life.... You can satisfy them and again and again supply them with strength, and the knowledge of this shall inspire you to let My word resound into infinity quite often, be it through direct receipt, through the transmission of My word from above, be it through passing it on, through proclaiming the pure gospel, which you receive from Me if only you desire it.... You never hear it alone but you are always surrounded by a multitude who receive it extremely gratefully, who fill themselves with it and are happy that they, too, can now work with it for the benefit of the souls to whom they would like to bring light.... Their spiritual poverty will dwindle, they will be able to detach themselves from the darkness, they will feel bliss, for the light will shine upon them and shine through them, which emanates from Me, Who is the light and the truth from eternity....

Amen

Directing the souls in the beyond to Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. 7839

March 2nd 1961

Anyone who professes Me in the spiritual kingdom will be redeemed for all eternity.... As soon as the souls, which are still dwelling in darkness or twilight, are no longer opposed to My name when they are informed of My act of Salvation by disguised messengers of light or by the thoughts of loving people, the darkness will leave them.... the strength of My name alone will take effect in them

and drive them to Me, they will start to look for Me and I will also allow Myself to be found.... But the soul's will is and shall always remain free, hence it might also take a long time before they accept Me, before people's intercession becomes effective or the messengers of light joining them in disguise are successful in bringing them the Gospel.

Yet the efforts to gain these souls will not cease, and therefore it is very beneficial if souls are consciously invited to join spiritual conversations relating to the act of Salvation, so that the souls will time and again be directed to Jesus Christ and voluntarily take the path to Me and ask Me for forgiveness of their guilt.... As long as they are not happy they will still be burdened by guilt, and their misery will be able to encourage them to strive for an improvement of their situation and think about themselves, about their life on earth and their relationship with Me, their God and Creator of eternity. It will already reduce the soul's will of resistance if it receives people's loving intercession, if it is kindly thought of and feels their willingness to help. This will also decrease its rejection of help which it is repeatedly offered in the realm of the beyond, and its surrender of opposition is the beginning of progress, for every inclination of such a soul is taken into account and it is bestowed with a small light, which makes it happy and increases its desire for it.

The souls in the beyond have to find Me if they have not found Me on earth already. And you humans can greatly contribute towards it by frequently thinking of souls which suffer adversity.... by only ever directing every soul coming into your mind to Me, to the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ, Who alone can help it attain beatitude. Your loving thoughts of these souls are like sparks of light, which make them happy and which they always look out for and to whose origin they hurry. While on earth they had kept away from all spiritual instruction, they had only lived their earthly life and thus entered the spiritual kingdom devoid of all spiritual possessions after their death Now they first have to acquire spiritual possessions of their own free will, they should not offer any opposition if the Gospel of love is proclaimed to them, and they must also pass it on with love to those who, like themselves, would like to improve their situation.

However, as soon as you humans take care of these souls they will not be lost; your thoughts will always draw them to yourselves and they will also be able to accept what they hitherto had rejected.... and now experience it as a blessing because it is given to them by your love.... For love is a power which will not remain ineffective.... You should often remember the souls which still languish in darkness, which have not yet found their way to Me in Jesus; show them the way and inform them of the Gospel; and you will accomplish a richly blessed work of redemption that is most significant, especially during the last days, because many souls shall still detach themselves from the abyss, so that they will not fall prey to the new banishment when the end has come....

Amen

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Consequences of the love life

The spirit of love protects against temptations and God's adversary....

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November 24th 1954

Always remain in the spirit of love.... Only then will you be protected from the enemy's onslaughts, for he takes flight from love, and a person with a heart full of love will not be approached by him. However, as soon as merely a tiny spark of unkindness makes itself felt in the human heart he can slip in and will try every means to make more space for himself. He will entice him into becoming impatient, into becoming self-righteous and proud in order to stifle the love in him, in order to then have free reign and to make the human being's will compliant to him. He will never succeed where love is present, for this offers him no target, it defends itself and has the strength to repel him.... Yet time and again the human being encounters situations in which he should prove himself because he can only ascend by fighting or helping.... And thus he will have to overcome opposition, he will have to bend down to the helpless person and help him get up, thus he will have to practise helpful neighbourly love.... If he does, his battles will become less, because then the love in him will give him strength to prove himself as his resistance grows. Yet the human being must take care not to let the fire of love die down.... if he does not want to hand himself over to the tempter who is instantly prepared to help by extinguishing the fire of love entirely.... He is full of cunning and trickery and a master at setting traps into which you gullibly fall if the light of love in your hearts does not burn so brightly that you recognise him no matter how cleverly he disguises himself.... Hence, the call can only ever go out to you: Remain in the spirit of love.... for then you will be united with God and need not fear the enemy. And you can also successfully face every **temptation** with love.... regardless of its nature.... If people want to humiliate you, if they want to provoke you into becoming impatient, if they try to make you envious.... the tempter is always behind it and you will defeat him and chase him away if you remain in love.... Then all this will have no effect on you, you will only regard your fellow human beings as ailing souls who allow themselves to be used by the opponent for such temptations, and you will approach them with love and occasionally also cause them to reflect on it and stop their unfair words and actions.... For love is strength and will not remain ineffective where it is not resisted.... For this reason you should exemplify a life of love to your fellow human beings, which is frequently more successful than words, which are not proven through an action.... Remain in love and remember that you thereby remain in the One Who is Love Himself.... and that His presence is an assured protection against all onslaughts by the enemy of your souls....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Love is the most effective weapon against evil....

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The human being's most powerful weapon against all evil is love.... Anyone in possession of love is protected by God Himself, because He dwells in him and truly everything must give way to His power. Evil takes flight from this weapon or allows itself to be overcome. For love is its most effective foe which it cannot bear up against. Love subjugates everything that comes into contact with it, if it does not visibly escape from it. This is why love will always be a person's most effective weapon; he will always be successful in battle and need not fear anything if he uses this weapon to fight with.... This should be heeded during every situation in life, during every dispute and above all during the final time of battle, when love itself will come under attack. For God's adversary will very strongly insist that even kind-hearted activity should be suppressed and thus made impossible to

accomplish. He will put pressure on people into passing laws which will restrain the kind-hearted actions expected by God. He will not shy away from using people to declare something to be wrong, which alone corresponds to God's will, he will demand unkindness where God requests actions of love, because he can only triumph over people if they no longer use this weapon of love. And this denotes a great danger for the human soul which must be fought against completely consciously. Therefore God admonishes people to continuous kind-hearted activity, He explains to them the blessings and the strength a person can draw from constant actions of love. He must not let himself be misled by secular laws and only ever do what his heart tells him to do, for without love he will descend into darkness and the adversary will have reached his goal.... Love is divine, and he who remains in love carries God within himself and need not fear any power, regardless of how much it threatens him. He who remains in love inwardly resists the intentions of the world which is governed by the adversary. And this resistance cannot be broken by anyone, for the adversary's power is too weak to affect the strength of love. Love may not be banished or it would mean total downfall. Only those who love will live; heartlessness, however, will inevitably result in the soul's death. It is the adversary's intended goal to pull all the soul's striving towards the light into darkness. But he has no power over the one who lives a life of love, and he who lives in love shall also give love to his neighbour, so that he will recognise the strength of love and likewise strive for it by practising love wherever the opportunity presents itself to him. Only someone having shaped himself into love will be strong in the coming time. He will not be afraid of anything, he will try to balance each onslaught with love and he will erect a wall around himself which no-one will be able to pull down. Love is the mightiest factor on earth, it is the key to wisdom, it is the bridge into eternal life, it is the guarantee for God's love, and thus it also signifies light and strength, and both are life.... enabling the soul to be active in all wisdom for all eternity. Only love leads to the goal, only through love will the soul in the human being attain the original state again, only love brings God closer to him and may therefore never be excluded. And at no time ever should people give in to the laws which inhibit their activity of love and which is therefore always the work of the one who, as God's adversary, is devoid of all love and therefore fights against it....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Strengthening of faith through love work....

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You strengthen yourselves enormously in your faith if you live a life of love and are always intent on serving Me and your neighbour. Whatever you undertake, you should always be driven by the will to help, love should always determine you and inspire you to think, speak and act. Then you will enter into closest contact with Me, and the result of this is a firm and unshakeable faith which fills your whole being, a faith which gives you inner peace and security, that you are under My protection, that you, as your father's children, are never abandoned and lonely, that therefore nothing can happen to you but what I deem good for you. Love must be deepened in you so that your faith will become stronger. You must help your fellow human being and want to make him happy, you must alleviate suffering and reduce hardship, you must want to support him with advice and action and divest yourselves of what he lacks if the hardship is thereby reduced. You must support him spiritually, help his soul to believe, give him a good example through loving actions, you must instruct him and take care of him if he is weak in faith and does not recognize Me correctly.... You must do everything you want to be done for you in the same adversity. And you yourselves will have the greatest blessing, for you will thereby kindle a light within yourselves which will then shine upon all those around you. You will be able to prove the strength of a strong faith to your fellow human beings, you will be able to achieve great things as a result of love and the faith arising from it. Then there will be neither lack of strength nor fear, neither worries nor anxious questions.... You will feel safe in Me because I must be where love is and My closeness will give you peace and security.... Don't let up in your activity of

love, give and make happy, and then let yourselves be made happy by Me, Who gives you everything and fails you nothing if you only believe....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Strength of love.... Healing the sick.... Performing miracles....

B.D. No. 5358

April 9th 1952

A person with love also has strength and will be able to do anything, if he does not lack in faith. Love certainly activates faith but faith has to be awakened first, that is, the person first has to think through what he is supposed to believe, then love will also give him strength, so that he will no longer doubt and thus also be able to accomplish everything. Thus love is the most valuable quality, for it makes all things possible. But you humans do not appreciate the power of love.... You could perform miracles, you could heal the sick, you could banish every worry, truly nothing would be impossible if you would develop the love within you to utmost perfection and believe in its strength. And thus it is not a gift I bestow on you when you are able to do everything but it is the result of your strength of love, it is the natural consequence if you acquire My strength through love. Hence you should not systematically aim to acquire such gifts.... to heal the sick, to perform miracles etc.... because it is not an ability you can learn, you only have to increase your love, you have to strive for spiritual perfection, which then demonstrates itself in such abilities....

Only love will accomplish everything. Anyone who completely shapes himself into love and thereby also acquires convinced faith draws from Me Myself, he feels himself as My child, as part of Me and therefore cannot think other than that his every deed will succeed because I Am by his side. But his love has to arise from his heart, it has to completely permeate the human being, it has to make him happy to give what his fellow human being needs. True love is totally unselfish, it no longer wants anything for itself, it constantly gives and is dominated by the principle of giving, and yet it provides indescribable joy.... And this kind of love can accomplish anything it wants to happen, which, as a result of its profundity, emerges as a surge of emotion in the person.... A strong, living faith places its hope in Me to fulfil its request, and it will not ask in vain.... A human being can avail himself of My strength too and accomplish the same, but only if he is permeated by love. Then I do not give him the strength but he has acquired it himself through deeds of love, and that gives him the right.... He has returned to his original nature, he has not taken something unlawfully but has become what he was in the beginning, permeated by light and strength, for love in itself is light and strength, consequently the human being has to be permeated by light and strength if he has love. Hence, it is only necessary for you humans to shape yourselves into love in order for you to accomplish everything like gods; and that you will only want what corresponds to My will goes without saying, because love is also the source of wisdom and cannot do anything other than what is My will....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Love-light: knowledge of the truth....

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You will never succeed in attaining the right realisation as long as you are still without love. For only the light of love within you makes you capable of right judgement, because then your thinking will be enlightened, because then you will be unable to think other than right and thus also immediately recognize what is wrong. And thus people who are willing to love will always live in truth and feel an inner resistance as soon as something wrong is presented to them. But it will also be a futile effort of love to try to convey the truth to a person who is completely without love. He will oppose it just as vehemently because his thinking is still under the influence of the one who is against the truth, who will constantly fight against the truth because it exposes him and his doings. Therefore truth cannot find entrance with an unkind humanity, on the contrary, error will be represented there,

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and no-one will try to free himself from error as long as he himself is of an unkind heart. As soon as a person practices love from within, as soon as his nature itself is love and radiates love, he will never profess error, for the love within him warns him against it.... He will first fall into doubt and always feel more resistance against a teaching which does not correspond to the truth.... And he will also muster the strength to openly take a stand for or against a teaching, because this strength fills him with love at the same time and because he is now driven from within by his spirit to advocate the truth and challenge the error. A love-filled person does not remain silent in the face of an open untruth, and he will also not seemingly acknowledge something that is obviously directed against the truth. But the fact that people remain silent, that so much error has found its way into people's lives without being rejected, is only proof that love has also grown cold among people, which is the surest defence against lies and error. And although again and again individual people recognize this, although they think correctly as a result of their life of love, the majority of people are nevertheless completely ignorant of the truth and feel comfortable with it.... And if love is preached to them they close their hearts and ears and it remains dark in them, precisely because without love there can be no light.... But truth is light.... love is light.... and anyone who wants to walk in the light must first shape himself into love, but then he will also realize that only **one path** leads back into the father's house, into the eternal home.... the path of love, because this is also the path of truth. But anyone who has taken this path will continue to walk it cheerfully, for him there is no hesitation and hesitancy, for him there are no doubts and discouragement, for the strength of love constantly drives him upwards and he takes all obstacles in his stride. Anyone who has found the truth has also found Me Myself, and I am and remain the aim for him towards which he strives.... But I can never be reached without love, the path never leads upwards via error, the truth can never be recognized by a person who is devoid of all love. But I always want to help you all to reach the ascent, and therefore you are constantly admonished to work with love, you are directly addressed by preachers, but I also seek the ice through adversity around you in order to melt your hearts.... For as long as love has grown cold amongst you humans you go through earthly life completely useless, you live it in vain, as it were, without achieving the slightest progress, because you lack the most important thing in earthly life.... the fire of love which enlightens your spirit, which warms your heart, which gives you strength to overcome all opposition.... But it is not yet too late to ignite the spark in you, and I help everyone who is willing to come to the right realization.... For My love does not give up on you, My love shines on you again and again, My love sends light bearers amongst you who admonish and warn you and lovingly offer you the light, for you will not be left without help, I will court you and your love until your death....

Amen

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From the fire of love shines the light of wisdom....

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July 18th 1960

Love alone is the key to wisdom.... and it will be difficult to separate error from truth for the one who does not have love, for he himself is outside of truth and cannot recognize it. But again, it will be possible to attain the truth if the serious will to do so is present and if the human being knows about the effect of love. Love is the light itself, and a heart willing to love is illuminated by the inner light.... for love awakens the spirit to life which, because part of the father-spirit from eternity, also carries all wisdom within itself and can now impart it to the human being from within. The fire of love radiates the light of wisdom.... If only you humans were able to grasp this profound truth, that there is no truthful knowledge.... i.e. wisdom.... can exist if love does not glow in the human heart. For only where love is can the human being penetrate the deepest depths of divine wisdom, and then he will also far surpass his fellow human being's knowledge, because if he has love within himself he will.... God Himself within himself and can now be introduced to all truth by Him. The human being should always remain aware of the fact that he harbours all wisdom within himself.... that he stood in brightest light in his original state and thus in fullest realisation and that this light was only buried due to his fall into sin but can surface again at any time when he is free from his guilt of sin, when he is

redeemed through Jesus Christ and has now awakened the spirit within himself through a life of love. And then he will also be able to distinguish error from truth.... He will be able to pass wise judgment as soon as disputes arise which concern spiritual knowledge. And this one shall be heard when it is necessary to check whether a spiritual knowledge corresponds to truth. But many people will claim of their own accord to have awakened their spirit, many people will count themselves as awakened in spirit, and divergent thought material will be represented as truth which, however, can never be truth from God if it deviates from each other.... And people themselves cannot measure their fellow human being's degree of love either, and then there is only one way out.... to go to God Himself and ask Him for clarification, Who Himself is the 'Eternal Truth'. For you should know that God's adversary can also disguise himself under the cloak of love.... but then it is not possible to speak of unselfish neighbourly love, instead love is practised for the sake of an advantage which the fellow human being usually does not notice. But there is this danger, and then it is not possible to speak of transmitting truth, of 'wisdom', of the light which radiates from the fire of love. And therefore you humans should examine and not let yourselves be misled by teachings which seem difficult to accept.... Then you will be inwardly warned, for anyone who **desires the truth** need not fear falling prey to error, he will have a right feeling for defence if spiritual good is occasionally offered to him, and he will also recognize when the adversary has intervened and where he can intervene. And he should only join God all the more intimately and ask Him for protection from error and for right recognition.... And his thinking will be right, he will not err in his judgment....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Life of love protects from error....

B.D. No. 7947

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I have to emphasize time and again that only truth can bring you joy.... How often has error already been explained to you and you do not recognise it as such. By this I only refer to mental concepts which do not relate to earthly knowledge but extend into the spiritual realm, which you humans will never be able to prove, which can only be believed. This mental information, however, must correspond to the truth if it is to have beneficial effects.... You can be totally devoid of knowledge and need not endeavour to learn anything either.... but then your life as a human being would be completely meaningless, for it would never attain its purpose: your perfection. But if the wrong knowledge is given to you, your earthly life can be equally pointless, because wrong knowledge is darkness of spirit.... But you should live in light, only then will you fulfil the purpose of your earthly life: your soul will mature fully, for you will live a conscious life and your conduct will be in accordance with My will. Consequently, imparting the truth and accepting it has to be the first condition for you to reach your goal....

But you have free will, and this alone determines your attitude to truth. Only this determines whether you will ask for truth and want to reject error.... and then the truth will be offered to you with certainty, then you will walk on earth in the light of truth in every way and arrive at your goal. This will, however, is only weakly present amongst people, they mostly accept everything indifferently, and because of their indifference error adheres to them far more.... they do not recognise it as such, and their earthly life may then have been in vain unless they become spiritually enlightened through a life of love and are saved from the downfall. And the crucial factor for a person is his decision to live a life of love, because then he will also be able to differentiate between truth and error....

And thus, he should consider the divine teaching of love as the first and most important truth.... If he accepts it as pure truth and lives accordingly, it will be easy for him to recognise wrong teachings concerning the spiritual realm as misguided, and he will dismiss them.... But if other, humanly conceived, doctrines are presented to a person as credible they may very easily take precedence over his love for Me and one's neighbour, or I will no longer be regarded as the most perfect Being and

therefore love cannot be offered to Me either.... And then error will have won, it will have spread darkness and clouded people's thoughts....

Only truth will bring you true light.... And all of you are able to attain truth, for I do not withhold it from anyone who desires it. And you should know that the desire for truth will grow ever stronger when you fulfil the divine commandments of love. Hence, where love is preached to you, you will also be instructed in truth, for as soon as a preacher emphasizes love for Me and for one's neighbour his thoughts will be enlightened and his words will therefore always be truth.... He will deter misguided spiritual knowledge and never preach it to you, because he will be prompted by love to proclaim only the pure truth. And thus My constant reminder to you is that you should give full expression to My divine teaching of love.... Then you will not run the risk of falling prey to error, and your earthly life will certainly not be a waste of time.... You will walk brightly lit paths, you will be thoughtful and spiritually enlightened, for love is the Divine within you, I will always be present in you when you remain within love.... Only true thoughts can be where I Am, because I Myself will enlighten you through the spirit, which will only ever impart pure truth to you....

Amen

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Jesus Christ's help

Right path with Jesus Christ as leader...

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May 4th 1953

The ways to Me need not always be the same, but I must always be the aim for people to reach, and all ways must lead upward. He who walks on a level path cannot reach the aim, and the paths downward infallibly lead to ruin; but whoever strives upward, whoever wants to find Me, I Myself draw him there.... But when is your way directed upward? When you choose Jesus Christ as your leader, Who is the way Himself. So every person who acknowledges Jesus Christ, who believes in Him as the son of God and redeemer of the world, has taken the right path; he is now led on by Him who said, "I am the way, the truth and the life...." And to be under the guidance of Jesus Christ therefore also means to be introduced to the truth and through the truth to attain life, which lasts forever. Truth is the light that brightly illuminates the path, so that straying from this path is not possible, while darkness of spirit, i.e. error and lies, darken the right path and the danger is great to get on another path that leads astray. Since Jesus Christ Himself is the truth, whoever wants to walk the path with Jesus must also accept the truth, he must receive the word of God, which Jesus Christ preached on earth, in all purity, he must let it take effect on him and thus now also **do** the will of God.... for this is the right path, that man fulfills His commandments in order to be able to enter eternal life. When Jesus Himself says on earth: I am the truth.... then it is absolutely necessary to accept as truth everything that He has spoken and taught.... And every deviation from this original teaching is error, is untruth and is therefore not God's word.... It can therefore also not be the way that leads to me, because this way can only be walked through truth. Understand it, the aim is Me.... The way to Me is Jesus Christ.... The man Jesus was the representative of truth on earth, in Him I was Myself, and I can therefore allow nothing but truth to apply, and I will again and again convey this truth to those who walk along in error, I will always proclaim this truth through Jesus Christ.... by His word spoken on earth, the gospel, being brought to people again and again, who will then have the right understanding for it, as well as (they = ed.) confess Jesus Christ in their hearts and before the world.... As soon as they therefore recognize Him as My messenger, as mediator, Who wants to bring them to Me Himself. And His word is life, because His word teaches love, which is the true life, which awakens the spirit and guides the person into all truth.... Believing in Jesus Christ means fulfilling His commandments, and then a person takes the right path that leads to eternal life.... For he then treads the path of love, which must be walked in order to reach the light and the truth. And so you have the mark of the right path.... a life in unselfish love activity.... So every way leads to the aim that lets love be recognized, and every way that is walked without love is even or it leads downward. Because love is the signpost, love is the giver of strength to master difficult to pass ways to the height, love is the sign of the connection with Jesus, Whose life on earth was only an activity in love and therefore also the sign of the union with me, Who became visible to men in Jesus Christ, Who therefore leads you Himself, if you choose Jesus Christ as your guide. Love itself meets you and wants to show you the way which leads to the union with me.... The eternal love itself teaches you love because only then you can receive and recognize the pure truth when through love the spirit in you is awakened.... because only then I become alive in you, because only then I can be present in you when love has formed you to the receptacle of My spirit, which now introduces you to truth, and My spirit truly teaches you right, and he will live in eternity who walks this way of love because he walks in the following of Jesus....

Amen

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The law of order is love, the epitome of blessedness is love, and God in His primordial substance is love.... And everything that submits to this law will be blissful and united with God. And that means to be in possession of strength and to stand in the light of truth.... It means to be able to create and shape as a divine being in supreme wisdom and to be able to rule over worlds and their inhabitants which are handed over to the care of a being which has become perfect through love, which can now work on them in a redeeming sense. Perfection can therefore only be achieved through love, and perfection includes the uninterrupted reception of light and strength from the original source.... from God.... Such a state of perfection cannot be approximately described to the human being on earth as long as he himself is not close to this perfection.... He **can** still reach it on earth, for every human being **can live in love....** Yet no human being is forced to do so, and only few voluntarily strive towards this aim, for their wrongly directed love prevents them from doing so, and this wrongly directed love is therefore the wall between light and darkness, between beatitude and torment.... between fullness of strength and complete weakness and inability to do happy things.... Where love is still wrongly directed neither light nor strength can enter, for wrongly directed love is the most effective means of God's adversary to prevent the return to Him and thus to make the source of strength inaccessible to people.... Misdirected love is the **inherited evil** which has afflicted people since Adam's fall and from which they will not be released until they call upon the one for help, Whose love was rightly directed and Who calls upon all people to follow Him.... He taught people where to direct their love, He proclaimed the right gospel to them when He walked on earth, He exemplified **right** love to people, and He died on the cross for the strengthening of people's will in order to show them what right love is capable of and what it results in.... the resurrection to eternal 'life'.... For life means to be able to work and create in possession of light and strength in supreme bliss, because the eternal source of life now continuously emanates light and strength onto a being which has completely joined Him through love. This source of strength has been made accessible to you humans through Jesus' death on the cross. But you have to practice love yourselves in order to reach that source which now continuously nourishes you, which gives you eternal life in bliss.... Therefore fight against selfish love, against the wrongly directed love which only knows as its aim everything that belongs to the adversary of God.... fight against it, for it only brings you death.... But ask Jesus Christ to help you live in the love He preached.... Ask Him for strength and fortification of your will, join Him and follow Him, and your earthly path will safely lead into the valley of life, for this is why He died on the cross, so that you can be given the strength for this which you, as fallen beings, lack as long as you are still in the bonds of the one who is God's adversary.... Jesus Christ will release you from these bonds, Jesus Christ will lead you the way to God, to the final union with God, which He Himself had already found on earth.... For the man Jesus lived a true life of love on earth and thereby shaped Himself into a shell which God Himself could now occupy.... in order to suffer and die for people so that **they** might attain eternal **life....**

Amen

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Help of Jesus Christ to walk the earth....

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January 10th 1960

Every human being needs the help of Jesus Christ if he wants to reach his aim in earthly life: to establish union with the God and creator of eternity, with his father. He is still far away from God when he begins earthly life as a human being.... For he has to establish unity with Him of his own free will, and this will therefore first has to decide in favour of Him, which requires a certain struggle which can also have a negative outcome. The human being must learn to recognize that there are two masters who want to possess him and that his own will is decisive as to which master should now take possession.... One master already has a certain right to him but cannot force him to remain with him, instead he must release the human being if he himself wants it and turns to the other master.... But a

long battle can precede this final decision, because the former does not relinquish the soul without a fight but still struggles throughout earthly life for it to remain attached to him. Yet God Himself also fights for every soul, albeit in a different way than His adversary.... He knows that the human being has to be helped in this decision of will because he himself is too weak to direct and use his will correctly. And so that the human being's will can be strengthened, the divine redeemer Jesus Christ Himself died on the cross under dreadful torment and suffering in order to thereby acquire a strengthened will for people. But he has to ask Jesus Christ for the benefit of this strengthening of will.... He absolutely has to take the path to Him and obtain the necessary strength from Him for right will and right action. Thus he must first want to use his earthly life according to God's will. In this way he already confesses the **right** lord, and then he will also be helped in every way.... Only through Jesus Christ is the path to the father.... And therefore the human being on earth first has to gain knowledge of Jesus Christ and His act of salvation. And this knowledge is conveyed to him by the gospel, the good news about the path, the truth and the life.... the divine teaching of love, which is a clear guide to first attain right thinking and then also to muster the will to travel this path with the help of Jesus Christ.... For the good news teaches love, love recognizes Jesus Christ and also knows Him.... love establishes the union with Him, the supply of strength is assured, and the path to the father has been taken and also safely leads to the aim, to the final union with God, Who embodied Himself on earth in Jesus Christ in order to prepare people's path to Him, their God and father of eternity. But if the human being wants to reach the aim on earth, this also means a fight against the lord, who also has a right to him and does not want to release him.... The battle requires strength, and strength can only be obtained from Jesus Christ, the divine redeemer.... Without Him the human being is unable to fight the battle victoriously, he will always be defeated and his will will also be so weak that he will not be able to resist the adversary, he will be defeated by him, he will not be able to rise because he lacks strength.... And therefore he must call upon Jesus Christ and appeal to Him for strength and the supply of strength.... and he will not call in vain, for as soon as he is serious about escaping the adversary's power Jesus Christ stands beside him as a fighter, and he will truly be and remain victorious, for for this He died the bitter death on the cross, and He paid the purchase price for all souls which desire to come to Him.... Thus only the **will** is necessary, and in order for this to become strong the human being must also appeal to Jesus Christ and he will truly experience the strengthening of his will. The human being comes into the world without knowledge, then he will be offered all kinds of knowledge and then he must inwardly decide for what is right.... And as soon as only his will is good he will also want what is right and turn to a higher power to help him to always recognize and do what is right.... And then he will receive the right knowledge about Jesus Christ, about His divine teaching of love and about the path he has to take in order to attain his aim in life: the union with God in Jesus Christ.... which will re-establish the relationship which existed in the beginning.... that true images of God surround Him and create and work according to His will, which is now also the will of all His children....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Presence of God

Voluntary return in love to God.... unbreakable bond....

B.D. No. 5025

December 21st 1950

You will never lose Me again in eternity once you have found Me of your own free will. Then you can never ever strive away from Me because the bond between you and Me is unbreakable, it is stronger than every hostile attempt to snatch you away from Me. My love keeps you captive although you remain free wanting and thinking beings. But love is a binding agent that lasts forever. You can no longer detach yourselves from me, as I also never ever let go of you, because you are My share, which I Myself have created for joy. But unlimited is My joy only then when you have found back to Me yourselves, when your love for Me has caused your return, what is then the case when you come to Me voluntarily. That is why a being, which once has entered the union with Me through love, cannot sink back into the depth anymore, because My eternal love holds it. As long as the union with Me has not yet taken place, a falling away is certainly possible, but then the being strives away from Me out of free will, therefore cannot yet accept Me as found. And you will see from this how unspeakably important it is that you change to love because through this alone the union with Me can take place, which binds you to Me for ever, which protects you from sinking into the deep. Love means everything.... It is, so to speak, the key to eternity, to the kingdom of light, it is the way to Me, to the father, Who awaits you in order to be blissfully happy with you. If you have love, then you also have Me, Who am eternal love.... You can therefore assure yourselves of My presence as soon as you practice love, and then I will never ever leave you.... But every work of love presupposes free will, and therefore the test of will is passed, you have chosen between Me and My opponent, who prevents you from every work of love, if your will is not stronger. Whoever lives in love has escaped the power of My adversary, he has taken Me into himself, I Myself have taken possession of his heart and can work in him.... I am in him who lives in love.... and what belongs to Me I never leave forever.... Satan certainly has great power, but he does not succeed in alienating a person who lives in love from Me, because this person carries Me Myself in himself and he recognizes My opponent very well. Make yourselves mine through love, let yourselves be captured by Me through constant love work, and a blessed captivity will be your lot, My love will never leave you, you will belong to Me and still be free....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Communion.... "He who abides in love...."

B.D. No. 5276

December 19th 1951

He who abides in love abides in Me and I in him.... Hence **love** is the first means to secure My strength, i.e. I can be in you directly, you have accepted Me Myself into your hearts if you perform works of love, if love fills your heart. The connection between us, the communion, is to be understood in this way and no other way, for without love I **can** never dwell in you because I Myself am love after all. My primordial being is love.... not that love is only a quality of My being, but I Myself **am** love....

It is not possible for you humans on earth to understand this, for it requires a maturity of soul of the highest degree, it requires a supernatural understanding to fathom My being, yet it will never be possible to fathom it completely, after all, there is an enormous difference between the creator and controller of all infinity and His living creation which can certainly be greatly reduced but never completely abolished. And only love brings about this reduction, only love brings about a constant

approach to Me which can go as far as a complete fusion but nevertheless does not abolish a soul's individuality. But therein also lies unlimited beatitude, which consists of the constant longing for unification with Me and its fulfilment. Union with Me can already take place on earth through unselfish activity of love, because then I Myself will always be compelled by you to work directly in you, but I exceedingly gladly allow Myself to be compelled by you because My love draws Me to you and demands reciprocation of your love. A connection between you humans and the eternal love is not possible in any other way than that you cultivate love so that I Myself can then be present in you. You can all experience for yourselves how My presence will then take effect in you, for everyone who has granted Me entrance into his heart through loving activity also **feels** Me in a form and will find peace in his soul. Wherever I can be present, I have an effect on the human being from within. His living faith, his enlightened thinking, his recognition of truth, bright vision into the future or prophetic gift or also the power to heal the sick.... All these are effects of My presence, of My love for the one who loves Me, so that I can reveal Myself to him, obviously or also in secret, in deep, silent faith, gentle, exceedingly loving nature, patient suffering and constant surrender into My will. The human being can only do all this if he is flooded by My strength, which is always a sign of My presence in him, a result of the love which fills him. I Myself, as the eternal love, can only dwell where love is, but I can also never be distant from those who live in love and therefore must also be recognizable, for love is strength, and strength will always be active, thus it will allow constant changes to become recognizable which are expressed in a person's nature or in his spiritual abilities.... in the increase of knowledge and recognition of divine truth, in constantly increasing maturity of soul and finally reaching the final aim on this earth, the highest degree of maturity, which lets the human being become My child, which he will now remain until all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

"He who abides in love.... "

B.D. No. 8409

February 11th 1963

Whoever remains in love remains in Me and I in him.... "You should always remember these words of Mine in order to grasp the great significance of every activity of love which you carry out.... Since I am love Itself, you must also be in direct contact with Me when you practise love, for then you will also make use of the strength which originates from Me.... but you can only ever say this when one of your activities is based on love. For you can also utilize your vitality by working on earth for the sake of earthly goals, yet the bond with Me, Who is eternal love, is only guaranteed if love impels you to work. Then I will be present to you, I Myself will work in you, and My presence is the greatest success you can achieve.... Your love draws Me to you, or: love is My fundamental substance, and you are the same in your original being.... Thus, when you perform works of love you receive Me Myself into yourselves, your love unites with Me and your being slowly returns to the original state where it was completely permeated and stood in most intimate bond with Me.... Time and again you should remind yourselves of these words of Mine, that you cause Me to be constantly present if you constantly carry out works of love; and I will explain to you what it means to constantly be certain of My presence, so that you strive for this bond with Me with all your senses: I then direct all your thoughts, I determine your doings and intentions, I guide you on all your paths, I protect you from every danger of body and soul, I give you strength in abundance, spiritually as well as earthly.... I keep My adversary away from you, for he can never be where I am.... I enlighten your spirit and I also lead you safely to the goal.... All this is brought about by love within you, for as soon as you perform works of love your will also belongs to Me and you consciously take the path of return to Me, from Whose love you emerged. Being certain of My presence will make your earthly path easy for you, for then you will fear nothing because you feel safe and secure in My presence. "You remain in Me and I in you.... "As soon as you move in love, as soon as you work in My will and with My strength. And you should be aware of the fact that I only require love from you and that you will then completely fulfil your purpose of earthly life.... so that you will not walk this earthly path in vain but safely reach

the goal. For you should only allow one thing on earth, that My strength of love can illuminate you again, and this happens when you accomplish works of love yourselves.... when you think of your neighbour with unselfish love, when you support him in every adversity and distress, be it spiritual or earthly.... when you take care of all those who are still distant from Me and try to lead them to Me and only ever let love impel you to work on earth. Every activity which is driven by love is blessed by Me, for you always open the door to your heart for Me Myself, into which I can radiate My love, into which I Myself can move and take abode, because I, as the eternal love, can only dwell where there is love. You will now also understand that people who do not perform any works of love are still very distant from Me, for only love allows My presence, but without love the distance remains, which you should reduce and completely remove during your earthly life if you don't want to have lived it in vain. In the last days, however, love has grown cold amongst people, therefore My presence with them is impossible, therefore no living faith in Me as God and creator can be found anymore, and earthly life is an idle run for many and will therefore end prematurely for them. For without love there is no spiritual progress, there is no bond with Me and no redemption from the form.... Without love there is no light, and the human being remains in the power of My adversary, the prince of darkness, for without love the human being lives without God.... He remains distant from God and meets an agonising fate when the end has come....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Calling upon the 'Holy Spirit'...

B.D. No. 8674

November 15th 1963

You humans often call the 'Holy Spirit' that it may come upon you, and you are unaware of the fact that it is within you and only requires your free will so as to be able to speak to you.... The spirit is part of Me, it is inseparably connected with the Father-Spirit.... thus it is a divine spark which was added to your soul when it incarnated on this earth as a human being, in other words: you once emerged from Me as an emanation of love and therefore consist of the same fundamental substance as I Myself.... This substance solidified after your past apostasy from Me and you, who once had been full of life, became lifeless beings. For My strength of love permeated you and this strength was only able to be constantly active. However, since you rejected My strength of love it also left you incapable of any kind of activity. And you are still in this weak state when you enter the earth as a human being. In order that you will be able to accomplish the task given to you in your earthly life I radiate a spark of My eternal strength of love into every human heart, which thus is My share again.... You are alive with the once emanated strength and that means that you are in possession of vitality, that you can be active in an **earthly** way and therefore also comply with your task as a human being.... Your real task, however, is and remains your spiritualisation, the retransformation of your nature into its original state. And you can only accomplish this task if you change yourselves into love.... In order to be **able** to do that a spark of love has to be radiated into you first, since you, due to your past apostasy from Me, are completely without love. **This spark of love** is the emanation of Me Myself.... it is the emanation of **My spirit** into your soul which, however, only awakens you humans into life if you apply your will.... You all possess the spiritual spark, which is part of Me Myself, within you.... Hence it need not come to you anymore, it is inside of you but can only manifest itself if, through a life of love, you provide the possibility for it, because it will not impose itself and influence you **against** your will in any way.... Therefore you can at all times awaken the spirit in you but you will not be compelled to it.

When you pray for the Holy Spirit to come to you, you demonstrate your lack of knowledge regarding the right correlations, furthermore, you prove that you have a false concept of it, because you personify it to a certain extent and call upon it as an entity.... It is, however, My 'emanation', for I Myself Am the Holy Spirit of eternity, and I Am present to anyone who calls upon Me. However, you must never think that the spirit you call upon is separate from Me, and it will and cannot comply with your call as long as you do not shape yourselves into love, for even if My strength of love is unlimited

it will never be able to radiate into a closed heart, and a heart remains unreceptive as long as it is **unwilling** to love.... since precisely due to the spiritual spark or spark of love it received from Me it is **capable** of loving.... Willingness to love, however, prompts the spirit to reveal itself to you, even if you don't call upon it expressly.... It is within you but will remain silent as long as you disregard love, because it is love itself and therefore can only speak to love. It is inseparably connected to the eternal Father-Spirit, and therefore enables 'My spirit'.... or the divine fire of love.... to flow into you humans in abundance and thus cause the spiritual spark to continuously educate you from within; for then divine light of love must also illuminate your hearts and that signifies brightest realisation, it signifies the receiving of knowledge which corresponds to the truth, because My spirit knows everything and can therefore only impart the pure truth to you. Therefore you can only ever pray that I Myself may be present to you, but this also requires you to shape yourselves to love, otherwise the Eternal Love cannot be present to you. You can therefore only pray to be granted the strength to fulfil My commandments, then you will always become aware of My presence, for with every work of love you draw Me close to you because **I Am Love Itself**.... And then I will also work through My spirit in you, as I have promised you....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Love is the key to salvation

Love is the key to the spiritual kingdom....

B.D. No. 5314

February 10th 1952

You will only be able to comprehend Me through love.... There is no other way you can win Me, no other way to recognise Me but through love. And thus you have the key which will open the door to My heart for you, the gate into the spiritual kingdom, to your Father's house. Without this key all access will remain blocked, everything My love, wisdom and omnipotence has created in the spiritual kingdom will remain hidden from you, without this key all knowledge of truth will remain concealed, you will lack all divine wisdom because without love you will be engulfed by darkness, since only love will give you light.... thus leading you into realisation. You would be incredibly mighty if you would heed My Words and live a life of love.... For love is also strength and nothing would be impossible for you if you would change your nature into love. Hence, with these Words I Am giving you the promise of an abundance of light and strength, of blissfulness, through the inflow of My Fatherly love, if you just unite yourselves with Me through deeds of love, if you just reciprocate My love for you.... Yet you don't believe My Words or you would all endeavour to live a life of love.

Why don't you put it to the test.... Let go off all selfish love, look around yourselves and wherever you see hardship try to bring help, wherever you find people suffering physical or psychological ailments try to heal them, give to them earthly and spiritually whatever they need, give them food and drink, and let go of your possessions if you thereby can ease the hardship of people in need. Try it and you will experience the truth of My Word, you will grow in strength and light, you will rise above your own earthly suffering, nothing will affect you which previously appeared to weigh you down, you will feel the strength of love in yourselves and the happiness of your union with Me, which you establish with every deed of love, will compensate you a thousand fold for what you have given away.... You will recognise Me and feel My hand holding you, you will feel the flow of My love's strength pour into you and, being spiritually brightly enlightened, you will be able to hear and behold what otherwise is hidden to you humans....

Take the test and believe My Word, practise love.... and you will win Me and never ever lose Me again.... Believe Me, for I truly won't instruct you wrongly, I want you to become blessed, and since only love is able to turn you into happy beings I constantly just urge you to love....

Yet then you will have to combat the spirit within you which is lacking all love and to which you owe your earthly existence.... He impels you to selfish love, he wants to extinguish the divine spark within you, he wants to prevent you from living a life of love. Hence you will have to fight it, that is, you have to fight your own cravings which only increase your selfish love and weaken the true love towards Me and your neighbour, so that you will be unable to experience the strength of love yourselves.... Fight against it and follow Me, accept these Words in your heart and act accordingly, and your fate will be the complete union with Me and infinite bliss....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Bond of love.... Unification with God....

B.D. No. 3636

December 25th 1945

An indestructible bond is wound around God and the spiritual being which tries to join Him due to love. It will remain inseparably connected with Him, always coming closer to Him, forever

striving towards Him, being seized by Him and in blissful happiness merging with the eternal Love, once the being has become perfect. This bond is the goal of all spiritual beings which once emerged from His strength. God is the eternal centre of Power from Whom everything originates and to Whom everything will return again according to God's eternal order. Only that which has returned to God again is happy, it is perfect, permeated by strength and light and thus able to actively create and shape. This state will never ever be changed again, insofar as that the being's beatitude will diminish, but it will constantly increase because perfection knows no limits, because God, as the supremely perfect Being, will always and ceaselessly be aspired to for all eternity. To be merged with the eternal Deity signifies participation in the shaping of works of creation, it signifies guidance and care for the spiritual beings which are sheltered in these creations; it signifies redemptive activity on the bound spiritual beings, it signifies bliss and harmonious striving for unification with equally mature beings and revelations of undreamt of splendours which immature beings are incapable of beholding.

Eternal life.... is not a state of weakness and darkness anymore but activity in light and an undreamt of abundance of strength. Jesus Christ promised this eternal life to those who believe in Him and keep His commandments, who, by fulfilling and complying with His teaching of love, establish the connection with God on earth already, the bond, which connects the soul with God ever more closely until it has entirely united with the eternal Love. And thus the human being must inevitably attain faith in Jesus Christ as the Redeemer of the world, otherwise the bond with God can never ever be established, for due to the being's imperfection the distance is too vast and cannot be reduced by the being itself, since the distance from God signifies weakness at the same time. Jesus, however, acquired the strength on behalf of people through His death on the cross.... He descended to Earth in order to deliver people from their weakness of will and lack of strength and to show them the path which leads them to God while they are still on earth. However, without faith in Him and His act of Salvation the human being will never be able to overcome his lack of strength and weakness of will, he will never be able to lift himself up because God's adversary keeps him down and wants to prevent his life in eternity. But anyone who believes in Jesus Christ shall be saved, he will live up to His commandments, he will make an effort to live a life of love and thereby receive the strength to establish the connection with God, and God will never let him fall again.... He will wind the bond of love around him and not allow it to slacken, instead it will embrace those who strive towards Him ever more tightly until they are inseparably united with Him....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Glories of God.... Union on earth....

B.D. No. 3754

April 28th 1946

And once you have reached the final goal on earth, that you can enter the kingdom of the beyond in union with Me, that you have recognised Me as a Father from eternity and as My children you strive towards Me full of love, that you have shaped yourselves on earth into My image, then beatitudes without limits await you. Then you will behold the glory of God and your souls will dwell in the light.... How little I demand of you in order to be able to give you so much.... I only demand your transformation into love, because love must fill your whole being, so that you can bear to be near to Me, Who in My original substance Am Love and consume everything that is not also love. However, if you knew how powerful you could already be on earth if you powerfully develop the love within yourselves you would also be able to realise what glories you will experience once you have entered the kingdom of light.... Yet this realisation is again only a consequence of eager loving activity, otherwise there would be danger that you would strive upwards for the sake of reward and this would impair your perfection. Nevertheless, you should believe My Word, which promises you undreamt-of glories, and if you have strong faith there is no longer any danger that you will practise love merely in order to become blessed, but you will love with your heart because you have recognised your Father, Whom your soul must love. Seek to unite with Me on earth by working with love and you will be granted a blissful fate in the spiritual kingdom. Be helpful at all times towards

your fellow human beings who are in need of body and soul and alleviate their hardship according to your ability. And you will also feel the happiness of love already on earth, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.... The giver makes himself happy, and even if he divests himself of earthly or spiritual possessions he will nevertheless not become poorer as a result but I Myself shall bless his actions and increase them as soon as he voluntarily gives.... For I love a kind giver.... If you knew what strength lies in love then you would also know that there would be no need for hardship on earth, for then you would all live in divine order because love cannot violate it. But as long as humanity lacks love, earthly and spiritual hardship is also inevitable, for it is then distant from Me, it is without strength and therefore also without the prospect of a blissful life after death.... Without love there is no bliss, because without love no being can stay close to Me and it is eternally excluded from My glories.... Therefore utilise the time on earth and work with love.... Accept My teaching, listen to My messengers who preach love to you in My name, think about their words and follow them.... And you will feel in yourselves what strength lies in love.... You will come closer to Me and strive towards Me.... and your end will be a blissful one....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

Unification.... Blissfulness of the images of God....

B.D. No. 7627

June 20th 1960

The final aim of your earthly life is the union with Me.... You should have found unification with Me by the time the hour of your death approaches, you should pass over into the other realm without fear and dread, you should only change your abode and move into your parental home which you had left eternities ago.... You should have found your way home to Me and be happy again, as you were in the beginning. This is the purpose and goal of your earthly life, and to arrive at this goal should be your constant ambition, since it is achievable for you. I Am not demanding the impossible from you. You are My children, you came from Me and it has to be your natural ambition to return to the Father, because your Father's love draws you and because, after all, you were originally created in My image.... The unity with Me, therefore, has to be more in accordance with your whole being than the distance.... For this reason you have never been happy being so far away, and you cannot be happy again until we have been united, because being united with Me also means being enlightened by My love again, which is equal to unimaginable bliss. You are My creations and belong irrevocably to Me....

You deserted Me due to your misguided will and misguided thinking.... But as soon as your will and thought are in the right order once more you will also look for unification with Me, you will do everything to decrease the previous distance and indeed succeed during your earthly life because I long for this unification Myself and therefore will help you too.... because My love pulls you and you cannot resist this love when you have accepted the right order again....

And you can expect a truly marvellous fate indeed when you have united with Me.... The realm of light is once again open to you, you can work in strength, light and freedom in accordance with your will which, however, is also My will.... You will be able to enjoy the kind of pleasures you have never dreamt of.... you will see and hear what your eyes and ears have never seen and heard on earth for I have prepared immeasurable happiness for those who are Mine, who love Me and therefore have united with Me forever. Because love embraces Father and child with a heartfelt bond.... love, which should be kindled within you during your earthly life and which then radiates through the human heart, establishes a connection with Me as Eternal love.... the human being can then accept his original essence again and becomes what I Myself have eternally been: love....

And thus the human being who has transformed himself into love once again has to be inseparably joined to Me, he has to be enlightened by My love as he was in the beginning, he has to be so close to Me that we are completely merged by love, and therefore his return to Me must have occurred, which was always the purpose and goal of his earthly life.... And this relationship can no longer lead to a

return to the abyss.... The being has passed its test of volition, it has transformed itself from 'God's living creation' into 'God's child', it has achieved perfection on earth, it has regained all qualities and abilities which it once had renounced due to its desertion from Me.... And I have achieved My goal.... My eternal plan of salvation has been successfully completed by that being, i.e. what I could not 'create' has nevertheless been achieved by this plan of salvation: God-like beings.... Children, whose own free will and not My omnipotence, has turned them into perfected beings.... Only now have I proper 'children' who are My images in every way.... who can create and work by My side and within My will and yet use their own will which, however, completely corresponds to Mine because this is intrinsic to perfection.

You humans can achieve this goal because I Myself long for the unification with you and truly will do everything to guide you to the goal if your will submits to mine.... if you willingly accept My guidance, if you fully and consciously strive for unification with Me and live in love on earth.... Then every gesture of love shall bring you closer to Me, then you will allow My presence within you, and then union has to follow because 'whoever lives in love lives in Me and I in him....' Consequently, love is the bond that locks us together and then is eternally inseparable....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Bliss.... light kingdom....

B.D. No. 8977

May 19th 1965

All of you are My creatures, emerged from My love, and this love does not decrease; it is and remains in the same strength and will always take care of you, also when you have separated yourselves from Me will-wise. Love is My original substance, and therefore everything created is radiated through by Me Myself and therefore can also not become less. But what does love want at all? Nothing else than to give itself away and to fill what again wants to receive love.... Everything has been called into life by love; love power is every work of creation, and therefore also everything is imperishable what has Me Myself as origin.... But what do you imagine as 'love'? It is and always remains the desire for unity, only it can also be a wrongly directed love to which this desire of yours applies.... But the desire for it is in you to possess what you love.... If you now have emerged out of a love pure beyond all measure, then also My desire for you is according to this love. I just want to make you happy, create happy states for you, therefore give back to you everything what you had given away voluntarily. It wants to put you again into the state, which, since you are products of this love power, was a state of highest bliss. And when you now lack every possibility of comparison in the state of imperfection, then you also cannot imagine what this happiness consists of. You will always be considered according to the degree of love in which you stand yourselves, and with increasing love you will also be allowed to feel always greater happiness. These blisses consist of (in) innumerable spiritual experiences, in a kind of creative activity, in seeing spiritual creations, in constant desire and constant fulfilment, in hearing My word.... All this triggers a bliss for which you humans lack any concept.... For My infinitely profound love always wants to make you happy, to give you something that you once possessed....

(19.5.1965) But the highest happiness will always be for you the passing on of My flow of love power, because there will always be lightless places, which you are to cover with light.... And to pass on My love power means to supply truth to those, which you possess in all fullness, which is also supplied to you unlimitedly and in it consists your happiness, which is still completely incomprehensible to you, because to pass on light into darkness is to a degree happy, because it constantly increases and is no longer given by such a being. The soul will always want to help, and it will always also find souls in need of help, and this help is happy for it and will still never be carried out for the sake of its own happiness, but always only love drives the soul to this help, but love is in every soul of such strength that it alone already prepares happiness, which is immeasurable.... So bliss is not '**striven for**' by any soul, that it could be felt as reward.... For no soul **desires** it, but the

exceeding love drives it incessantly to an activity which **is** bliss in itself, whether it consists in creating and shaping or in dispensing the truth.... it will always be felt as 'bliss' because it always consists of the beatification of other beings, thus it is no longer possible to speak of its own 'reward'. The spiritual world offers you so many glories, but which originally were your share and which you are now only allowed to take possession of again, which therefore make you immeasurably blissful.... It is therefore the original state in which you were, and you now stand as man in a very defective state, so that an 'eternal happiness' is presented to you as desirable. But you cannot form a picture of what is to be understood by this happiness, yet this much you should know that you no longer want to return to that defective state where you have not yet fully grasped the love which you only ever want to radiate to those beings which need a light. For to be able to make yourselves happy again will be the greatest bliss for you, and you will always have the opportunity to do so when you can be struck by My ray of love yourselves, which you can always pass on to the areas where there is still darkness, and it will then be the task for you which makes you happy yourselves....

Amen

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God Himself teaches His disciples

Instructing the disciples.... gospel....

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My disciples shall receive the Gospel from Me and spread it throughout the world.... And therefore I instruct those Myself who want to work for Me on earth so that they can be active in My will, so that they can proclaim My will as I Myself proclaim it to My disciples.... For My will has to be fulfilled if people want to become blissfully happy, and therefore they first have to know about My will. The knowledge of it must be spread, only then can I call people to account as to whether and how they fulfil My will.... And therefore I speak to the people on earth who want to listen to Me, and I instruct them to pass on My word. And anyone who thus serves Me by listening to My voice in order to then speak to his fellow human beings in My stead is My disciple in truth, for I instruct him in all areas.... I initiate him into My eternal plan of salvation, I let him gain insight into My reign and activity, into My earthly and spiritual creation, depending on his ability and willingness to receive. But first he must have offered his services to Me of his own free will, he must be willing to work for Me on earth and strive to gain My pleasure through his way of life, then I will accept him as a servant, as a disciple, and train him for his activity on earth. For this activity is bitterly necessary.... Humanity lives in complete spiritual darkness, it no longer recognizes Me and My will is alien to it. It only seeks earthly advantage and does not consider the soul; it does not use life for the purpose for which it was given to people, because all knowledge about it has been lost to them. And therefore it has to be presented to people again, it has to be offered to them according to their capacity, they have to be made aware of Me as their lord and creator, their thoughts have to be directed towards Me.... and all this requires willing teachers on earth who receive their knowledge from Me Myself and want to pass it on to their fellow human beings out of pure neighbourly love. Love must determine their activity, and thus only such people can be My disciples who love their neighbour, who recognize great spiritual hardship and want to helpfully provide them with assistance. They have to give what they ask for themselves.... the pure truth.... to their fellow human beings or they will not be able and worthy to receive precious spiritual gifts from Me. But if they live in love they are My disciples who endeavour to follow Me and thus now also accept the Gospel from Me in order to spread it throughout the world. For they must proclaim My commandments to humanity.... the commandments of love for God and neighbour, the fulfilment of which will earn them eternal beatitude. For anyone who fulfils these commandments lives according to My will, he will constantly be allowed to give and therefore also constantly receive, he will then likewise want to serve Me and be filled with strength, and his earthly path of life will earn him spiritual maturity, which is the human being's final aim on earth. And therefore I send My disciples out into the world.... I awaken people in all places who let themselves be taught by Me of their own free will, and thus the gospel from heaven will be proclaimed to people as soon as they want to hear it. For humanity is in great need, and anyone who offers himself to Me for service in order to help his fellow human beings will be blessed as My disciple. He will receive strength from Me in order to be able to fulfil his ministry, and My love and grace will accompany him on all his ways....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Everything you desire to know and which is helpful for your soul will be conveyed to you by My spirit. For those I teach Myself shall be active as teachers again, they shall pass on the knowledge I give them to their fellow human beings. And I Myself will ensure that it is given to those who hunger for it, for I truly know whose souls need food and drink, and thus I administer the bread of heaven, the water of life, to them through you.... People shall be guided into truth, knowledge shall be made accessible to them which makes the meaning and purpose of earthly life understandable to them. People shall be taught the truth, and therefore I Myself must take care of them, since I am the truth from eternity.... Knowledge must come forth from **Me** if it is to lead people back to Me.... It is true that knowledge is also imparted to people in schools, and this need not be wrong either if the teachers are enlightened by My spirit and take their task of guiding people to the light seriously. But spiritual knowledge which is transmitted in a scholastic way can also be very permeated by error which the recipient, however, is unable to distinguish or separate from the truth. And then people's thoughts become confused, and the result is that people argue with each other and in the end are inclined to reject everything and can no longer establish correct contact with Me, their God and creator of eternity.... And then the necessity arises that I Myself have to look for people again whom I train as teachers.... it results that the pure truth is directly conveyed by Me to earth and that I now give My disciples the task to be active as teachers towards their fellow human beings, so that the pure truth is spread again, so that the knowledge of the meaning and purpose of their earthly life is conveyed to people again.... so that I Myself will be presented to them as a God of love, wisdom and omnipotence, Whom they shall acknowledge and love if they want to become blissfully happy. Misguided teachings are unable to awaken love in people, but the truth can cause the spark of love to flare up, and when this has happened the connection with Me has also been established and the meaning and purpose of earthly life as a human being has been fulfilled.... And therefore I will again and again train teachers for Myself who are tasked with proclaiming My pure gospel and who shall seize all opportunities to speak in My name and especially when erroneous spiritual knowledge is advocated. And such a teacher need not fear that he is incapable of doing so, for My strength works through him and I will put the words into his mouth so that he cannot help but speak what is My will, for then My spirit will speak through him, then he will merely be the mouthpiece I use to convey the truth to people. And you can consider yourselves fortunate when your souls are fed with the right nourishment, when the living water is offered to you at the source.... You will only ever need to draw from it and your soul will be able to refresh and strengthen itself for its pilgrimage on this earth. But where I Myself have opened up such a spring for you, do not pass by.... I keep telling you this because you have to take the path of truth in order to reach the aim, and because the truth can only be offered to you by Myself.... And I will truly choose the right vessels for Myself into which the living water can flow.... and I will make the fruit of life accessible to all of you who earnestly desire to become blessed....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Spreading the gospel of love

True neighbourly love: Passing on the divine Word....

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You cannot accomplish a greater work of neighbourly love than unselfishly distributing My Word, the Gospel, which your fellow human beings have to know in order to travel their earthly path successfully. Spiritual work is not valued by fellow human beings because it doesn't generate earthly success, yet as soon as you are spiritually active, expect no earthly rewards and only impart to your fellow human beings what I Myself offer you from above.... you are truly doing works of neighbourly love which extend into eternity, for they are helping the souls to mature, they can prepare them for entry into the kingdom of light when the soul discards its earthly body and has to leave everything behind.... Then it will have spiritual possessions to take across into eternity. You shall provide and bestow upon others just as I have bestowed upon My disciples the bread of heaven, the water of life.... This is the greatest gift of love which you can give to your fellow human beings.... it is true neighbourly love if you unselfishly carry out the tasks which are necessary to pass on My Word, for I Myself want to address people through **you**, since they are unable to hear My voice directly.

People are suffering great adversity, for they only use their earthly life to acquire earthly profits and yet shall consider their soul, which ought to mature during their earthly life. Whatever you therefore undertake in order to lead your fellow human beings onto the path of faith.... whatever you undertake on My instruction in order to proclaim the Gospel to them is selfless neighbourly love and blessed by Me. You yourselves are not yet aware of the great gift which you receive from Me every day, you are as yet unable to estimate its value and its significance or all of you, who know about the working of My spirit, would eagerly distribute what is sent to you by My love and grace.

You don't realise that you are able to scatter seed which can bear glorious fruit.... you should not leave the seed unused, and you should always rely on My help, for where you get into difficulties My angels and guardians are ready to help and protect you, so that you can just do your spiritual work in order to bring help to those who won't find the right path without you. For there are still many I want to address through you, and to do so I only require your will to be of diligent service to Me.... I accept your service, for I Am only able to speak through a human mouth, given that people's state is already too unspiritual as to speak to them in any other way, and their freedom of will has to be upheld. Yet you shall derive strength from the fact that I promise you My support as soon as you are just willing to take care of your neighbour's spiritual adversity. There is not much time left, and the Words I speak to you will sound increasingly admonishing; however, you only need to entrust your will to Me and then you will also conduct yourselves in accordance with My will. And everything will sort itself out if you commend yourselves to Me with complete trust and only ever let Me reign.

Thus, all of you who are of service to Me, accept My blessing and work tirelessly in My vineyard, for the day is soon over and the night is approaching.... a turning-point is coming earthly and spiritually, the time of the harvest is coming.... the day of Judgment is approaching.... But first I still want to win souls over for Me, and you shall help Me and consider your neighbour with love.... You shall work for Me and My kingdom, you shall proclaim My name in the world and testify to My working in you, so that people will be able to believe and become blessed....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Spreading the divine love doctrine important....

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Let all your concern be for the spreading of the gospel, the divine doctrine of love.... It is about nothing else but the transformation of people to love.... And they need only know that the commandments of love for God and neighbour must be fulfilled in order to achieve the purpose of their earthly life.... an entry after death into the kingdom of light for eternal bliss.... Although people do not believe in a continuation of life they should **nevertheless** live a life of love, because this would already provide them with the evidence of what they cannot believe because they **lack** love. Every person has to admit that his knowledge is inadequate, that he is still faced with unsolved riddles concerning the meaning and purpose of his earthly life as well as of creation.... And therefore every person can only be given the serious advice to kindle love within himself, because then it will also become light and bright within himself, because then many things will become understandable to him which are still incomprehensible to him **without** love.... Every person should put this 'test to the test'.... and he would not regret in eternity having followed the advice. For only through love can he achieve that which will make him blissfully happy already on earth and one day in eternity. Love is the key to knowledge, love is the key to the gate into the kingdom of light.... love is everything, light and strength and bliss.... This is why only love should ever be preached, which the man Jesus made the content of His teaching when He lived on earth. He knew about the effects of a life of love, He knew about the hardship of people who live without love, He knew about the spiritual darkness which could only be broken through the working of love, because love itself is light which brightly illuminates even the darkest night.... This is why He exemplified a life of love to people and called upon them to follow Him, this is why He sent His disciples out into the world with the mission to proclaim the gospel.... He only ever preached love and thus showed people the right path to truth and life. Humanity is in darkest night, it lives in confused thinking, in error and therefore in spiritual death. It only ever needs to be pointed out to them that their earthly life is pointless if they live without love.... and that they can achieve the highest if they change.... if they only ever think of the one Who proclaimed the teaching of love and also lived it Himself. Darkness grows ever greater the closer it gets to the end because love grows ever colder among people. And therefore everything should be done to bring people onto the right path, onto the path of love, which has to be followed in order to attain life.... People should be encouraged to help where it is needed, to be patient and merciful.... They should be mindful of their neighbour's hardship and not pass it by, they should render loving service to each other, they should endeavour to protect their neighbour from harm and regard him as a friend and brother who is entitled to loving care.... For all people are children of one father.... and for the sake of this father they should also love each other and thus fulfil the purpose of their earthly life, to change their nature, to change self-love into neighbourly love and to provide their soul with the maturity which is necessary for a life in light, for a blissful life in eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Proclaiming Jesus' teaching of love is urgently needed....

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My Gospel shall be spread throughout the world.... I gave this instruction to My disciples while I still lived on earth, and I give My disciples of the last days the same instruction today, for it has become more necessary than ever to convey to people My Gospel, the Gospel of love, which is unfamiliar or no longer taken seriously by everyone, even though it is well known. People have distanced themselves from Me because they no longer live in love, thus I cannot be with them either. And a life without love will result in certain death for you.... Hence it has become imperative that people be informed, that My teaching of love is proclaimed to them again, that the danger they are in is brought home to them if they fail to live according to My commandments of love, and what they will achieve if they shape themselves into love....

My teaching of love has to be proclaimed to all nations of this earth, and therefore I send My disciples into the world again.... The teaching material I give to them and which they shall distribute is exquisite, so that people can once again be taught in the same way which I preached on earth as the man Jesus in order to bring salvation to people from their lifeless and constrained condition.

More than ever it has become necessary to emphasise the divine teaching of love, for it is observed far too little. What should be normal for people such as loving each other like brothers and doing for each other what is customary amongst brothers is no longer known to them, everyone just thinks of himself, and everyone regards his fellow human being as his enemy rather than his brother.... There is no community which unites with love, unselfish neighbourly love has almost disappeared but selfish love has grown ever stronger, and therefore people are at great risk of delivering themselves to death and having to linger in this sleep of death for eternities again.... but which they can escape if only love is kindled and practised in their hearts once more. For this reason I repeatedly prioritise love, I Myself constantly preach love; the essence of My Word, which is transmitted to you directly from above, only ever consists of love which motivates Me to help you, and which has to be practised by you, too, if you want to remedy your soul's hardship, if you want to wake up to life and not ever lose this life again.

And I awaken servants for Myself everywhere.... disciples, which I instruct again as during the time of My life on earth, disciples, to whom I proclaim My pure Gospel with the instruction to pass it on, because I know that people have to be informed of the Gospel of love, of their earthly task to deliver themselves from their bondage and darkness through unselfish love. For although people know My commandments of love they nevertheless speak of them thoughtlessly, they don't consider them in their hearts and act accordingly....

And therefore their attention needs to be drawn to them again, time and again they have to be spoken to and stimulated to act with love, they have to be told that they can only become blessed through love because only through love can they come closer to and establish the unity with Me, which has to take place without fail in order to be happy. And thus there is no other mission more urgent than this: to proclaim My teaching of love or to revive it again with reference to the One Who suffered for love and died on the cross. For all people have to be informed of Him Who exemplified to them a life of love, Who was motivated by love to endure utmost suffering and an excruciating death in order to save humanity from the night of death....

People shall only be taught to look after their fellow human beings with unselfish love, to approach them like brothers and to treat them like brothers.... Only that guarantees their own salvation, but a heartless way of life inevitably drives people into My adversary's hands, who is devoid of all love. Yet until the very last day of this earth My messengers will still preach love, until the last day they, as My disciples of the end time, will proclaim the Gospel of love, for only the person who accepts it will escape the end and experience My love and mercy to the same extent as he has practised it himself....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Spreading the Gospel.... Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. 7528

February 22nd 1960

Every person who proclaims the Gospel to the souls.... who tries to bring My Word consisting of the divine teachings of love to his fellow human beings, contributes towards their redemption.... Everyone who reminds his fellow human beings to love proclaims this Gospel when he simultaneously teaches that these are the most important commandments I have given to people, and when he informs them of the results of fulfilling these commandments. Everything that contributes towards educating people to love is already redemption work, because the human being redeems himself through love alone and because love has to be practised in order to thus enable the salvation of one's own soul.... For love will always seek contact with Jesus Christ, the divine Redeemer, Who only now can bring true redemption to the person believing in Him....

The human being has to find Jesus Christ without fail because redemption without Him is impossible.... And thus every person renders redemption work if he points or leads his fellow human beings to Jesus Christ.... This is vineyard work, it is a spreading of the seed.... which is the divine teaching of love.... into the human hearts. It is a conscious effort performed by a person for the benefit of his fellow human beings' souls.

Anyone who has found Jesus Christ himself, who has found redemption from sin and death through Him, will then not grow tired of proclaiming Him to his fellow human beings and will also help him to become redeemed.... anyone who has found Jesus Christ will not rest until his fellow human being has found Him too, and thus he will keep talking about love and inspire his fellow human being to also take the path of love which has Jesus Christ as its goal.... He will not rest until the other person has also found deliverance from sin and death.

As long as the human being is still distanced from the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ his love has not yet become powerful in him, for this love knows and acknowledges the divine Redeemer and cannot help but proclaim Him.... And he who has found Jesus Christ can't help himself but to proclaim His Gospel of love to everyone he comes into contact with.... He will be constantly active on His behalf and thereby lead many souls to Me, for he makes My Word accessible to them, which is the task of everyone who receives My Word himself, who desires it and to whom I therefore speak.... irrespective of whether this happens directly or through reading or hearing My Word. For it is always Myself Who speaks to you humans if you desire to hear My Word.... This is why proclaiming My Gospel is extremely necessary, and everyone will be blessed who accepts this mission of helping to redeem his fellow human being's soul, of making the knowledge accessible to him of how and why he has to be redeemed if he wants to become happy one day....

Anyone who lives with love has found Jesus Christ and the light of realisation shines in him.... but anyone who is not yet redeemed has to be educated, the image of the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ has to be brought home to him and he has to be reminded to turn to and appeal to Him that he, too, should find redemption through Him and His act of Salvation.... And therefore every person spreading My Gospel throughout the world is blessed, for he leads long lost souls to Me who will find salvation through Jesus Christ Himself, Who has redeemed him, too, with His blood....

Amen

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Confessing before the world....

B.D. No. 6607

July 27th 1956

If you represent Me before the world, I will confess you before My father.... I spoke these words as the man Jesus to My disciples and thus to all people, because all My words applied to the whole of humanity, because all My words belonged to the divine teaching of love which I wanted to be proclaimed amongst all peoples.... And precisely these words are to be valued unusually because they impose an obligation on you humans.... Not only should you believe in Me yourselves but you should also profess your faith to your fellow human beings.... You shall **confess Me before the world....** You should therefore stand up for My name before the whole world. Only then will you be accepted by Me, the father, as I have promised you. Thus I am not content with you inwardly believing in Me, with you not doubting Me and My act of salvation, with you perhaps also calling upon Me to forgive your sins, for I require a **living** faith in Me.... and a living faith cannot help but represent Me before the world, for as soon as the human being has a living faith he will be driven from within to constantly remember Me in Jesus, and then his mouth will not be able to remain silent either, he will overflow with inner gratitude and love for Me, Who accomplished the act of salvation in the human being Jesus in order to save you humans from the night of sin. And I knew very well why I spoke these words, for I knew about the great spiritual adversity which comes upon all people who do not recognize and acknowledge Jesus Christ. And in this adversity people have to take care of them in order to help them to believe in Jesus Christ. And for this it is necessary that they proclaim Me, that they confess Me in

Jesus and now also loudly bear witness to Me and My name.... What a person experiences inwardly, what moves him mentally, is not known to his fellow human being.... he must be quite obviously pointed to the divine redeemer, and this can best be done through the testimony of love of those who have found Him and who now prove their living faith in Me by speaking of My work of mercy.... that they openly stand up for Me and My name in front of all people, that they praise My name and describe themselves as followers of Jesus Christ and also try to win fellow human beings for Me. People walk on this earth in order to finally find liberation from the material form.... But no matter how they change on earth it cannot lead to the aim without the divine redeemer Jesus Christ, because I accomplished the work of redemption in Him and therefore everyone who wants to be redeemed from his bondage has to turn to Me Myself in Jesus Christ.... Anyone who is truly liberated, who has found redemption through Him, also praises His name aloud, he will only ever speak of Him and His immeasurable act of love, he cannot help but mention His name aloud, for all bonds have fallen off him, he is free from adversarial power, he has given himself to Me in Jesus Christ, and such an act of transformation is not carried out silently and secretly, it is recognizable to all fellow human beings. For the mouth is not silent where the heart is filled with the love and grace of Jesus Christ, and thus the human being confesses Him before all the world as his saviour and redeemer, and he also seeks to lead his fellow human beings to Him.... He does not deny Him even if he himself is threatened by danger, because he knows that every danger can be averted by the one Who has power over heaven and earth, Whose breath is sufficient to destroy everything, just as His will is sufficient to resurrect what had already fallen prey to death.... And he who has been raised to life does not fear death either.... He will also stand up for Me and My name when the final decision is demanded, yet he will do it out of love for Me, and therefore I will accept him because he confesses Me before all the world....

Amen

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Love is the highest

Love is the highest....

B.D. No. 5681
May 22nd 1953

Love is the highest.... What are you without love? Powerless, hardened creatures who don't recognize Me, for whom I don't exist because they don't feel My strength of love which can only touch them when they have become love themselves. Love is the key to beatitude, for beatitude is freedom, light and strength, beatitude is union with Me which can only take place through love. Thus no being can become blissful if it does not develop love within itself, and every being which has become love must be blissful. For this reason everything else is worthless, no matter what you believe you possess, be it extraordinary abilities which you can achieve on earth as a human being or earthly treasures, everything is worthless if you don't have love, for all this will pass away but love will remain as the essence of your soul and follow you into eternity.... How poor, therefore, are people on earth, even though they are earthly respected and have many possessions of their own. How poor they are when they are without love.... They lack realization of their own being and their task as well as the realization of Myself, they are far away from Me and also from truth, their life is only a delusion of their senses which ceases to exist at the moment of death. Love is supreme, and if you do not have love, you are dead forms without spirit and without life.... For love is the divine which forms you into gods, love is My share which lets you become one with Me. Love is the actual life, a state of light and strength and freedom, which you therefore create for yourselves if you are unselfishly active in love. Then you will be knowledgeable, you will be able to recognize correctly, you will be able to see through everything, nothing will remain hidden from you, you will be in the light if you live in love.... But you will also be full of strength, for love is strength, it is the fundamental substance of Myself, Who is also the source of strength from eternity. Hence you will be able to accomplish everything if you, permeated by My strength through loving activity, can now also create and work with My strength, which flows to you without restriction, and therefore you can also accomplish everything according to your will.... You will be full of strength, you will be able to be active without hindrance, for the strength of love knows no restriction, because the divine source of strength never runs dry and is always at the disposal of the person who lives in love.... And you will be able to carry out everything with complete freedom because love loosens every restraint. As soon as you are active in love you have released yourselves from your adversary's shackle, and the union with Me does not restrict your freedom or your will, you merely align your will with Mine of your own accord, you enter into My will and thus work in freedom of will and yet in fullest accordance with Mine, which makes you exceedingly happy and fills you ever more with love.... love is the highest, and anyone who has shaped himself into love has truly found supreme bliss and won My love, which he will never ever lose, for anyone who has once united with Me through love I will never ever let go of him.... he has become Mine and will remain so for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Maturing only through love....

B.D. No. 5690
June 1st 1953

Only ever perform works of love and your spiritual ascent is guaranteed.... You cannot mature in any other way than through love; I can certainly assist you with My gifts of grace, yet these should only ever stimulate you into loving activity, because everything else emerges from love, a strong faith, comprehensive knowledge and the all-conquering strength which has its origin in Me....

Whether I convey My word to you, whether I fatefully step into your path in order to influence you to turn to Me in prayer, it is always love which shall fill your heart, which teaches My word as well as determines Me to hear your prayer, because only love produces faith in you which also lets you speak the right prayer. You can only mature through love, and your spiritual progress solely depends on your willingness to love, which is why all your efforts to make Me inclined towards you would be useless if you did not make an effort to live in love.... And you have the opportunity to do so daily and hourly.... You should approach your fellow human beings with kindness, you should make their need your concern, you should feel for them, help them, comfort and support them, you should not pass by your fellow human being's need indifferently.... You should care for them spiritually and earthly wherever possible. A kind word, a good look, a small act of help will already earn you the love of your fellow human being, it will prevent love from growing completely cold, for love should be nurtured like a little plant so that it does not wither away.... Love is everything, and if love dwindles amongst people there is no salvation for it either. Therefore try to ignite a spark of love everywhere, give much love so that you will find reciprocated love, for only then can My kingdom also come into this world, for My kingdom is where love is, because I Myself can dwell there, because I Myself am in My kingdom when I can enter your hearts which have shaped themselves into love. Love is the divine in the human being which, however, also secures perfection for you, for anyone who stands in love stands in truth, in fullest realization, he stands in light.... There is no other path to perfection than the path of love.... For only through love will you find union with Me and thus also eternal beatitude.... If you live in love your earthly life will also be an easy one, for then you will draw strength from Me and be able to master everything, you will have unshakeable faith in Me and through this faith you will be able to banish every adversity; if you live in love you will be constantly united with Me and everything you now want you will accomplish with Me and out of My strength....

Amen

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Total devotion to God....

B.D. No. 8627

September 26th 1963

Just always entrust yourselves to Me and so make Me your guide, your constant companion, who directs you and determines you to all thinking and doing. And truly, your earth life will be beneficial for yourselves and also for your fellow human beings. Because then My will will always have an effect in you, because you subordinate your will to Mine. That is why the complete devotion to Me is also the surest guarantee that you reach your perfection, because then all resistance in you is broken; voluntarily you acknowledge Me again, and nothing now stands in the way of the union, because a complete devotion to Me is not to be thought without love towards Me and because love in you will now also not remain inactive, because your earth change will now be an effect in love. The complete devotion to Me cannot take place as long as self-love still prevails in you, because then you still allow yourselves to be valid, and your nature will show arrogance, while the devotion to Me is an act of humility and your self-love has already changed to unselfish neighbourly love. You will also only ever hand yourselves over to Me when you have complete trust in Me, when you have already recognized Me as a being Which is **love, wisdom** and **strength** in Itself. Then you will enter into the relationship of a child to the father of your own accord.... You re-establish the original relationship, and therefore you will also reach happiness again, because you fulfil the law of eternal order; you have become love again; you can receive My illumination of love and now return as My children into your father house. Again and again I woo your love, your complete trust, your complete devotion to Me. And that is why I reveal Myself to you in My nature.... You are to be truthfully informed about My nature, because only when you can measure My endless love, only when you know that it is always and forever meant for you, because you have emerged out of My love, you will understand that I long for you, and when you believe in this great love of Mine, you will also return it, because love awakens counter love. But since you as man are still of darkened spirit, you often still stand in erroneous thinking.... You fear Me, Who comes towards you with all love; you do not let yourselves

be addressed by Me, because you fear My severity, because you do not feel as children of a father, who can always trust in the love of the father and are allowed to flee to Him in all troubles. You have been given a wrong image of Me, in that I was certainly portrayed to you as powerful and righteous but too little mention was made of My endless love.... and therefore you lack the trust of a child in the father which, however, the father will never disappoint. And in your spiritual darkness you often go so far that you would like to free yourselves from the thought of a God and creator in order to be relieved of all responsibility.... And you will always be strengthened by My adversary, for he will want to deprive you of all faith in Me, and if you are therefore **without love** yourselves then you will also be unable to believe in a being Which **is love** in Itself.... But you can believe that I touch you again and again to awaken love in you, because I want to prepare happiness for you, which you already had to do without for eternal times. But I cannot act against the law of order; I cannot make you happy as long as you resist Me, as long as you do not return My love. Because so long you are outside of My love current. Every resistance makes My love radiation ineffective, and only when you have again become love, you can feel the happiness of My love radiation. But then you will eternally no longer let go of Me, as also I no longer give you, if I have once won you for Me. And once I also succeed, once you will take the way to Me of your own accord, and I will stretch out the hands towards you, which you will reach for to no longer let go of them, because your true home is the kingdom of light and happiness, your father house is with Me, and you return guaranteed once again to your start.... (9/26/1963) That is why I will also repeatedly recite the gospel of love to you, and anyone who wants to serve Me on earth should also pass on the divine teaching of love again, he should encourage his fellow human being to love and set a good example for him himself, for as soon as love is kindled in a person's heart he will also join Me, and then complete devotion to Me can also take place, which will secure him a blissful life for all eternity....

Amen

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Gospel of love....

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Again and again My gospel will be proclaimed to you, for I will never stop presenting the commandments of love to you because it is the most important thing in your earthly life to fulfil them. Therefore, again and again I will send you My messengers who will convey the divine teaching of love to you, again and again you will have to hear the gospel of love so that you will know My will and be able to live your life in accordance with it. I will not cease to preach love, for you can only become blessed through love alone. Your whole earthly existence is useless if you fail to work with love.... And you can still achieve earthly successes and still.... they are worthless for your soul, which can only mature through loving activity. And when I send My disciples out into the world I only give them the task of proclaiming the divine teaching of love, because this is the most important thing people need to know, because all other knowledge remains incomprehensible until the human being makes an effort to live a life of love. And so you will hear the same again and again: Love God above all else and your neighbour as yourself.... And a way of life in accordance with these two commandments will be blessed, it will earn you success, you will not cover earthly life in vain but reach the aim for the purpose of which you are on earth. For the fulfilment of these commandments brings about the transformation of your nature, in your last deformation as a human being you reach the state in which you originally moved, and you can leave the form as mature, you can enter the spiritual kingdom freely and light-heartedly after the death of your body. Practicing love is the most important commandment, it is the first and most important commandment, the fulfilment of which determines your fate in eternity. Every success you achieve on earth, every knowledge, no matter how extensive, earthly honour and fame.... everything is of no value if you don't have love in you, which first gives you the right realization, which correctly evaluates everything earthly, which leads you onto the spiritual path, the aim of which is Me Myself. For love alone leads you back to Me again, from Whom you once originated.... love alone shapes you such that you can come close to Me again, and

love alone establishes the connection with Me which turns you into blissful beings. And if you ignore love your soul is dead, for love alone awakens it to life. But you shall acquire eternal life again in earthly life, which can only be found through love alone; you shall escape the state of death, you shall come to life.... And therefore I repeatedly bring My gospel to you, I address you Myself, I demonstrate the importance of the commandments of love to you, and I will never cease to send My messengers into the world with the instruction to proclaim the divine teaching of love. For your fate in eternity depends on it... on the fulfilment of My commandments of love depends whether your earthly life is the conclusion of an infinitely long life in form, whether you will also cast off the last form and be able to enter eternity as a free spirit.... I want to help you achieve this, and that is why I speak to you again and again. And again and again it is My urgent admonition to all people: Love God above all else and your neighbour as yourself....

Amen

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