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Unbelief before the end.... Satan's activity....

B.D. No. 7074

March 27th 1958

Humanity will perish in its ungodliness, although it is visibly supported by My adversary, hence gaining earthly power and wealth, knowledge and fame. For it is and will remain worldly profit which is not permanent, which keeps the souls in utter poverty and destitution and returns them to the same painful state of fate again that they had to suffer for an infinitely long time. People want to deny a God and Creator, convinced of their own strength and intelligence they attribute every earthly success to their own intellect and work and yet are merely controlled by the one who wants to displace Me from people's hearts and mind. They don't believe in a God nor do they believe in Satan's existence, nevertheless, they are in his power. And when the time comes when all faith will dwindle because people are only influenced in this godless direction, the moment will also have come when the adversary's activity will be stopped.... Everything points to the fact that My adversary rules the world, that he impels people to use their energy purely for earthly goals, that he pushes everything of a divinely-spiritual nature so far away that people won't make an effort to reach it.... He works on them directly or indirectly, he either openly fights against the faith or he showers people so abundantly with earthly possessions that they detach themselves from Me of their own accord so as not to be deprived of their earthly pleasures, instinctively realising that both together cannot be granted to them. They abandon Me without a second thought, for the world is too enticing and alluring that they cannot resist the temptation. It will also remain a futile undertaking trying to teach people otherwise, since such admonishing voices will be drowned out by the opposing side, because they will be silenced.... if not in another way then by force.... The poisonous seed is already being scattered on the still empty ground, that is, the children are already being given a completely wrong idea about the purpose of their existence, and each tender little plant which turns to the light anyway will be stifled.... the poisonous seed will render it incapable of living. The human being is already guided into wrong thinking as a child and, with the use of clever words, My adversary understands how to gain credibility. And where his cunning is not enough he will use force, for he is in charge of the ruling powers which assert themselves where no firm foundation of faith was built, which will subsequently also stand up to all onslaughts.

However, I also speak a language which is loud enough that it cannot be ignored.... at first in the form of all kinds of tragic events which should show every person the transience of earthly happiness and worldly possessions. And I will speak more distinctly still but will only be successful with those who have not fallen prey to My adversary as yet. Untold people will end their life on earth in this godless state, engulfed by impenetrable darkness which is inconceivable for you humans. But it was

created by themselves, it is the inevitable result of their unbelief in a God and Creator; it is the fate awaiting the souls of all people who submit to My adversary and don't try to remove their separation from Me. It is their own fault, for every person with a serious will for truth is capable of deliberating.... no-one is forced to adopt his fellow human being's or the ruling powers' opinion, because every person's thoughts are free and he can also use his intelligence. If he does so with the desire for truth and justice, he will also be granted correct thinking by Me and he will find the truth within himself. Therefore I will always influence people's thinking through unexpected strokes of fate which no-one will be able to defend himself against, for I will not yet give up the fight for each individual soul. As long as a person lives on earth I will also create opportunities for him to attain the right realisation but I will not use force.... just as My adversary cannot forcibly achieve a turning away from Me, even if the earthly authorities take coercive measures.... For I only pay attention to the human being's will, his inner attitude towards Me. And every thought inclined towards Me will receive strength and help the soul to detach itself from My adversary. Yet success will not be great in terms of numbers, but every single soul which does not descend into the deepest abyss again is a gain for Me.... And therefore My love will do whatever it takes in order to still save those before the end which are not yet entirely in My adversary's hands, in order to restore their faith in a God and Creator of eternity Who wants to give His living creations a life in freedom, strength and light again which they possessed in the beginning....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Weakness of the will of the people

Lauheit.... weakness of will.... slackness in prayer....

B.D. No. 2045

August 27th 1941

The more lukewarm a person is, the stronger the influence he has to fear from the adversary. He then neither offers resistance nor strives for God's strength and is therefore in the greatest danger of becoming weak and succumbing. He should always bear in mind that the ascent to the heights is arduous and that a slackening of his willpower very easily results in a step backwards, which requires renewed effort in order to catch up. The adversary is vigilant, i.e. he does not miss a single moment of a person's weakness, but the latter should also be vigilant so that he does not expose his soul to the danger of being oppressed by the adversary. And the weaker he feels, the more fervently he should pray for strength. But even if he begins to become lukewarm in prayer, the adversary's power over him is great. And yet he cannot be spared the struggle against this power. Spiritual beings certainly stand by him, but their help has to be requested because they cannot become active without the call. And in hours of weakness of will the human being often omits this call as well, and then he is defencelessly at the mercy of the adversary's power. And he has to fight the battle against him himself, which is often very difficult. And it is always the weakening of prayer that causes his willpower to weaken. The more often and more intimately a person unites himself with God, the less he is exposed to the influences of the enemy, because both at the same time, the power from God and the power of the adversary, cannot be effective. But the power from God is always stronger and excludes every activity of evil forces. In hours of need, of lukewarmness and weakness of will, a heartfelt call for the support of good beings suffices and the work of those beings will already be stopped. Only the will to do good must still be present in the human being, and soon the fervour of prayer will also increase again and the human being will have escaped the danger....

Amen

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

B.D. No. 2268

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

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Weakened will and overcoming it....

B.D. No. 2382

June 24th 1942

The human will is not always resistant to the temptations of the power hostile to God, even if it does not recognize them, and this is usually the case when worldly life pushes itself too much into the foreground. Then, to a certain extent, the world with its charms captivates the will and its power of resistance diminishes, even though it fights against it. And the enemy lies in wait for such moments in order to prevent the strengthening of the will through small temptations and to turn to it through the desire for the world. And if a person is not very careful, he falls prey to these temptations and the enemy has won the game. But if a person wrestles with this weakness of will, he will also have great spiritual success as soon as he overcomes the world and seeks to serve God. Then he will also be given strength and can now use his will for the honour of God.... Jesus Christ is to be called upon in every weakness of will, so that He transmits the strength directly to the person, and now the person can be active and he will become master of the temptations. Every weakness of will means decline or standstill, but overcome weakness of will means a victory over oneself. Man must indeed fight, but it is about a high reward.... He knows about the success of a properly utilized will as well as about the failure, and therefore he offers all his strength and requests such through prayer in order not to fail in his last test of earthly life. And these struggles have to be in order to be an antidote against lukewarmness and indifference, for where the human being is in danger he becomes vigilant and looks after himself, and where the will threatens to fail he has to be stimulated to resist, and this through all kinds of adversities which have to be overcome and therefore require the will to become active. But God knows about the innermost will and directs everything in a way that is most beneficial for the human being....

amen

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Test of will on earth

Temptations, inner struggles.... testing the will....

B.D. No. 2895

September 25th 1943

In order to be able to perfect himself the human being has to go through difficult inner battles because he has to test his strength of resistance in them. Spiritual maturity can only be attained through a correctly applied will, and therefore this must be tested time and again, and this requires soul struggles; the human being must be confronted by temptations which only have the one purpose of being overcome so that the spirit becomes increasingly freer. The giving up of one's own physical desires has to be achieved and only the soul is to unfold, and therefore the will has to be strong, and a perpetual struggle against oneself is a necessity which necessitates the maturing of the soul. It is not an easy task, yet the fulfillment, the victory over oneself, is a reward, a success which is worth all efforts and overcoming, for the free spiritual state is so blissful that the human being has truly given up nothing but is only the recipient, for what he gives is of no lasting value, but the freedom of spirit remains with him eternally. People cannot be spared these struggles, for only through constant struggle does the soul purify and steel itself, and only then is it suitable for the free spiritual state, which presupposes a complete overcoming of matter, of earthly desires and cravings. And therefore the temptation has to approach the human being time and again so that he proves his power of resistance, so that he seriously works on himself and lets his will become active.... All spiritual progress consists of overcoming oneself, be it by giving up one's own desires towards God or one's neighbor, if the human being overcomes his desire for the sake of the latter and makes a sacrifice. He must always put his ego aside, he must strive upwards, he must strive for spiritual good and renounce every earthly pleasure, then he consciously strives for the perfection of his soul, then it will become easier and easier for him to withstand every temptation; desires and cravings will become weaker and weaker the more he has become victorious over himself. And the spirit within him will become freer and freer, for nothing will hold him back and he will be able to strive upwards unhindered. Temptations of all kinds are cliffs and obstacles that must be overcome if the right path is to be continued, which leads to the goal. And the world will still provide the human being with manifold incentives to test his will, inner battles of the soul will have to be fought again and again if earthly life is to bring constant progress, if the soul is to be able to mature through its own resistance. The goal cannot be achieved without a fight, the human being must always be prepared to face his adversary who, in all the temptations of the world, approaches him time and again and tries to make him fall.... Man must constantly be on his guard lest he succumb, and therefore he must fight without ceasing until he has defeated himself....

amen

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Test of will on earth.... following Jesus.... connection....

B.D. No. 5672

May 10th 1953

Only in union with Me will you find your bliss.... You once voluntarily separated yourselves from Me and thereby became blissfully unhappy, you must voluntarily return to Me in order to also be placed into the state of beatitude, which can therefore only be found in the union with Me. Nothing can replace what you find in Me and with Me, and therefore every striving in a different direction is an idle run for your soul which is only held up on the path to perfection, which only prolongs its return to Me as soon as it strives towards a different aim than unification with Me. I alone want to be your aim, because I alone can give you the beatitude which you have lost through your own fault.

Therefore, all My care will be to turn your will towards Me, I will always guide you or arrange your destiny such that you will be urged to take refuge in Me.... yet always respecting your free will. But because your will itself is decisive there is also the danger that you will direct it wrongly, that you will strive for something else and thus delay your return to Me. For My adversary likewise tries to determine your will, even though he cannot forcefully influence you. He always presents you with other aims which you should pursue in order to distract you from the only right aim.... But you will hardly reach your aim by detours. Your time on earth as a human being will pass quickly, you are only granted a short period of time during which you can achieve the final unification with Me, and as soon as you don't use this short time wisely it will be lost for you. Through Jesus Christ the path has been clearly shown to you humans where you can attain complete unification with Me; you only need to take the path of following Jesus in order to safely reach Me, yet you must consciously travel this path, you must stretch out your hands towards Me so that I can grasp you.... Hence you must mentally enter into contact with Me through heartfelt prayer and receive the strength from Me through a life of love, which now already proves the entered connection with Me. Only in this way can you reach your aim on earth, only in this way will you fulfil your earthly task, only in this way will you consciously turn your will over to Me and be accepted by Me. Your earthly life is only intended to test your will, which once turned away from Me and towards My adversary and which should now detach itself from him and fully surrender to Me again.... You should enter into direct contact with Me.... Do you understand what I ask of you? That I alone want to fill your **heart**, that you should prepare it for Me alone, that I want to be your lord and king, that I cannot tolerate any foreign gods next to Me to whom you turn your thoughts, because then they will always stand in the way of a complete union with Me, for I want to possess your undivided love, your undivided heart and your will. Once you were supposed to decide between Me and My adversary, but you followed him in blind love and left Me. So you should now leave everything on earth and follow Me alone.... then you will pass your test of earthly life, you will direct your will correctly and acquire the right to eternal beatitude again. And because your past apostasy from Me was due to the fact that you were unable to see Me, because I wanted to make the path of return to Me easy for you, I Myself became visible to you in Jesus Christ, so that you should now love Him and strive towards Him and thereby profess Me, Who embodied Myself in Jesus Christ in order to be a visible God for you humans, to Whom you can now give all your love and acquire His love, Who wants to receive you into His kingdom in order to prepare eternal bliss for you, which you can only enjoy in complete union with Me....

Amen

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Earthly tests of will.... constant struggle....

B.D. No. 7030

February 1st 1958

Many earthly tests of will are imposed on you, i.e. your will often has to decide in earthly matters and then you also ask yourselves whether your decision was right. But you are mostly only concerned about earthly success.... You are less concerned about whether you have complied with the will of your father in heaven, Who did not put you before that decision for nothing; for He wants to test your inclination towards matter, He wants to induce you to also remember with every decision that you think and act rightly and justly towards your soul. For it is not God's will that you only think of **your** earthly advantage but also take care of your neighbour's.... People usually strive for their own advantage at the expense of their fellow human beings, and this is what every person should think about when faced with earthly decisions. Furthermore, it is not irrelevant whether only the human being's intellect deals with these decisions or whether the one Who alone can advise correctly is always remembered.... For as soon as God is approached for guidance and advice the human being's thinking and decision will also be right, everything will, as it were, arise of its own accord and every obstacle will be removed.... for God also wants to be approached for advice and help in earthly questions and matters, and His help always consists of everything arising of its own accord as it is good.... Earthly existence is a battle and will remain so, yet if it is conducted with God then the battle

will also end well, it will be able to end victoriously and also lead to the spiritual aim. The struggle, however, mainly consists of overcoming the earthly world, even though the human being stands in the midst of the world.... He must fulfil his duties, he cannot evade every demand placed on him by the world.... But he can nevertheless withdraw himself, i.e. his inner being, his thinking, feeling and wanting, from the influence of the earthly world, he can shape himself in such a way that the desire for the world no longer fills him but the spiritual kingdom is worth striving for.... And in the midst of the world he can do justice to the duties and demands placed upon him because he has already achieved victory over matter. And then earthly goods can also fall to him, which he only sees himself as the administrator of and utilizes them in the right way in the service of his neighbour.... But to what extent the human heart is still involved in earthly goods and earthly successes is something the human being has to answer for himself. And this is therefore also decisive for the respective decision in earthly life.... A sincerely willing person will always receive divine guidance and help; but where the person's own will is still too strong God's will cannot be heard, and God also holds Himself back as long as the person does not fully submit himself to Him. And then resistances and obstacles will replace each other, the human being will not have a clear gift of decision, his own will still strongly emerge.... i.e., the world has not yet completely lost its appeal and has a corresponding effect on the human being. And this is the battle which you have to fight again and again, in which you must not succumb, from which you should nevertheless emerge victorious one day and can do so if only you don't forget the one Who let you walk this earthly path so that you will reach perfection in it, so that you will recognize Him as the most desirable aim and now also pursue this alone....

Amen

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Will and character conversion

The right will guarantees the transformation of beings....

B.D. No. 6204

March 4th 1955

Secure your right to eternal beatitude through everlasting striving for spiritual perfection.... If you want to reach your aim, if this will is serious, then you are already aspirants of My kingdom, and then I will help you to reach Me. Only the right will secures you the strength to carry out your intention, whereas **without** this serious will you will never be able to change your nature.... Thus the change of being never takes place **against** your will but first requires this very will. For the will is the sign of conscious devotion to Me, from Whom you once turned away. But it can never be understood that you only express your will through words.... I look into your heart and take pleasure in it if I see the serious will in you.... And then I will always be ready to give you strength, and you will now also carry out what leads you to perfection.... you will perform works of unselfish neighbourly love. A person who seriously strives for perfection can no longer help but be active in love.... for this activity of love is already the expression of the strength he receives from Me after he is seriously willing to ascend. But the will is free.... No earthly and no spiritual power can force the will into a certain direction, for even if the human being were forced to outwardly manifest a certain will.... if he were also compelled to carry out certain deeds.... his innermost will.... disgust or pleasure in the required action.... cannot be determined; he will be and remain free and yet be evaluated by Me.... And therefore be mindful of your will.... give account to yourselves how you think and want in your innermost being, ask yourselves whether your thinking and wanting corresponds to My will, whether it is such that you can come before My eyes at any time without fearing that I will condemn you. Pay attention to your will and judge it right.... Only ever let Me Myself be your aim and nurture the desire within you to become perfect, just as your father in heaven is perfect.... Strive for spiritual perfection and you will also be assured of a blissful life, for I will not let an earnestly striving person fall back into the hands of the one from whom he tries to escape. As soon as he turns his will towards Me he will be seized by My love and endowed with My strength which will then also enable him to accomplish what he wants and which will surely bring him to perfection. Therefore you should often go into silence and reflect on yourselves, you should always subject your will and thinking to serious criticism if you strive to enter My kingdom and become blissfully happy, if you seriously strive for unification with Me....

Amen

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Change of character into love.... God's presence....

B.D. No. 7351

May 1st 1959

I can only be present to you if you change yourselves into love.... However, My presence is the epitome of bliss for you. And therefore you should do everything in your power to shape yourselves into love again, which was your nature in the beginning.... My presence is the equivalent of being permeated by love, and this permeation of love in turn assures you strength and light, without it you cannot be called blissfully happy. But if you are full of light and strength you will also be able to work in complete freedom of will which, however, will no longer be directed against Me but will be utterly absorbed in My will. You will be happy to be able to create in this freedom and strength, because this had been the purpose of every originally created spirit, it merely disregarded it and thus placed itself into the wretched condition in which the still imperfect human being finds himself on earth.... But he himself can change this situation; he can change the unhappy fate into a blissful one by merely doing

everything in his power in order to assure My presence with him.... by changing himself into love again.... And this is truly not so difficult, for he need only use My commandments of love for God and his neighbour as a guiding principle for his life on earth and always live according to these two commandments. And since he claims the right for himself to be respected by his fellow human being, since he feels the benefit himself when the latter helps him with kindness, he knows exactly which path he ought to travel in order to do justice to the commandments of love.... He need only treat his fellow human being as he would like to be treated himself were he in the same situation as the other person. What he considers beneficial he should do to his neighbour, and he will always have the strength and the means for this providing he really wants to do it. And what he initially does deliberately will soon become his heartfelt need and he will experience for himself how gladdening it can be to do good deeds for his neighbour, to give and help where it is needed.... Love will fill his whole being and he will come ever closer to Me, for with every act of love he draws Me to himself and ensures My presence....

And then he will fulfil the purpose of his earthly life, he will accomplish the transformation of his nature, he will live up to the reason why earthly life was given to him: He will try to become as perfect as he was in the beginning. With My grace and support He will certainly succeed in doing so but never without Me, because he is too weak for it. He must ensure himself of My presence.... He must appeal to Me and thus through prayer come close to Me one day, he must beseech Me to grant him strength for his change of character into love.... This prayer will be granted to him without fail, for it gives evidence of his sincere will to accomplish this change of character, and once a person has appealed to Me for this he will time and again encounter opportunities where he can practise love, where it is no real effort of will for him because he will clearly receive the strength he appealed for from Me. Just take your change of character into love seriously.... and appeal to Me for help.... And truly, I will remain present to you and inwardly impel you to be lovingly active wherever the opportunity presents itself, for I want to be united with you and this can only take place through love which you voluntarily have to demonstrate, but you will always be supported by Me providing you sincerely ask Me for strength to accomplish your intention. You are incapable of doing anything without My presence, but you can always ensure My presence through activity of love or a prayer in spirit and in truth. I will hear it and answer your prayer, I will be and remain with you, I will draw you until you will no longer want to detach yourselves from Me, until you have so strengthened the bond with Me through your activity of love that I can constantly be present to you and then the re-transformation into love will have been accomplished, you will have brought your nature into line with Mine and thereby fulfilled your purpose of earthly life, and you will be able to work again as you were destined to in the very beginning....

Amen

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Conscious soul work

Psychological work....

B.D. No. 3661

January 19th 1946

Scrutinize yourselves and recognise your weaknesses.... and then strive to overcome them. This is psychological work, that you try to shape yourselves into human beings who remain within My order, who live in accordance with My will and thus shape themselves to love. Because every weakness, every mistake, every bad habit has its source in unkindness and selfishness. Gentleness, peacefulness, humility, patience, mercy and justice are signs of love for other people; if you lack any of these signs you are not filled with love and need to actively work on yourselves. But in order to do so you have to recognise your weaknesses and faults yourselves and this requires honest analysis, serious reflection and correction of your relationship with Me and your fellow human beings. You have to acknowledge Me as Father and every man as brother because you are all children of one Father. And you children should love each other, then you will find My favour, because then I Myself will be able to stay with you, My children. However, every bad habit prevents Me from doing so and this is to your disadvantage because without Me, without My presence, you will remain weak and imperfect and will not be able to achieve your goal on earth.

Your goal is to become perfect, to change yourselves into love and to change your nature into the original state that you once abandoned voluntarily. For you are only happy in your original state and as long as you are far-away from it your fate on earth as well as in the spiritual realm will be insufficiency, ignorance and weakness. I, however, want to lead you back to happiness and thus constantly caution you to aspire towards it; that you start the work of transforming your being; that by observing your inner self you learn to become aware of how little your thoughts and actions correspond to My will because you are still selfish. And therefore you have to make an effort to change this

imperfect state, practicing love wherever and whenever an opportunity presents itself. Because you can only become happy with love, you can only master your faults and bad habits with love.

And if you cannot feel this love within yourselves as yet then use your intellect to shape yourselves into righteously thinking people.... be gentle and peace-loving, humble and patient and try to bring help to your fellow human beings.... and the feeling of love will awaken in you, it will make you happy and encourage you to perform loving deeds. Then you will no longer be moved by your intellect but by your heart, then you will be on the right path. Therefore observe yourselves, meditate and seriously ask yourselves whether you think and act righteously, and your heart will answer you.... And I Myself will come to your aid, providing you genuinely ask yourselves this question, I will give you strength to carry out what you seriously want, and the work on your soul will advance successfully, you will find it satisfying yourselves, submit to My will and continue your ascent as soon as it is your will to become perfect....

Amen

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Conscious psychological work....

B.D. No. 7530

February 24th 1960

No-one should reckon to have much time left for the work of improving his soul, for no-one knows when his last hour will come. The human being should live as if every day were the last he was given. He should busily work for the benefit of his soul.... He should not let any day go by

without having performed a kind deed, he should support his neighbour with advice and help, he should think of his God and Creator and establish with Him the relationship of a child with its Father.... he should pray to his Father every day and commend himself to Him and His grace. He should entrust himself to Him and appeal to Him for His protection and guidance, he should make mental contact with the world of light.... he should only ever want to do what is good, and then he will, in fact, only do that which complies with God's will. A person can greatly contribute towards his soul's speedy maturing on earth if only he consciously works at improving his soul, i.e., by always keeping in mind why he inhabits this earth and then living according to God's will by fulfilling the commandments of love for God and his neighbour. And he can implement this every day if he is interested in moving forwards in his development, that is, if he lives his earthly life appropriately. But he should not defer this work because he does not know how long he will live on earth.... This knowledge is withheld from him, and for good reason, or he would not be free in his will.... But he also easily runs the risk of carelessly deferring the work of improving his soul, always counting on the fact that there will still be plenty of time to seriously consider his soul....

No-one knows when his hour will come, it can suddenly take you by surprise, and then you will feel bitter remorse when you realise in the spiritual kingdom what you neglected to do on earth. Many people enter the kingdom of the beyond totally unprepared, they made no spiritual progress at all, they neglected to do everything that might have resulted in this progress, they only lived on earth for their body but never considered the soul, which alone continues to live after the earthly body's death. And therefore, it must suffer the consequences alone, either to linger in agony and darkness or to stray in utter bleakness through infinite spaces, poor and miserable and in severe distress. You are still living on earth and can spare your soul this dreadful fate, nevertheless, you must make use of your life and work daily and hourly at improving your soul, which can already consist of a spiritually directed thought, because then the beings of light will help you and time and again try to draw you into spiritual spheres, which they will also succeed in doing if you are of good will. You should often consider the hour of your death and you will increasingly overcome your fear of dying, for the more you work at improving your soul the less you will fear the hour of death, for then you will be prepared for it, you will live consciously and therefore fearless and aware you will approach the end, which is time and again proclaimed to you. But woe to those who live irresponsibly from day to day, for the day which ends their life will take them by surprise.... Woe to those who have never considered their soul and only ever attended to their body.... Regardless of whether they die before or live to see the day of the end.... their end will be a dreadful one, for their soul will have to bear the fate which the human being has prepared for it on earth....

Amen

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Releasing from the world

Turning inwards.... Detachment from the world and its matter.... Achievement of truth....

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The greater a person's desire for truth the more deeply he will penetrate it. To God, as the Giver of truth, nothing is hidden, and therefore He also knows and answers every question moving a person's heart; and thus you humans can easily increase your knowledge if only you let God, the Eternal Truth, speak to you, that is, if you attentively listen to your inner voice, which will always instruct you correctly. You have to look for the answer within yourselves, you should not expect it to come from outside, then you will be instructed directly, and you can be certain that it will be utter truth. Hence you should take notice of what He says to you:

Do you want to serve Me or the world.... do you want to gain My favour or do you want to attain other people's admiration? Your will alone determines your actions and innermost thoughts, and therefore a spiritual rebirth will only ever be possible when you are moved by the utmost desire to be in contact with Me, when you look for Me and completely withdraw from the world in order to unite with Me.

But how can you detach yourselves from the world since, after all, you have to live in it and see yourselves faced by earthly obligations which you should not neglect? How can you establish the heartfelt relationship with Me while you constantly live amongst your fellow human beings and are thus time and again required by them?

Only through turning inwards, through a withdrawal into seclusion which, however, can take place everywhere and at any time depending on your will, and which will proceed more sincerely and unhindered the less external impressions a person receives. A most intimate contact with Me requires detachment from all matter, for I Myself, as pure eternal Spirit, exist outside of matter, even though matter itself is My emanated solidified strength, yet it is always situated at a certain distance from Me.

Anyone who wants to look for and find Me first has to turn his will away from matter, but since he nevertheless still lives within matter, since he has a physical body, he has to withdraw into his innermost being.... Then he will find Me, and the complete detachment from matter will take place when the physical eye is shielded from every external impression, when it is closed and no longer receives physical images, for they are reflected in a person's soul and disturb its silent contemplation and union with its spirit. Spirit and matter are opposite concepts and will always remain in opposition to each other, and since I Myself as a pure Spirit want to be active within you, you first will have to achieve this inner separation from matter and then you will come closer to Me, but you will never be able to establish a close contact with Me as long as your eyes and senses are held captive by external impressions....

I want that you only desire My presence, that you have no space for anything else in your hearts, and that you muster the will to relinquish all earthly things for My sake and the sake of My presence, that you mentally detach yourselves from everything opposing Me.... And all matter is spirit in opposition to Me.... I also want human customs to be avoided where possible, for they distract from an inner composure if they are not thoughtlessly observed, or they will be automatically performed and are then equally worthless. Anyone who sincerely looks for Me first has to sever his contact with the world, and everything that is not spiritual belongs to the world, that is related to earthly matter, that is taken in by the human being's physical senses, thus everything that keeps the soul captive, that prevents it from uniting with the spirit within itself. Only when this detachment is accomplished it is

able to talk to Me as it is My will, so that I Myself can work in the human being's heart with My love and grace.

And I truly favour the silent, profound worship; it can never be replaced by external customs and actions which automatically affect the human being's thoughts, which have to distract him from what is essential, from the purely spiritual contact with Me. I look into every person's heart and truly don't require any external evidence of your love for Me, and depending how you approach Me you will be considered by My love and grace, and you yourselves determine the extent. Although you will not act wrongly by performing external ceremonies, by observing human customs, but you harm yourselves by reducing the flow of My love and grace yourselves as long as any other thought but Myself still finds room in your heart. You should approach Me in spirit and in truth, then My eyes will look upon you favourably.... and then you will feel the blessing of such intimate contact in yourselves, then you will feel My presence and be happy.... And yet you will remain profoundly humble in your happiness, because you will be aware of the extraordinary grace that is bestowed upon you by the fact that I take abode in your hearts, and humility will increase the amount of grace....

Amen

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'The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence....' II.

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May 12th 1959

Much is expected of those who are still too attached to the world, they truly must use violence in order to acquire the kingdom of heaven, for due to their various weaknesses and cravings they are chained to the one who is lord of this world. If they want to release themselves they need a strong will to take a different path. It is therefore not an easy intention for a downright worldly person.... He needs help to do so; he needs the support of a Power which opposes the lord of the world, which is capable of releasing him from the control of the former. Hence he needs help from Jesus Christ, Who alone has this power and can snatch the human being from the adversary.... The more captivated a person is by the world the greater is the adversary's power over him, and this person truly has to fight against the temptations and attractions of this world. And this battle is not an easy one and neither would a person succeed, but as soon as he has resolved to release himself the thought will not leave him again, for then God Himself will intervene and try to exert His influence in every way without, however, forcing the person into changing his way of life. But once the thought of renouncing the world for the sake of a higher goal has arisen in a person, his thoughts will occupy themselves with God and His will increasingly more, he will also remember the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ and may receive a strengthening of will from His side, depending on his own will and its inclination. Then the severity of the battle against worldly temptation will ease but the kingdom of heaven will come ever closer, because the person will have taken up the fight against the ruler of the world and he will begin to become captivated by the kingdom which is 'not of this world'.... 'The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force....'

These Words were said to worldly people who can only separate themselves from their previous lord by the use of force, because for all others apply the Words 'My yoke is easy, and My burden is light....' In that case, however, the world, with all its temptations, must have been overcome already, then a person will no longer feel the burden as much, he will deem God's wishes easy to live up to because he will already be in contact with Him and will be consciously walking the path leading into the spiritual kingdom.... He will have already conquered the world with the result that the kingdoms will then be exchanged.... that **this** world will lie behind him and the kingdom of God will rank first.... that the person will no longer be burdened by excessive weight and will therefore be able to travel the earthly path almost unburdened.... with an easy yoke and a light burden.... Nevertheless, this path leads to the goal, just as a violent battle against the world will let the person reach the goal, so that he will be able to take possession of the 'heavenly kingdom' when he discards his physical body and enters the spiritual realm.... For his will, which aimed towards the **spiritual** realm, was victorious,

because he will always be granted the strength he needs as soon as he has the serious will to take possession of the 'heavenly kingdom'.... And this decision must be taken in earthly life, the world must be recognised as the possession of God's adversary and God's kingdom as **not** of **this** world.... Then the human being's good will is enough in order to be granted the strength for taking up the fight against the earthly world with all its enticements and attractions and only to strive towards the kingdom of heaven, which certainly requires violence by someone who belongs to this earthly world but also wants to attain life in beatitude. The earthly world, however, will never be able to grant a person eternal beatitudes, the earthly world can only give earthly, that is, transient things which disappear when the human being dies and must leave earthly belongings behind.... But anyone who has already turned towards the spiritual kingdom will not fear physical death, for he knows that he cannot cease to exist, instead he will go on living in a kingdom which is incomparably more beautiful than the earthly world and therefore it should be everyone's goal and endeavour to acquire it as long as he lives on Earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Attainment of sonship with God requires detachment from the world....

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You can achieve everything if only you muster the serious will, for then you will also be able to receive unmeasured strength to carry out what you want.... Yet precisely your will is weak and the world still holds you too captive to be willing to surrender everything.... But if you want to attain childship to God while still on earth, this requires a complete overcoming of the world.... You must have completely detached yourselves from matter, which, however, does not mean that you should withdraw into the desert as a hermit.... You can also stand in the midst of the world and yet have completely overcome matter, for to deal with it does not mean to desire it. For the earthly fulfilment of duty need not be an obstacle to the soul's ascent if it is a service to fellow human beings and if this service is not carried out solely for the sake of earthly gain, that is, if the human being's activity is motivated by the acquisition of material goods. Even a person's possessions are no obstacle to complete spiritualisation if they are used again for serving, unselfish neighbourly love.... But if self-love is satisfied first, then the path to spiritualisation is still very long, then the striving for the highest goal is not yet serious and thus the will is too weak, which also results in a lack of strength.... It is therefore up to you humans yourselves whether you still reach the goal in a short time.... You can have a whole life at your disposal and not get any further.... But you can also complete yourselves in a very short time if this is your **serious endeavour**, because then you will truly not lack strength. And as soon as you are given knowledge which also assures you an abundance of blessings you can now also consciously strive for perfection, which, however, always requires you to detach yourselves from the world. The extent to which you are **willing** to do so is also determined by your ability, for the serious will assures you the supply of strength. You humans, however, still expect too much from your life, you still harbour various desires and are not willing to relinquish them.... Nor do you trust Me unreservedly as yet, otherwise you would not doubt that I will **also** guide you through earthly life, that you need not suffer hardship.... if I recognize that your soul's salvation is of utmost importance to you and you distance yourselves from earthly desires.... For it is I alone Who can give to you but also take away.... Who also provides for you most abundantly if you are willing to make a sacrifice to Me.... For you will truly not come to any harm, for what the body voluntarily relinquishes the soul gains a thousandfold.... And if you consider that you have to give up all earthly goods when your soul relies on your body.... that you cannot take anything over but only your **spiritual** gain, then you will also realise the worthlessness of earthly goods and try to free yourselves from them for the sake of spiritual advantage. But I cannot force you to renounce, I can only help you by taking away what still hinders you or by placing so many obstacles in your way that you voluntarily give up what is not helpful for your soul's salvation. And you must seriously try to establish this difference between 'fulfilment of duty' and 'your own desire for the world's goods', and if you feel completely free of the latter then you

can truly also reach the final goal on this earth, to attain childship to God, for the course of your life will then also be shaped according to the seriousness of your will and striving, always offering you the highest opportunities to reach the highest goals.... But you will not lack strength because then you will enter into My will and your return to Me will be assured....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Self-reflection and self-criticism

Self-criticism: thoughts.... love....

B.D. No. 6113

November 19th 1954

Where your love is, there will always be your thoughts. And if you now want to practice serious self-criticism, just pay attention to what you **mainly** think about.... For your thoughts are free and you don't need to hide them from your fellow human beings, thus your thoughts will always reveal your innermost desire or what moves your heart the most. And now examine whether they are earthly or spiritually directed.... and make an effort to turn them away from the earthly and towards the spiritual as far as possible.... Make every effort to make God and His kingdom the aim of your desire and to detach yourselves from everything that belongs to the world.... So let not the **world** be your love, but **God**.... For God will truly reward your love better than the world. God will show you love again, and to possess His love means to gain life and beatitude, to receive light and strength and one day to enter eternal life when earthly life is over.... But anyone who loves the world more can only receive worldly goods which are transient.... which certainly embellish his earthly life but envelop his soul in darkness. And at the end of his life the human being will not be able to take any of it over into eternity.... You can easily test yourselves if you pay attention to your thoughts, and therefore you will be warned and constantly admonished to let your thoughts wander upwards.... For even if the gain is not immediately obvious to you.... it will be immeasurable when you pass over into the spiritual kingdom.... And even on earth you can already receive abundantly, for every spiritual thought will be taken up by the inhabitants of the spiritual kingdom and blessed for you.... You establish contact with them, and since their aim is always God, they will also direct your thoughts towards God and impart a spiritual treasure to you which will always correspond to your desire.... Do not let the world dominate your thoughts.... displace it and occupy your thoughts more with the kingdom you will one day enter.... And the more you succeed in detaching yourselves from the world, the more the aim of your thoughts will be God.... Your love will always be more directed towards Him, and the return of His love will mean unimagined bliss for you. You will **live**, for you will receive light and strength from Him and can now be blissfully happy in the spiritual kingdom in uninterrupted activity according to God's will....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Frequent introspection is necessary....

B.D. No. 7307

March 13th 1959

Look within yourselves and recognise your weaknesses.... Frequent introspection is very necessary for you, for you humans are not aware of the fact that you are still very inadequately shaped because you do not critically look at your state of soul but are satisfied so long as only your external appearance is alright in your opinion. Yet the latter does not contribute towards increasing your maturity of soul, which requires work in its own right if it is to yield results. And it is necessary for you to know how you should be like and how you actually are.... This is why you should give account to yourselves more often, you should exercise self criticism and only ever use My commandments of love for God and your neighbour as the guideline.... and you will soon become aware of weaknesses and imperfections which will then surface with crystal clarity if you have the serious will to change your nature. And you should know that it has to be a serious will of your heart, not just resolutions outwardly voiced by the mouth but which do not affect the heart. You humans are still far too earthly

minded with the result that unselfish neighbourly love is hardly ever practised, because a human being who is still too attached to the world always thinks of himself first before he considers his neighbour.

However, if you are serious that your soul should attain maturity then you will frankly and honestly admit your weaknesses and imperfections to yourselves and try to counteract them in order to achieve a change and to prove your serious will to yourselves, for only the **serious will** assures success, whereas a superficial examination will not be regarded as such and cannot signify any accomplishment for the soul either. You can certainly be helped in every way, insofar as that you will find support in your intention as well as in action, nevertheless, the actual work of improving your soul has to be done by yourselves, and this involves looking inwards and realisation, it involves the absolute seriousness of a self-examination, which then will also divulge to you where you will have to start with your work but then you will certainly be successful, for in that case you will find a high level of spiritual support. Everything depends on the serious will, and this will is valued by the One Whom you should love above all else and Who also commanded you to love your brothers, who are His children too and who also require your love. This, however, is lacking in all of you, and therefore you will repeatedly have to listen to the admonitions to look within yourselves. For if you are to be helped then you must first know where help is needed.... And only when you know yourselves, when you make an effort to recognise your nature, which is still far from perfection, will you try to reach it, even if it is still an act of a very determined will, but it is nevertheless possible with spiritual support as soon as it is established that you are of good will and sincerely strive towards attaining perfection....

Amen

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Introspection....

B.D. No. 8064

December 16th 1961

You too, My loyal servants, have to be admonished by Me to improve your souls more eagerly, for as long as you live on earth you all still carry immature substances within yourselves. You all more or less still have to fight against inclinations, longings and all kinds of weaknesses, and you should always remember that you ought to spiritualise these substances during your earthly life. A constant struggle will have to take place, and you should overcome them, you should try to influence the unspiritual substances with much love to let go of you, to join the desire of the spirit within you, to stop pestering your soul so that it will be able to ascend to the pinnacle with ever greater ease and without being held back. I want to make the path to happiness easier for all of you, but you also have to work on yourselves, you seriously have to examine yourselves as to what weaknesses and faults are still burdening you; you have to question yourselves whether your soul is still constrained by any cravings.... you have to fight against every impure impulse, suppress each irate motion, you must not send out any ignoble thoughts and deny any human being your love.... you have to try to put right every injustice you have inflicted on a fellow human being....

Your thinking shall always be noble and pure, which excludes every thought of hatred and vengeance.... You should avoid every unkind word and always remember that you expect love, compassion and forgiveness from Me, thus you should also grant the same to your fellow human being.... In everything you think or say you should know that I know it too, and you should ask yourselves whether you are behaving correctly in My presence?.... I know that you are all still weak, that the battle which you should wage against yourselves is indeed the most difficult.... But My strength is always at your disposal and you only need to send a pleading thought to Me and, truly, I will give you the strength and you will be victorious.... You will be able to pacify the evil spirits within yourselves. They will leave you progressively more alone, they will become modest and also comply with the soul's desire to calm down and make use of the strength for their own purification....

For they have this possibility to reach maturity themselves within the earthly body and to join the soul, because it will take all fully matured spiritual substances along into the kingdom of the beyond when it has to leave its earthly body. The soul itself still has various instincts within itself from its

previous embodiments, which it is supposed to change for the better.... And it is also pestered by the body of flesh, because that is shaped from unspiritual substances.... But the human being also has the possibility to exercise a redeeming influence on these evil spirits.... if he tries to change all negative qualities to the contrary until he has become humble, gentle, peaceful, compassionate and just.... until he has become love himself, which includes all those virtues, and then the human being will also be able to enter the spiritual kingdom fully matured. And therefore you should seriously examine yourselves as to what virtues you are still missing.... investigate, whether you have changed your nature completely already.... check, what you still need and seriously work at improving yourselves....

And you most certainly will be successful if only you have the serious intention and appeal to Me to give you strength because you are too weak on your own. Call upon Me in Jesus so that I will strengthen your will, so that you will lose your weakness of will, so that I will forgive you when you have become sinful, and truly, My help is assured to you, for it is My own will that your souls shall mature, and I Am truly pleased in those who take changing their nature into love seriously.... For as soon as you are full of love all unspiritual substances within you will also become spiritualised, because they cannot resist the strength of love. But wherever these evil spirits are still active, love is not yet profound enough, in other words, I Am as yet not able to work in all fullness within you and you will have to fight to become pure so that I can take abode in you.... And then you will also have been redeemingly active within yourselves....

Amen

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Seriously desire for truth

False Christs and prophets....

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September 28th 1953

In the last days the pure truth will be particularly attacked, which is the work of Satan who, being God's adversary, wants to undermine the truth by confusing people's thoughts so that they cannot recognise the truth as such any longer. And his methods and tactics are so well devised that even people whose will does not oppose Me often do not want to see the situation clearly.... but who could see it if they sincerely only wanted the truth. Especially during the last days true and deceptive lights will flash at the same time, and a genuine will for truth is necessary in order to be able to differentiate between them, because it will be difficult to understand the matter.... Because many false Christs and prophets shall arise, as was foretold.... which is also a sign of the end time.... From this follows that they will fight in the same manner, that they will therefore present themselves as messengers from above, that they will speak the words of Christ and foretell the future to people.... but that they are representatives of the one who fights against the truth.... to lead people astray so that they cannot recognise the truth anymore. Thus you don't always have to search for these false Christs and prophets outside of spiritual life since even the representatives of misguided teachings within the ecclesiastical organisations are false Christs and false prophets.... everyone offering vague, misleading explanations has to be included, as well as all those who try to prevent the pure truth from being given to people, hence all those who adhere to distorted teachings and restrict people's freedom of thought by withholding from them what could have a clarifying effect....

Everything that is untrue is the work of false Christs and prophets, and to make a distinction irrefutably requires the sincere will for truth, which also has to be willing to surrender what the person has always endorsed.... if it does not comply with the truth. Hence you humans can only protect yourselves from the actions of God's adversary during the last days before the end if you place yourselves into the safe hands of God, Who is eternal truth.... if you pray to Him with sincere will for truth that He should protect you from error and then open your eyes and ears.... Then you will emotionally recognise what you should accept or reject.... Then false Christs and false prophets will not be able to dazzle you with a deceptive light.... Then the rising of a soft glow in your heart will give you reassurance that you live in truth, and then you will also maintain this truth with conviction and support its cause during the last battle on this earth.... and you will be true defenders of Christ....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Desire of truth guarantees truth....

B.D. No. 6379

October 17th 1955

You accept My word fully consciously as soon as you open yourselves to Me by wanting to hear it.... If you listen to what I, your God and father of eternity, want to say to you.... if you believe that I want to speak to you Myself and now wait for My word.... And then you can also be certain that I speak to you, that the fullest truth flows to you.... that your thoughts as well as your soul's ear are now guided and sharpened and accept nothing but purest truth.... that you thus have a clear feeling for what you may accept or reject.... Your will to hear Me Myself also guarantees you truthful spiritual knowledge which is conveyed to you mentally or through the inner word.... But you must always be told that you have to be **truth-desiring**. Through this desire for truth you yourselves also determine the **giver of truth**, whereas otherwise you very easily hand yourselves over to the one who would like to confuse your thoughts, if you yourselves have already formed a certain opinion and only expect

confirmation of it.... And if this opinion corresponds to the truth, it is good, and it will also receive its confirmation, with an earnest will for truth.... But if your thinking is wrong and you want to hold on to it, then your desire already gives My adversary the right to influence you, and then you should **not** believe that you have been addressed by **Me**. You must be very critical of yourselves, you must seriously ask yourselves whether you are really **concerned about the pure truth**.... And therefore every **doubt** arising in you is good, but never a certain **self-assurance** to stand in the truth. For answers can be given to the questioner but it is difficult to instruct a person who no longer believes he needs to be instructed. You may all hear Me, I will answer your questions, I will convey the pure truth to all of you if **only you desire it with all your heart**.... But I cannot force your thoughts, for you are free to choose the path they take.... But is there a better assurance for you than that you can entrust yourselves to Me, that in every question of doubt you need only approach Me for clarification in order to experience a truthful solution? I am the eternal truth Myself. You will reach the **original source** of truth when you come to Me. But first free yourselves from all mental ballast, come with an empty heart and let it be filled with My love.... Come **free** from all thought material, from your own opinions, and only ask to hear Me Myself.... And you will hear Me and be taught the truth by Me. My adversary makes great use of his power, he has helpers and accomplices who all eagerly endeavour to instil **misguided** ideas into people, and they far prefer to accept them rather than pure truth because they themselves are still of dark spirit as a result of their lost realization. But the human being himself has a very certain means to come into possession of the truth after all if he comes to **Me** and **asks Me** for it.... And if he sincerely desires the truth he will also leave all previous spiritual knowledge behind, and then he can be abundantly provided for and all darkness will depart from him. For the light of truth shines radiantly into the darkness.... And the human being should carefully accept everything offered to him by his fellow human beings, for he should always ask himself **where** the knowledge came from.... he should not accept knowledge without checking the outcome, because every person can and **will err** to whom I Myself have not imparted the truth.... For **everyone** who desires the truth has to come to Me Myself, and only when he can refer to Me Myself as the source of his knowledge is he to be believed, and yet I will also be approached by him Myself for the truth, and I will truly sharpen his spirit so that he will clearly recognize that he is able to distinguish truth from error.... Come to Me if you desire the truth and I Myself will give it to you, for I truly speak to everyone who desires to hear Me....

Amen

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Serious desire for truth....

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The pure truth has to be desired in order to be received.... and desiring the truth means being willing to relinquish the existing knowledge, to completely empty oneself and now ask Me to impart the pure truth to the human being, which only I Myself can bestow upon him. For I Myself am the truth.... I am the way and the life.... I Myself alone can distribute the truth and thereby show you the path which leads to eternal life. But for the most part people are unable to detach themselves from the spiritual knowledge they possess.... Yet they should always bear in mind that there are many schools of thought, that different people's spiritual knowledge also differs but that there is only one truth, that not everyone can claim to stand in the truth as long as their thinking still deviates from each other. And therefore they should make every effort to come into possession of the truth, they should not be satisfied with knowledge which was transmitted to them according to tradition, they should first try to fathom the origin of their knowledge and always approach Me Myself for enlightenment of their thinking so that they will find the pure truth.... They must desire the truth.... And they will be able to be convinced that they will also find it, for I Myself take care of those who desire the truth with all their heart.... For I am the eternal truth and I want My living creations to walk in truth, that they think correctly, that they form a truthful picture of Me Myself and My reign and activity.... I don't want them to be ensnared by the error which is presented to people by My adversary so that it is impossible for

them to recognize Me Myself correctly and then also to learn to love Me.... and because My living creations' love for Me is the aim which people should achieve, I want them to recognize Me correctly, and therefore I will repeatedly convey the pure truth to people who desire it, I will no longer leave them in error and enlighten their thinking so that they will learn to distinguish truth from error and turn away from the latter. Truth will always make people happy, for truth will spread light in the heart.... Error, however, darkens the path people take, and this never leads upwards, to Me, because it is My adversary's path into which he tries to push people who do not resist him. And every person should seriously ask himself how far he is satisfied with the knowledge he possesses.... he should seriously ask himself whether he desires the pure truth and what he has already done in order to attain this truth.... He need do nothing more than seriously ask Me to instruct him in the truth if his thinking is wrong.... But this will has to arise from the heart, he has to be deeply, holyly serious about moving in truth.... And most people lack this seriousness. They are content with the knowledge they have taken on and hold on to it, they don't think about it, otherwise they would discover contradictions themselves and would have to pay attention. But the will of man cannot be forced.... This is why error is far more widespread in the world than truth, and this is why I again and again try to address people from above in order to convey the pure truth to them, which should encourage them to compare and take a stand on it themselves. And blessed is he who accepts the truth.... Blessed is he who seeks to free himself from previous knowledge if it does not agree with the knowledge conveyed from above.... One day the soul will be able to record as spiritual wealth the knowledge it accepted on earth and will also take with it into the kingdom of the beyond.... It will be able to register a considerable plus compared to the souls which could not free themselves from their wrong teachings on earth, for in the spiritual kingdom the soul will only be able to work with such goods which correspond to the truth. All other knowledge will be of no use to it, no matter how much knowledge it possessed on earth. If it was not the pure truth it will lose it like all earthly possessions and dwell poorly and ignorantly in the kingdom of the beyond, where it will not be allowed to engage in a blissful activity until it has also accepted the pure truth.... which will certainly be offered to it in the spiritual kingdom but which, just as on earth, requires its free will to accept. And this is why it is so necessary for the human being that his thinking still becomes clear on earth, that he learns to distinguish error from truth on earth, for only truth is the path which leads to eternal life, only through truth can the human being become blissfully happy and no longer lose eternal life....

Amen

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Check seriousness of spiritual

Serious scrutiny and will for truth....

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All information must be scrutinised first before a person accepts it as absolute spiritual truth, that is, before it becomes his possession. And the sincere will to possess the truth must form the basis of this scrutiny. Consequently, he must turn to Me, the eternal Truth Itself, and appeal to Me for enlightenment of his spirit, for turning his thoughts in the right direction and providing him with the intellectual capacity to comprehend and form an opinion. And he will truly not be led astray by Me if he desires the truth.... You must remember that it is always and forever My goal to guide My living creations into truth, and that the human being can be certain of receiving the truth providing his will strives for it. I only need his will in order to convey the truth to him. However, where this will is not sincere, where it is merely replaced by words and thus his desire for truth is not recognisable by Me, as I Am even able to look into the furthestmost corners of his heart, the human being will hardly be able to carry out a serious examination and therefore not possess the complete truth from Me. All spiritual information is available to him, he does not defend himself against misguided teachings, but neither does he recognise the truth as such; he allows himself to be pushed into a traditional school of thought without actively investigating its value. Nevertheless, one day he will have to justify himself for his thoughts and intentions because he failed to use his gift of intellect and thereby prevented his own spiritual ascent. Nor will he be able to use his conscientious observance of the rules given to him as an excuse, because the right relationship with the eternal Father makes every person also realise his task on earth, and once the human being has established this right relationship with Me, he will consider Me and My will more important than the laws he was given by those whom he regards as My representatives on earth. And he will give greater credence to My Words, because I influence the thoughts of those who want to be My true children in order to lead them into truth. I only require the human being's sincere will.... If it is inclined towards Me, then the human being will soon feel as My child and will willingly accept every gift from the Father's hand with gratitude, he will rather accept what he receives from Me Myself than from those who call themselves My representatives on earth. For the heart of a true child will always tend towards the Father's heart, it will take the direct path and won't try to attain the Father's love and kindness in a roundabout way. And I will also always cross its path so that it will be able to find Me with ease.... And what better gift could I possibly offer more gladly to My child than the purest truth?.... Those of you who have not yet established direct contact with Me, who still adhere to external formalities too firmly and don't want to relinquish them, should bear in mind that I Am not to be found in the external shell but that I want to be recognised within yourselves in order to then be present for you at all times. Engage your intellect and form a mental opinion about the information you receive from external sources. And call upon Me for assistance.... And I will help you to recognise what is right and true and liberate you from error, for only the pure truth will lead you to Me, only the pure truth will gain you eternal life.... And therefore you should diligently endeavour to know the truth if you want to become blissfully happy....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

'Test all things and keep what is good....'

B.D. No. 6676

October 24th 1956

Test all things and keep what is good.... I say this to those who are inclined to doubt, who don't possess the ability to make correct judgments and are apprehensive about accepting spiritual

knowledge which is offered to them in an unusual way. Accept it with a completely open mind, and then ask Me for enlightenment of spirit and reflect on what you have received.... And, for the time being, ignore what seems unacceptable to you because you are at present unable to understand it, and enjoy what, after serious examination, is credible to you.... I don't expect you to have **blind** faith, I expect you to test the spiritual knowledge which is made accessible to you; you are meant to think about it, and it is better you reject what seems incomprehensible to you than accept everything unreservedly, for if you have not formed an opinion about such mental concepts they will not be of benefit to you.... But if you are serious and want the pure truth, then you will also clearly recognise the truth if My messengers offer you spiritual knowledge which has originated from Me. For this Word contains the strength to give life.... providing, however, that life is being aspired to.

Test all things and keep what is good.... Do these Words not contradict the imposition of believing something **without** thinking about it? After all, I Myself leave it up to you what to believe when I ask you to keep 'what is good'.... I leave it up to you because I don't demand blind faith from you humans. But why do **you**, who demand that 'thinking about religious doctrines' must be avoided, stop people from examining.... Are **you** not acting against My will? And are you also aware of the consequences such compulsion of faith will have on people? Time and again I emphasise freedom of will, time and again I bring the individual person's responsibility for his decision of will to the fore, time and again I caution against spiritual compulsion and explain to you what really matters in earthly life....

And the Scripture, too, provides you with the evidence with these Words 'Test all things and keep what is good....', which should make every person, who genuinely wants to fulfil My will, suspicious that they don't coincide with the ecclesiastical laws and make him think.... After all, whose Word, whose teachings, are more credible? And you cannot imply any other meaning to these My Words but that you should form an opinion about every religious dogma. You are supposed to form an opinion of it, regardless of who presents spiritual knowledge to you, for even the pure truth coming from Me, which is conveyed to you directly from above, may be scrutinised by you, and I will not condemn you if you think that you **cannot** accept everything without hesitation.... You should only always seek advice from Me and I will give you the understanding of what you need for the maturity of your souls.... And if you still have a low degree of maturity, you will not be able to understand **everything**, but you yourselves determine what you are prepared to accept.... Test all things and keep what is good.... For by doing so you prove the sincerity of your attitude and your desire for truth. But anyone who accepts something without checking it demonstrates his indifference, and he will never move within the truth either, **because** it is irrelevant to him. Yet this kind of attitude should never be promoted by a responsible person, people should be encouraged and not stopped to reflect on spiritual knowledge, for only then will it be beneficial and help the human being attain maturity of soul, since free will is being employed and its decision alone is important....

Amen

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God-blessed spiritual connections.... low spiritism....

B.D. No. 7009

January 2nd 1958

All spiritual connections to earth are under My protection as soon as people's will is good who initiate such connections. For these connections have to be established on earth because the spiritual world is only allowed to work when the human being's will allows it. If people's will is good then the world of light may also intervene, whereas if people's attitude is low the spiritual forces express themselves which do not radiate light but rather deepen the darkness in which people find themselves. But since it is My will that light shall shine for you humans I will always bless those bonds which are the result of a good attitude and good will. And thus I will also protect those people from erroneous transmissions, for good will gives Me the right to do so, to push away the immature spirits and to prevent them from receiving erroneous thought material.... And thus you can also accept instructions from the spiritual kingdom without worry and with relief, for the world of light constantly

endeavours to guide you to the light, which also happens through mental influence as soon as you desire light. But then you will also soon realize that you are also allowed to establish ties, that there is no separation between the earthly and the spiritual world.... that you are constantly surrounded by beings which are only of your will and attitude.... But only those people who have the serious will to come closer to Me and the truth will believe in this, for people who also establish spiritual bonds and are still of a lowly nature themselves have no real faith in Me. Rather, they only seek to satisfy their own curiosity, they try to uncover secrets and seek sensational entertainment.... And these people are also served according to their attitude, and their faith in a God of love will never be awakened in them, instead, they are far more likely to draw closer to My adversary, who pushes them ever further away from Me through lies and error. This is why serious warnings must be given against **such** ties with the spiritual kingdom, whereas every person who seeks to establish a serious bond with the world of light may feel safe under My protection. For the beings of light are the executors of My will, the beings of light do nothing of their own will, for their will is fully subject to Mine. But I often make these beings happy with tasks by entrusting them with people for guidance who earnestly strive towards Me, who have already entered into a serious bond with Me, so that I can provide them with light, with the pure truth which originates from Me and is thus conveyed to them directly or through My messengers of light, but who will never offer you humans anything other than what flows to them from **Me**. For you must know that My emanation of light and strength constantly touches these beings and is then passed on by them and that their bliss also consists of being able to provide them with light and strength again which such need and require. Therefore only your will is decisive to unite with Me and the **world of light**, then you are also guaranteed My protection and blessing, irrespective of whether the light of truth mentally reaches you or you receive it from Me in the form of My word. The eternal truth Itself is always at work, and It will ward off every dishonest spirit which tries to intervene.... just as, conversely, My beings of light are powerless against this dark world of spirits if the human being himself grants them access through his attitude and allows their activities. And every person should account for his motives which drive him to try to exchange spiritual forces.... A serious warning should be given against spiritualism of a lower kind, which brings no blessing but is a great danger to hand oneself over to My adversary if it is not recognized in time....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Desire for God

God-inclined will is the passed test on earth....

B.D. No. 5460

August 12th 1952

Those of you who looked for and found Me will never ever lose Me again. Admittedly, as long as you live on earth you are exposed to My adversary's influence, yet once a person's will has turned to Me I will have taken hold of him and prevent his relapse into the abyss. However, I Am talking about a serious person's will who strives to Me in a fully conscious state.... Where this seriousness is not yet present My adversary can certainly still succeed in pushing him away from Me, for there are people who, through upbringing or discussions with others, have more or less become followers, who thus join their fellow human beings but not because of the inner desire to hasten towards the Father they recognised in Me. But where this inner desire has awoken in a person My Fatherly love becomes active.... I constantly coax and call this person, I take hold of him and never let go of him again. He is already released from Satan's chain even though the latter will not stop in his efforts to win him back until I recall the person into My kingdom. A will which is seriously inclined towards Me is the most certain guarantee that a person will gain Me and My kingdom.... For I give him strength because I long for My child Myself and his will has already passed the test on earth. It is merely a matter of decision for Me or for My adversary.... The serious will **is** the decision, precisely because this will had turned away from Me in the past and the return to Me must therefore be accomplished willingly.... I judge the will and not mere words which are not serious but most certainly recognisable by Me as **mere** words, which are voiced by the mouth or are thought but which the heart is unaware of.... Nevertheless, once the will for Me has awakened the human being will incessantly strive towards higher spheres. For as soon as he receives My strength as a result of his change of will he will use it for spiritual striving. He will have effectively joined Me already, I will be walking next to him, I will just not be recognised by him as long as he is still weak in love.... But once the love in him grows stronger My image will become increasingly clearer until he has accepted Me Myself through the love in him and then he will also recognise that he can no longer descend into the abyss, because I do not relinquish what belongs to Me and voluntarily has become My Own. You will never ever be able to separate yourselves from Me again if you passed the test of earthly life, insofar as that your will has chosen Me. Then earthly life can only contribute towards a higher maturity of soul, you will be consciously of service to Me and faithful to Me until I recall you into My kingdom when your hour has come....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Sincere longing for unification with God....

B.D. No. 7303

March 10th 1959

Take me into your heart, that is to say, sincerely long for unification with Me.... I will take care of anyone who harbours this genuine will and he will unite with Me forever because he has changed his will which once had turned away from Me, he has bonded with Me again just as he once had separated from Me. The greatest evil in the world is that people live with a certain indifference, an indifference towards Me, Whom perhaps they might still accept, but they barely know or grasp the connection with their God and Creator because they do not analyse themselves. By and large they walk their earthly path not without knowledge of Me but nevertheless without meaningful faith.... but mainly due to indifference.... except for people who clearly oppose Me.... But I mean those who are indifferent, who are the majority, who outwardly claim to believe in Me and yet hardly if ever involve

themselves with Me.... They have not yet taken Me into their 'hearts', their will is not yet sincerely focussed on the union with Me, although they would deny this to their fellow human beings. But I know the degree of longing for Me and I want to be accepted in your hearts, I want your thoughts to involve themselves with Me so that you feel motivated to develop the close bond with Me.... so that you have that very will to unite with Me again, from Whom you once had voluntarily separated....

It is precisely this honest will which can cause a complete change of your lifestyle and your inner being, but without this honest will you cannot even achieve a minor change of attitude, since your indifference will give My opponent the welcome opportunity to step between Me and you and truly successfully exercise his influence. I cannot walk with you because your heart is not sincerely searching for Me yet and therefore I cannot keep My opponent away either when he attaches himself to you. But without Me you will not have the strength to resist him, you will only too gladly agree to his plans because he will promise you worldly goods in return.... However, if you have the sincere wish of heart that I should be close to you then your will applies to Me, and then I will be able to push him away and thus will be truly close to you.... then you will have accepted Me in your heart and walk the right path to Me. With other words, once I have taken possession of your heart you will never lose Me again in all eternity because you had truthfully desired it.

And you all should give account to yourselves of the direction of your innermost will. You all should ask yourselves what you love most on earth, whether you still prefer worldly things or whether My presence alone is so desirable that you are willing to give up everything for My sake. If you are able to do the latter you are truly on the right path and your sincere will shall be rewarded, because now you will not waste any time which you could spend in My company because your heart will increasingly long to receive Me and such longing shall always be granted. For I too long for My children and want that they will return to Me again one day, Whom they had left due to their wrongly directed will.... which they have to change again towards Me, towards their eternal Father....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Devotion to God.... knowing Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. 7870

April 12th 1961

How easy and carefree is your path through life if you take it by My hand, if you walk it in constant company of Me, if you only ever entrust yourselves to Me and let Me take care of you. Then you will also surely reach your aim, for you will truly not take the wrong path by My hand.... Heartfelt devotion to Me also guarantees that I will be your constant guide and companion, for where a heart of love beats towards Me I will no longer give way, for there My adversary has lost his right.... even though he will again and again try to present the world's charms to you in order to turn you away from Me again. Yet anyone who is seized by My love, who makes it possible for My love to shine upon him, no longer desires the world and its pleasures.... He has found other goods which are worth striving for, and he no longer turns his gaze back but steadfastly upwards where he sees Me and now strives towards Me with all his senses.... The devotion to Me must have taken place, then the human being has also passed his test of will, then his will has confessed Me, then the path of return has finally been taken, which is guaranteed to end with Me.... And therefore I will promise you My constant presence if only you are willing to possess it, for then you will give Me your will and I will now never leave you again. Thus it need not mean an act of violence to acquire Me and My kingdom if only you give yourselves to Me in love.... But he will have to use force who still lacks love for Me, who still belongs to the world and therefore has to fight against the desire for the world.... A long time can pass until he has established the intimate bond with Me, although I also pursue him with My love and again and again try to capture him.... But I do not force his will, and he often still takes the path of worldly pleasures and joys which leads downwards and is repeatedly presented to the human being by My adversary as appealing until he frees himself from his desires of his own accord, until he turns his eyes towards Me and demands that I take him by the hand and guide him upwards.... It is always only

a matter of your serious will, which must arise in the heart and cannot be replaced by **mere** words.... It is about the human being changing, that his nature, which until now was determined by My adversary, now allows itself to be determined by Me, that the human being enters into **My will**, that he fulfils the fundamental law of love, that he inserts himself into the eternal order again and thus takes on his original nature.... It is a matter of him no longer offering resistance when My love beams at him, i.e. that he consciously opens himself, that he desires to enter into contact with Me again and to possess My love which he had once rejected. Then he consciously acknowledges Me, and he also recognizes the former sin of apostasy.... But all this is not possible if he has not found the divine redeemer **Jesus Christ**.... For He alone gives him the strength to turn away from My adversary and towards Me.... It is He alone Who will then lead you by the hand, for He and I are one.... And the turning towards Me must therefore take place in Him, because otherwise you would never have the strength to separate yourselves willfully from the adversary.... For this lack of strength was the **consequence** of the great sin of turning away from Me, which has now only been atoned for through Jesus.... thus your weakness of will could only be strengthened by Him to turn away from My adversary and towards Me again, Who will now take you by the hand and truly lead you to the right aim. And if your will has decided in favour of Me, then you also belong to those redeemed through Jesus' blood, you have found Him and recognized Me Myself in Him.... The heartfelt devotion to Me is also connected with the living faith in Jesus Christ, because you now brightly and clearly recognize His mission and are no longer able to separate Me from Him.... For devotion to Me takes place in love, and love is the light which now shines through you again, as it once did.... Without love you will not find the path to Me, without love you will not seek union with Me.... But love binds us together again eternally, love recognizes that you must join Me if you want to be eternally happy.... and love urges you towards Me, Who will now never ever let you go....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Will-strengthening by Jesus Christ

Will for good - power supply through divine redeemer....

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December 31st 1946

The will for good also infallibly results in the supply of strength, and therefore every person will also be able to carry out what he wants, because through his thinking turned towards the good he already enters into contact with the giver of strength from eternity. And he who wants to act well will be able to act well.... For this was achieved by the divine redeemer, Jesus Christ, through His death on the cross.... He acquired increased strength and a stronger will for people, He overcame death, i.e. He set the bound will free, He wrested the power over the human being's will out of God's adversary's hand so that the human being is certainly able to give his will to good and also to let it become action. Christ's act of redemption was of utmost importance insofar as people had previously been under the control of God's adversary and could not free themselves by their own strength because their will was repeatedly weakened by him as long as they did not confront God's adversary with the most effective weapon, with love, which is the conqueror of even the soul's worst enemy. And therefore God showed people the way through Jesus Christ, He proved to them the strength of love and acquired strength supply and strengthened will for humanity through His death on the cross, so that the human being can escape God's adversary at any time who believes in Jesus Christ as redeemer of the world and who, through love, makes himself an aspirant of the blessings acquired through His death.... It will certainly be possible for him to want and act well, he will not be at the mercy of the enemy of souls without resistance, if he only strives towards God he will also always receive the strength to accomplish what is pleasing to God. This is why the eternal deity embodied Himself in a human being in order to give all people the evidence that there is a path they only need to take in order to become free from the dark power. People have a task to fulfil on earth, and this fulfilment will never lie in the realm of the impossible. But before the act of salvation people were in extreme spiritual hardship due to their weakness of will in the face of temptations and challenges which, however, were granted by God to His adversary. Through a strong will to love they could have resisted him. And they lacked this, and therefore they remained in his bonds, the striving for good remained only mental intentions without execution.... And a few felt this weakness, and they suffered from the bound will.... But Jesus Christ redeemed them through His death on the cross. He took the path which all must take.... the path of love which also strengthened the will for good, because through love He gained strength from God and was able to become master of every responsibility.... He broke the power of death, for dead is what lies bound on the ground, what is powerless and therefore remains inactive. And He not only accomplished the act of salvation for the people of His time but for all times He acquired the grace of a strengthened will for people who believed in Him and consciously placed themselves under the cross, i.e. who want to belong to those whom He redeemed from eternal death themselves. They will not lack strength, they will be able to be good if they want to be good, they will live in love, thus they will try to follow the man Jesus because they acknowledge Him as God's Son, as redeemer of the world, in Whom God was in all fullness, because through love He had completely united Himself with God and therefore also possessed power and strength in all fullness to defeat the enemy of souls, to wrest power over people's souls from him. For love alone is the remedy from enemy violence, through love alone the human being becomes strong and powerful and can defeat the enemy of the soul....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The will is enough where the deed cannot be implemented.... For you humans are judged according to your inclination of **will**.... However, this does not absolve you becoming active, from employing your will, providing the latter is feasible. For words alone are not enough, your resolve must be serious, and a serious will indeed do whatever is within a person's power.... but that you will also be given strength as soon as I recognise your serious will goes without saying, otherwise I would be unable to hold you to account for omissions you could have acted upon. Nevertheless, you need help in order to be able to make a firm decision in the first place.... The only purpose of your earthly life is your free decision of will, but you would hardly make the right choice were this will not strengthened through Jesus Christ. Although every person is capable of direct his will towards Me, he would nevertheless repeatedly succumb to weakness of will again and therefore often fail to implement his will; yet changing his will towards Me already enables Me to guide him to the Salvation work's source of divine grace.... it enables Me to provide him with strength and to influence him through My spirit, so that he will be impelled into actions of love.... And thus he can already receive an influx of strength if he complies with this inner urging. But only through help by Jesus Christ will assured spiritual progress be possible, otherwise his will would keep flagging again as a result of My adversary's temptations, who still has power over a person as long as he is not yet released from his guilt of sin. All the same, a will inclined towards Me is very highly valued by Me and I won't rest until the human being has taken the path to the cross.... For I truly have sufficient means at My disposal in order to achieve this, if only the person allows his thoughts **of Me** to take effect in him. Then I will also be entitled to fight for this person against My adversary. If, however, a person approaches Jesus Christ consciously, his resolve will not so easily weaken anymore, for then he will consciously pursue the goal and also always let the deed follow the will and thus ascend and attain maturity of soul. For Jesus Christ's help does not solely consist of strengthening the will but also in the creation of opportunities to actively practise neighbourly love.... However, My adversary knows how to limit even kind-hearted activity, he understands how to harden his followers' hearts such that they will prohibit loving actions for their fellow human beings. And these followers are real vassals of Satan.... For they decisively intervene in the spiritual development.... However, they won't achieve their purpose, for where people's loving activity is prohibited I assess the will and credit it like an accomplished deed. And My adversary will manage to achieve that My divine commandments of love will be repealed where the will is still so weak that it does not offer inner resistance. Yet I evaluate the human being's heart and not the externally visible deed.... but neither do I absolve anyone able of implementing this deed from accomplishing it.... Thus you have yet another explanation, that and why I expect actions of love from you, that and why the serious **will** to help is judged in the same way where the action must necessarily be omitted. Yet I Am not satisfied with the will alone which, without becoming active, is lacking the required sincerity. However, as long as you have not yet taken the path to Jesus Christ, your resolve will still be very weak, therefore you should avail yourselves of the blessings of the act of Salvation in order to come out of this weakness of will. But then you will pursue your goal with great vigour by complying with My will: To become absorbed in love for Me and your fellow human beings and to thereby acquire the heavenly kingdom for yourselves....

Amen

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Bond with God

Request for the divine spirit....

B.D. No. 5979

June 17th 1954

You stand in the strength of the spirit as soon as you desire Me and My spirit, for this desire secures the influx of My strength for you, because every **spiritual** request is fulfilled, because this is the confession of your own weakness and humble submission to your God and father of eternity. Once you rejected this strength and thereby fell into darkness.... you lost all knowledge, you could no longer distinguish truth from error, you turned away from Me and became devoid of strength and light.... you voluntarily separated yourselves from Me, you did not acknowledge Me as the source of strength and therefore also lost all strength. Your request for the strength of the spirit, for enlightenment, for knowledge completely overrides your previous will of resistance.... you have decided to return, you turn your eyes towards Me again, you long for the bond with Me which you once voluntarily destroyed.... So you **ask** for what you once spurned.... And **this** request will always be granted to you.... it is, after all, My constant plan of salvation to put you back into a state where you can work in My will, permeated by light and strength.... Thus no human being will ask in vain if he is serious about recognizing what is right and appeals to Me Myself to grant him My spirit. This earnest desire will not remain unfulfilled.... but it must be serious.... it must arise from the heart, it must not merely be voiced with the mouth as an empty form of prayer which does not reach My ears, because I am a true spirit Who wants to be called upon in spirit and in truth. The earnest request to be permeated by the strength of My spirit presupposes a profound desire for truth, and the human being recognizes that he can only find this truth with Me and with My help.... And therefore it simultaneously signifies recognition.... faith in a supremely perfect being. Only a **profoundly devout** person can make an earnest appeal for the divine spirit, a person who does not deny the existence of a deity or he would not call upon it. And I don't disappoint this faith either, and I reveal Myself to him by him receiving evidence of the granting of his request.... I reveal Myself to him and he becomes aware of My presence. And now he no longer departs from Me eternally, the power of My spirit has worked on him, the return has been accomplished, the former defence, the sin of apostasy from Me, has been voluntarily discarded, it was recognized and found forgiveness.... for desiring and receiving the strength of the spirit also means recognition and redemption through Jesus Christ at the same time, Who only created the possibility through His sacrifice on the cross that the divine spirit could fill a person.... that the human being could direct his will upwards in the first place.... that his desire is therefore turned towards God and the truth. And anyone who earnestly desires the truth cannot reject Jesus Christ either; through Jesus' blood he has, as it were, already become free from My adversary's bondage, he fled from darkness and seeks the light, which he will now certainly find through the power of the spirit.... through My working in and on him....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Contact with Jesus Christ in every adversity....

B.D. No. 6363

September 23rd 1955

You humans must be in heartfelt contact with Jesus Christ if you want to release yourselves from all flaws and weaknesses, from vices and cravings, from all kinds of bad habits.... if you want to become perfect. He alone can help you achieve it, and He will do so if you appeal for it and thereby testify to your faith in Him as the divine Redeemer. Therefore, as soon as you have to struggle, as soon as you are inwardly dissatisfied with yourselves, turn only to Him, for He fully understands

every human weakness, because He lived on earth Himself as the human being Jesus.... But He also has the means to help you.... He strengthens your will and gives you the necessary strength for it from His treasure of grace, which He acquired through His death on the cross.... You will not take the path to Him in vain, you will definitely receive help if only you desire help.... And thus you should always take care to establish and maintain the connection with Him. No-one else can grant you help, He alone can and also wants to do so, because it is His Own will that you should become free from all shackles which pull you down, it is His Own will that you should regain your past perfection, so that He can admit you into His kingdom when you must leave this earth. He wants you to return into your Father's house to become as happy again as you were in the beginning.... For this reason He will do everything in His power to make this return possible for you, and He will not hold back His gifts of grace, for He descended to earth in order to help you, because you were no longer capable of ascending to the light on your own.... He died for you humans on the cross and does not want to have made this sacrifice in vain, it is His will that all people shall partake in the blessings of the sacrifice on the cross.... that they will all reach the goal for which He sacrificed Himself....

However, you must come to Him yourselves, you must entrust yourselves to Him in your distress and appeal for His help and it will be given to you. For this reason you should always become conscious of His presence.... You need only call Him to your side with a thought and He will walk beside you wherever you go.... The mental contact with Him will assure His presence, and if Jesus Christ is close to you, you will speak to Him like a brother and confide in Him; tell Him everything that bothers you, but let your requests be more of a spiritual nature, even though you will also receive His full support in earthly adversities.... But first consider the state of your soul and, if you discover imperfections, approach Jesus Christ trustingly with the plea to release you from every shackle, from every evil which separates you from Him. Treat Jesus Christ with the same familiarity as you treat your brother, and don't be shy to reveal even your most secret faults and sins to Him. His love is infinite and He will forgive them and help you achieve complete freedom because you acknowledge Him, because you believe in Him and His act of Salvation. Yet no-one who excludes Him from his life, who does not acknowledge Jesus' act of Salvation and God's human manifestation in Him, can cope with his faults and vices by himself, for he will lack all strength and his resolve to seriously tackle the work of changing his nature will be weak.... He will not be able to achieve anything until he has entrusted himself to the divine Redeemer.... for every person who wants to be released from the control of God's adversary must call upon Jesus Christ and hand himself over to Him with complete trust.... Only then can he be saved, only then will he have the strength to change himself in order to enter the spiritual kingdom in a redeemed state, in order to return into the Father's house for good....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Bonding with God.... thoughts.... prayer.... work of love....

B.D. No. 8040

November 14th 1961

Make contact with Me and I will truly no longer leave you out, I will no longer leave your side, I will guide you to your aim because then I will possess your will which is for Me.... I only want you to turn your thoughts to Him Who created you.... I only want you not to walk thoughtlessly through earthly life and only pay attention to the earthly world.... I want your thoughts to occasionally wander into the kingdom which you cannot see and which cannot be proven to you but which nevertheless exists and is everlasting, whereas the earthly world is a transient kingdom of which you cannot take possession **forever**. And since you know that you will have to die, that your life in this world will not last forever, you should also think about what will happen to you afterwards, and you should ask yourselves whether you yourselves will also perish completely or whether it will be possible for your actual self to become a living being.... for your soul.... there is a continuation of existence. If you seriously ask this question I will also answer it by giving your thoughts a direction which corresponds to the truth.... For I want to bless every spiritual thought if it is not negatively directed, because I want you to think correctly. But you can also establish the bond with Me through

loving activity, even if you don't consciously acknowledge Me as yet, if your faith in a God Who wants to be your father is still weak or completely lacking.... As soon as you live a life of love your resistance will become weaker and weaker if spiritual knowledge is imparted to you which gives you knowledge of Me, your God and creator, Who seeks contact with you.... Love is the bond which joins us together; love is the light which illuminates your thinking; and love is the strength to be able to live a life according to My will.... And the latter means working in love again, which will inevitably awaken a **living** faith in you in Me, your God and creator of eternity. Your earthly life will never be an idle one if you unite with Me through thoughts, in prayer or through loving activity. For you shall only establish the bond with Me and you will be saved for time and eternity. For it was you yourselves who loosened this bond with Me and broke it off through your own will..... But you are **unhappy** as long as you keep your **distance** from Me.... But I want your bliss and thus also your return to Me, I want you to unite with Me again.... and then you will also have escaped My adversary's power, for the will towards Me makes you free from him.... The serious will towards Me also soon earns you a light, and in this light you now also consciously walk the path which leads back into your father's house. However, anyone who refrains from any bond with Me, who only sees and desires the earthly world, his life will be an idle one, and he will stand on the same level at the end of his earthly life as he stood on at the beginning of his embodiment as a human being.... And there is a great danger that he will not take the path of ascent in the kingdom of the beyond either but will always sink more and more into the abyss and be banished into matter again when a period of redemption comes to an end and the 'judgment' comes.... where all spiritual substances will be transferred to where they belong according to their state of maturity.... I want to save all of you humans from this last 'judgment', I want to help you to find the path to Me **before** the end, and I will truly still do everything to inspire your hearts to love, to prompt you to earnest prayer to Me or to turn your thoughts towards the one Who gave you life.... I only want you to remember Me, to call upon Me so that I can take you by the hand, so that I can guide you until the end of your life.... Just seek to establish the bond with Me and truly, you will be saved for time and eternity. But don't live thoughtlessly into the day, for you only have a very short period of grace left which you should make use of for your soul's salvation.... I don't want to lose you, but you have free will.... Direct it correctly and turn it towards Me, and truly, it will only be a blessing for you....

Amen

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Decision of will for God

The will's decision in favour of God....

B.D. No. 6885

August 2nd 1957

You will always be nourished with life-giving strength if only you want to attain life. You should just for once think about your soul's fate, you should not only consider your earthly life but the life of the soul, which you are meant to gain on this earth. You should reflect on what your soul is missing and try to quench its hunger and thirst.... you should **strive spiritually** during your earthly life.... That is all I expect of you, for once this will breaks through in you, you will also receive help to attain the goal. And thus it merely depends on your will that the Father looks after you and guides you.... Where this serious will exists there is no more danger of falling into My opponent's hands because then **I** will have the right to protect you against him. Hence, anyone who wants Me to accept him is already accepted by Me and will then also receive the strength to live according to My will on earth. This is why everyone who is of serious will can be secure in the knowledge that he is in safe hands in My care and My protection.... And about this he has to give account to himself.... If his thoughts and intentions are still firmly inclined towards the world then his will is not serious, then he deceives himself even if he tries to testify to his will with words. For the will towards Me is already a turning away from the world, because no-one can serve two masters, Me and My adversary at the same time, who is the lord of this world. Although the human being is living in the world and will have to do justice to many demands.... there is nevertheless a difference whether his heart is attached to the goods and pleasures of this world, whether they occupy his thoughts and intentions.... or whether he only uses the goods of the world as far as they are needed for his sphere of activity he is in charge of.... Merely the heart's inmost desire is the decisive factor as to which lord can take possession of the human being. And this has to be answered by the person himself and in all truthfulness, as not even the slightest movement of the heart can be hidden from Me.... Therefore I also know whose will belongs to Me exclusively and whom I can subsequently guide and draw towards Me.... I also know who voices what are simply words which lack this utter sincerity of will. Nevertheless, I also take care of these, but the success is only guaranteed when the heart has **undevotedly** chosen Me. For then the human being will come to Me like a child to the Father and My Fatherly love will take hold of it and forever keep it with Me.... But in that case the human being is also willing to help his soul attain full maturity, he will provide it with nourishment and refreshment and not just live an earthly but also a spiritual life.... he need no longer fear to go astray, for he will be holding on to My hand and unwaveringly walk towards the goal....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Decision of the will, ability to think.... voice of conscience....

B.D. No. 8332

November 19th 1962

The stage of ego-consciousness is the last stretch for you on the path to perfection, which you, who possess free will, can reach.... but you can also ruin it again for a long time if you use your will wrongly again. At this stage of ego-consciousness, when you walk the earth as a human being.... you are gifted with intellect, i.e. your ability to think allows you to deal with everything you experience.... And through your thinking you now enter into contact with spiritual forces which try to determine your souls to want and think in the same direction as they do.... And since negative and positive forces fight for your soul, both kinds of forces will therefore also try their hand at you, they will transfer their will to you, i.e. they will interfere with your thinking and try to win your will. And thus you must

know that you bear responsibility for your earthly life, for your existence as a human being was given to you for the purpose of moving your thoughts in God-ordained order, and you are also able to do so, for you are urged from within to think and want correctly by the voice of conscience.... A small admonisher and warner is within you which lets you recognise good and evil and which always tries to determine you towards the good.... The slightest devotion to good also results in the activation of good forces, so that your thoughts are also pushed in the right direction..... And furthermore, God will ensure that His word is made accessible to you, that you become acquainted with the commandments of love for God and your neighbour, that you are given knowledge, even if it is only slight at first, about your God and your neighbour. about your God and creator.... And it is up to you to find the right attitude towards Him, to follow the influence of the positive forces which will always direct your thoughts towards God and the spiritual kingdom.... At the same time God's adversary will also try to gain influence over you by sending negative thoughts, and you yourselves, i.e. your will.... will now decide whom you listen to. But you have been given the ability to think by God because you should decide for yourselves and because you create your own fate for eternity through your decision of will. Your 'I' will one day have to answer for itself, for this 'I' is the soul.... the once fallen original spirit.... which, as a human being, certainly has the ability to make the right decision.... otherwise no responsibility could be demanded of it.... But since this soul initially emerged as a divine creature from God's love, it is also of such a nature that it **can** accomplish the return to God because it is helped in every way.... But it decides for itself whether it **wants** to do so, and it must also answer for this. For even if the opposing spirit also fights for its will, it cannot force it. But God has equipped the human being in such a way that he **can** practise love..... And love also guarantees him a right decision of will, and the good forces in the spiritual kingdom constantly contribute to this and convey knowledge to the human being which proves (reveals) the effect of a life of love to him and only the human being's will needs to decide, but it is free and neither God nor His adversary will force it. And therefore the stage as a human being is extremely significant for the soul's fate in the spiritual kingdom, which it will enter after the death of the body.... For the soul will be like the human being's decision on earth: Turning towards God or belonging to His adversary.... And thus it will be considered by God or by His adversary. Time and again earthly life will offer it the opportunity to direct its will in this or that direction. If it listens to the inner voice then its will and thinking will be right, for God makes Himself known to every person through this inner voice, and anyone who pays attention to this voice will also reach his goal, he will soon unite with God Himself and consciously appeal to Him for His guidance, and then he can also be certain of his goal, then the positive forces will always prevail and displace everything that wants to have an unfavourable effect on the soul. The I-conscious, the human being, must conclude of its own accord that it originated from an I-conscious being, which stands in highest perfection, and seek to unite with this being through thoughts and through love-consciousness. Then it is guaranteed to reach its goal, the permanent union with God for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Confessing before the world....

B.D. No. 6617

August 9th 1956

If you stand up for My name before the world you openly testify for Me and My kingdom, you confess Me as My followers and thus consciously place yourselves on My side. And then you will have fully and completely fulfilled your earthly task, you will have become Mine of your own free will, you will have accomplished the separation from My adversary, the path of return to Me will have ended, even if your perfection has not yet been achieved on earth, but a relapse into the abyss is eternally no longer possible, for the kingdom of light has already received you and the light can no longer be eternally obscured. Whoever has found Me will now no longer let go of Me, just as I will not let go of him because he now belongs to Me.... The open confession of faith in Me has taken all right from My adversary, for the decision has now been made as to which lord you have chosen, and

he can no longer do anything against your will. And thus you now also know how highly this decision of faith, which you all still have to make, is to be valued, and you recognize from it that it is necessary for humanity to experience a time of faith struggle which forces it to make an open decision. For there are many people who are not yet clear themselves as to whether and what they believe, who only then seriously take a stand on the doctrines of faith and struggle through to confess or reject when they are completely without faith. For spiritual questions are discussed less and less, and rarely are they the content of conversations or serious debates.... And therefore people will then have to deal with such questions when a clear decision for or against Me is demanded of them. Many will be anxious, many will be determined to reject Me, but My name will also be joyfully known by those who have always been in contact with Me, who have recognized Me and My guidance during their earthly life and who feel My presence so strongly that they testify loudly and joyfully and profess Me. All fear will be far from them and they will still recognize in it a sign of the approaching end that people will be required to confess their faith. And thus they also know that My coming is near, and in this certainty they will also remain steadfast in the face of all threats because they believe in My might and strength, in My love and in the truth of My word, which was conveyed to them and which they may also constantly receive until the end. And as fearful as the weak believers will be, so courageous and steadfast are those because they draw strength from My word, because they are certain of My presence and therefore know no fear and worry in My presence. Neither earthly promises nor threats can deter them or make them waver, for they do not fear for their lives and no longer pay attention to earthly goods, for they had already tasted spiritual goods and thus no longer desire the world. But for the sake of their fellow human beings they have to be drawn into this battle so that the weak can still lift themselves up by them, so that the strength of faith will be revealed in My own. As soon as you humans confess Me before the world you are Mine and are now also under My protection, and I truly have the **best** in store for you, but you need not worry about **what** could be best for you.... I will consider you in such a way that you will be blissfully happy, regardless of whether on earth or in the spiritual kingdom.... But I demand the open decision from people, I am not content with the inner acknowledgement of Myself if the outward appearance remains that the person is not My follower.... I demand a testimony for Me and My name even before the world.... For only then will you believe in Me alive, and only then will you experience the blessings of such faith.... My promise will be fulfilled that I, too, will confess you before the father as you confessed Me before the world, so that you will return to the father again as children, from Whom you once wanted to separate and also did so willingly because you denied Me your acknowledgement.... which you must therefore now testify to before all the world....

Amen

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Strong will achieves the aim of life on earth

The earnest will achieves the aim....

B.D. No. 6141

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All who want to walk the right path, all who struggle for their soul's salvation, will be supported by Me so that they will also reach their aim, even if the path they have taken is **not** the right one.... But I will help them onto the right path, and they will let themselves be helped by Me if they have the serious will to gain My pleasure. It is only ever a question of whether they are **serious** about fulfilling My will.... for there are many who were pushed onto a certain path by upbringing or tradition which they now carelessly continue on in the assumption that it leads to the aim. But they seriously want to reach the aim.... And I will always help them to find the right path which leads upwards.... to Me.... But anyone who walks along indifferently, who does not think at all about where the path he is taking could lead to, who does not pay attention to those who want to point him in the right direction, or who continues on a path against his better knowledge because it seems tempting to him, has no serious will to reach Me either, and therefore I cannot help him either, for My help requires his good will. But it is wrong to believe that **every** path leads to Me.... It is wrong to believe that you will reach the aim if you don't set yourselves in motion, if you stop on a path, that is, if you don't let your will become active, if you allow yourselves to be satisfied with mere forms without doing any work yourselves which secures your progress. The path to Me must be travelled by every person himself, of his own **free will**.... If he is urged or forced to take a certain path he has no advantage of his own.... but again and again he will be shown a path by Me which he can enter voluntarily, and he will be helped to become free from oppressors.... yet always only on condition that he is **willing himself**, that he only pursues the aim of reaching Me.... And from **every** path the human being has taken, opportunity is offered to him to enter the right path upwards.... I will help everyone to find it, and this path to Me will always be recognizable through light, for it is the path of truth which will always spread light and which therefore can also be found by everyone who seeks the light.... And only those who shun the light will pass it by....

Amen

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Return to God necessitates sincerity of will....

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May 6th 1957

Anyone having made it his goal to travel his earthly path in accordance with God's will, can also always be assured of assistance on the part of God, because God only allowed him to embody himself for the purpose of aligning his will to divine will. And since, during this time on earth, only the human being's **will** makes the decision, this very will has already passed its test and thus God can now take care of the person in every way without exerting any coercion of will. As long as the human being is still undecided or even still adheres to God's adversary, the human being's will is indeed fought over by God and the beings of light, that is, it will be just as influenced by Him as by the adversary's side, so that it should freely decide....

But once the human being has freely decided to subordinate himself to God's will by living a way of life in divine order, then he will also have entered His sphere and God will no longer let him fall prey to His adversary. But his will has to be **sincere**.... The apparent fulfilment of God's will as a result of a church upbringing is not enough, nor will it suffice to carry out deeds of love which, again, are mere church requirements and are more or less fulfilled as obedience towards these demands.... Wanting to belong to God has to be an innermost endeavour, the inner fully-conscious surrender to Him must

voluntarily have taken place.... thus he himself must have directed his will towards the One, Whom he has recognised as God and Father of eternity. And from this follows that the return to God is not a mass movement, that every individual person must have set out on the path by himself and therefore he also has to do everything necessary for it himself: to recognise God and to acknowledge Him and to appeal to Him for strength to be able to accomplish the return to Him. But he will not appeal to God in vain, for He knows of his will, of his sincerity and also of his weakness, He knows that it will not be possible for him **alone**, that he will need help.... But it is assured to him. He had lost his strength the moment his will had turned away from God, and he will receive it again when it turns back to Him.

And therefore an external formality alone cannot suffice, words alone cannot guarantee a truly God-devoted will, and belonging to a religious denomination cannot demonstrate this change of will, rather, it has to be proven by **action**, and this consists of unselfish loving activity without coercion and without law.... God certainly gave people the commandments of love, nevertheless love has to be practiced voluntarily, for even what is done as fulfilment of a commandment can be accomplished **without the innermost will**, which then will lessen its value. Therefore the attainment of beatitude, the return to God, has to be every person's very own affair, which he cannot pass on to other people and which no-one else will be able to accomplish on his behalf either. And even the deed itself is not decisive, only the innermost will is important.... which truly is obvious to God but which is also supported in every way. And whatever will then happen to you humans in life is only due to the influence of God or the world of light, which make sure that your will shall aim into the right direction, that it shall voluntarily submit itself to God and that it shall regard its return to God as its only goal.

However, once this act has been accomplished, once the human being's innermost thoughts are turned towards God and he makes an effort to live on earth according to God's will, then his earthly life will not have been lived in vain, and it will, with certainty, also result in freedom for the human being's soul. It will be able to detach itself from its tormentor, it will be able to strip itself of the shackles which kept it imprisoned for an infinitely long time, it is now on its path of ascent and no longer needs to fear God's adversary, who has no further power over the soul because God Himself will seize it, and will safely guide it upwards, for the human being's will has turned towards Him, from Whom he once had emerged as a created original spirit....

Amen

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The condition to attain perfection on earth....

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Consider, you humans, that you are weak as long as your soul still lives on earth in the flesh, and that you therefore always have to request strength from Me if you want to reach your goal.... your perfection.... while you are still on earth. For only the strength from Me will strengthen your will, which is weak as long as the adversary can still influence a person because he is not perfect yet. Your determination especially will always be undermined by him, and I died on the cross for the sake of reinforcing your will, hence you must avail yourselves of the graces acquired on your behalf: strength and reinforcement of your will. And your weakness will always manifest itself **such** that you are not yet able to completely detach yourselves from the world.... Admittedly, you still live in the midst of the world and therefore have to do justice to all demands.... But there is a difference whether you just fulfil your duties or still want to enjoy earthly pleasures yourselves, whether your heart has already freed itself from worldly wishes or still has earthly longings.... For then your will to achieve spiritual perfection is still weak, its aim for Me and desire to unite with Me is not undivided.... You still make concessions and thus have to 'apply force'.... you must seriously try to accomplish detaching yourselves from the world and this requires strength which you have to request time and again, and which you will also always receive....

Hence it is crucial as to which direction your sincere will turns to.... towards Me and My kingdom or towards My adversary.... And again it is your degree of love which determines the choice of your will's direction, for a heart full of love will always find Me and My kingdom more desirable than the earthly world.... Therefore you should first examine yourselves as to how far you have overcome selfish love.... to what extent you are filled by **selfless neighbourly love**, for this is the **same** as love for **Me**, and only this love establishes union with Me.... not the mere longing for Me, which can be selfish love as well in order to gain the highest delights of blissful unison with Me.... However, the right love for Me is only demonstrated by unselfish neighbourly love. And only this raises the degree of love. As long as you still desire small pleasures for yourselves you should also try to give a little pleasure to your neighbour, yet without calculating earthly or spiritual advantages, but urged from within by the desire to give happiness and joy. Such selfless demonstrations of love will refine your nature, you will find your own happiness in giving pleasure because your love will grow increasingly stronger and at the same rate diminish your love for the world. And this is why you should seriously call yourselves to account as to whether you **love your neighbour as yourselves**....

Your perfection depends entirely on the degree of love you attain on earth, and you can only be called 'children of God' if you acknowledge that your fellow human beings likewise originated from the Father and you therefore also love them like one brother loves another and do everything for him that you would like to have done to yourselves. Always subject your neighbourly love to serious criticism and work at improving yourselves.... request the strength from Me and you will reach your goal, yet you won't be able to achieve anything by your own efforts.... But I **want** you to perfect yourselves on earth, consequently I will also help you in every way as long as you seriously want it.... Yet you will always have to apply force as long as this world still keeps you captivated.... If, however, you can detach yourselves from the world then the attainment of the goal will also become steadily easier, and then you can rightly say 'My yoke is easy, and My burden is light....' Then you will no longer need to use force, then you will be full of strength, and then you will only strive towards Me.... for the love in you is the strength which indeed achieves anything. And you can also understand that a loving human being is full of humility.... which expresses itself in his conduct towards his neighbour to whom he gives his love.... Never forget that neighbourly love is the indicator.... and that you will have to prove your love for Me through selfless neighbourly love.... 'for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?' And thus your will can indeed be inclined towards Me and this also guarantees that I will take hold of you and not let you fall again.... Yet the degree of your perfection is determined by yourselves and only ever by the degree of love for your fellow human being.... But you can attain it if you sincerely subordinate your will to Mine, and then you will always think, act and want like I do Myself, and you will surely reach your goal on earth.... to unite with Me in order to be eternally happy....

Amen

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