

# Word of God

The Purpose Of Suffering

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## Bless the suffering

**Jesus took all suffering upon Himself.... Why suffering?....**

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**I** took all people's suffering upon Myself.... Thus you can live a carefree earthly life and strive towards ascent unimpeded, you can truly live your life on earth as if you were in paradise already.... if only you lived with your final goal in mind, if you consciously strove for unity with Me, which would certainly be possible for you, because I paid for the original sin so that you can take the path of ascent without a burden. However, you are still exposed to My adversary's influence, and from this influence you ought to release yourselves.... For your time on earth was given to you so that you can test your will, My adversary can still influence you during this time and you must pass this test of will by offering him resistance and consciously striving towards Me. His influence will not bypass you entirely without a trace, you will more or less react to it and therefore, as a result of My counteraction, become subject to afflictions and adversities which should let you seek a heartfelt bond with Me so that the danger of being captured by him will be eliminated.... Your soul still belongs to him in body for as long as it is still physically bound and encased and surrounded by immature spiritual substances.... I died for you on the cross so that you would be **able** to detach yourselves from My adversary's chains, yet the soul has to achieve this detachment itself, i.e., it must sincerely want to separate itself from My adversary....

And in order to influence your will accordingly you need to experience adversity and misery.... unless your will fully belongs to Me and no longer allows itself to be influenced by My opponent.... In that case, however, your earthly life will be more bearable, then you can already rightfully claim that you are redeemed from sin and death, from weakness and bondage.... But then you will fit into the missionary work of redemption for your fellow human beings of your own accord, for then you will know the significance of earthly life and want to help your fellow human beings' to also become liberated from the power which keeps them captive. And then your earthly life will not be without distress so as not to force your fellow human beings decision of will, for as long as the person's soul is still immature he looks for a carefree life of happiness and would only try to change his life again for the sake of achieving selfish goals which, however, would not lead him to attaining perfection.... Through My death on the cross I wanted to facilitate your entry into eternal beatitude.... and not purchase you a paradise-like life on earth.... Nevertheless, you can make your earthly life bearable, as long as you only live in heartfelt unison with Me.... Then nothing **can** depress and burden you anymore, then everything that happens to you is just evidence of My love for you and then you will also know its purpose and voluntarily submit to your fate.... You will no longer **suffer** but consciously evaluate everything and consider it a gift of grace because it guarantees you a higher degree of maturity, because one day it will increase your bliss, for which you will only ever be grateful. So therefore you only carry a cross for your fellow human beings' sake.... for yourselves, however, it is a sign of My love which has destined you to participate in My act of Salvation....

Amen

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# Reasons of hardship and suffering

## Necessity of suffering....

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January 20th 1942

Suffering should make you humans realize that you are still walking wrong paths on earth, that you are not yet purified in your thinking or that you are still far removed from God. As soon as you do not work on yourselves, as soon as you believe that you no longer need an education, you stand still in your spiritual development, and then God has to send you suffering so that you become aware of your shortcomings and join Him closely in prayer. Then only a small amount of suffering will be necessary for you to seek union with God and He can take it away from you again as soon as your thinking is right.... Most of the time, however, humanity is far removed from God, and then it cannot find its way back to Him even through suffering. Then people rebel against the power they are powerless in the face of, and the greater the suffering they have to bear. For if God takes away their suffering, they fall back into their old mistakes and arrogance, they recognize neither God nor their imperfection, and so they do not strive towards God by trying to shape themselves into perfection. There are only very few people who can be spared suffering because they consciously work on themselves, and there are only a few to whom God can draw near to help them bear the suffering, so that such suffering cannot pass them by for the sake of humanity. And therefore the earth will be afflicted in such a way that one sorrowful event will replace the other, and a great affliction will come upon people whose life on earth does not correspond to divine will. For the harsh adversity will change the human being as it appears unbearable to him, and that is the purpose of suffering. God is always ready with His help if people call upon Him, and they can make even the greatest suffering ineffective in a short time through heartfelt prayer. Yet how rarely do people find their way to Him, how rarely does a deep, childlike prayer rise up to the father in heaven so that He can turn to the supplicant and fulfil his request. People become hard and closed-minded when they could achieve everything by trustingly asking.... And that is why they increase the extent of their suffering, they drive themselves deeper and deeper into suffering and misery, so to speak, and they do not recognize God's love in this, which wants to help them....

Amen

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## The cause of hard living conditions....

B.D. No. 3334

November 18th 1944

You cannot expect changes for the better in your living conditions as long as you don't change your will as well as your conduct in life yourselves. Your perception of the purpose of your earthly life is completely wrong and you would never even think about it if you were given a carefree life of peaceful monotony or worldly pleasure. But you have to become aware of your true task on earth, and therefore you will be motivated by difficult conditions in life to think about it because only then can the knowing beings, who are responsible for your spiritual care, mentally suggest an answer to you. And these difficult conditions shall worsen if they don't succeed in stimulating your thinking because in that case you won't live consciously, i.e. you won't strive for spiritual development, which is the purpose and aim of your earthly life. And therefore you shall have to endure worldly hard times and should not expect improvements as long as you don't improve yourselves, i.e. as long as you don't accept divine will as your guiding principle of conduct. Because God can only educate you such that your will becomes active by itself and you would only need a small amount of suffering if you thought



of your own accord and shaped your life in accordance with its purpose. And you continue to be burdened by very hard conditions because you are not making any preparations for change.

The earth will see much suffering; hopelessness and anguish shall tire and exhaust the people, and yet they could provide themselves with an easier earthly life if they only recognised their suffering as a caution from God, who warns them in that manner to change their lives for their own sake. Because soul and body shall die on the path they are walking. God wants to save the soul and therefore puts the body under pressure, He wants to show you the right way if only you were willing to listen to Him, when you, because of a harder life, turn your thoughts to Him, when you question yourselves about the meaning and purpose of your existence and wish for a mental response....

And if you listen to Him, if you heed His warnings and live accordingly, then He shall relieve you of your difficult living conditions.... He shall save you from all evil, spiritually as well as earthly, because He only asks you to consider Him and carry out your true purpose in life.... to strive for progress and not just concern yourselves with earthly life.... Then He shall take your worries from you where it benefits your soul, because God does not want you to suffer if you consider your spiritual well-being first. He must save you from eternal destruction by all means which, however, you shall suffer if you live a carefree earthly life and achieve worldly fulfilment.... then your soul will be lost and you won't achieve your goal on earth, you won't strive upwards and therefore will have lived your life in vain....

Amen

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## **Cause, purpose and aim of suffering.... Awareness.... Transience....**

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November 22nd 1945

**W**orldly minded people are so far removed from the truth that they are unaware of how much strength they can draw from faith and a heartfelt bond with God, and thus they only ever take notice of world events and do not realise that this wrong attitude towards God is the cause of every world event which results in human suffering. And as long as human beings lack this insight, the state of suffering cannot change either. Time and again the suffering will merely adopt different shapes, so that the diversity of their hardship and sorrow will eventually make people understand that a power other than human will is behind the sorrow, that human will alone is not the cause but that the will of a higher power simultaneously steps into action, and that they will develop a certain opinion about this higher power. The knowledge of pure truth explains everything; it makes the immense hardship comprehensible because its cause, purpose and objective are identifiable. Change is only possible when people adapt themselves to the purpose and objective, i.e. when they try to solve the cause of sorrow and hardship which, however, is and remains incomprehensible to the worldly minded person as long as the world is his priority, as long as he provides his body with all privileges and starves the soul.

The knowledge of truth can only be given to the person who detaches himself from the world, for if the knowledge is conveyed to the worldly minded person he will not recognise it as truth and reject it. Thus increased suffering will put him into a situation which will make him receptive to truth.... by learning to understand through suffering and hardship the worthlessness of worldly goods and reducing the longing for those same goods.... The desire for truth will increase accordingly, providing he is not influenced by negative forces who completely confuse his reasoning and attempt to divert him from the truth, who incite hatred in the person the more the world and its joys disappoint him. But such people will not find the connection to God on earth anymore, and every means employed by God is in vain. Nevertheless it is an advantage for the human soul to recognise the transience of earthly values while it is still on earth, where it can learn to despise them and is no longer excessively bound by them to earth when it departs, even if it enters the beyond with a low degree of maturity. In that case, overcoming matter in the spiritual kingdom will not be quite so difficult and the process of higher development in the spiritual kingdom can progress faster once it has finally started. The soul

will then accept the truth more readily in the spiritual kingdom, it will not oppose God as much as on earth.

Consequently, the fate of the departed souls is not as hopeless if intense suffering on earth had made them aware of the transience of earthly possessions even if they lose their earthly lives as apparent victims in times of hardship. And thus even suffering and hardship caused by evil human will is of benefit for the souls who are still very distant from God, hence God allows human beings to rage against each other of their own free will until He Himself commands an end when it fulfils His plan of eternity. And as long as people live in ignorance, as long as they do not want to hear the truth, He will allow them to mature through their own actions and experience untold perils and suffering, because this is what they want and therefore they are the instigators of their own suffering....

Amen

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## Reason for painful strokes of fate....

B.D. No. 7928

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**I** will still create many opportunities for you before the end which shall enable you to find the path to Me.... Time and again I will reveal Myself to you, though often in a painful manner, yet you shall always recognise that you are unable to determine your own destiny, you shall always recognise a Power above yourselves Which intervenes in your life, and harshly so if there is no other option, in order to pull you back from the abyss towards which you are blindly striving.... I want to save you, and all My admonitions and warnings bear no fruit.... this is why every so often I have to treat you harshly and inflict pain on you.... I have to take your most precious possession on earth away from you, I have to inflict death and disease on you, you will have to be struck by all kinds of misfortunes because you don't believe in a Power to Which you owe your life.

And there will be more and more instances when I will tear people apart, when death will come marching, when disasters will abruptly end people's lives.... I will manifestly show Myself, yet only be recognised by the willing person who will then find his way to Me and can no longer go astray.... The end is coming ever closer, and thus My love, wisdom and might will still also have to frequently intervene.... Time after time humanity has to be shown the transience of earthly things anew, they have to come to realise the triviality of their aspired goals, and as a result will often have to suffer physically and psychologically, but they shall always also receive help if they turn to Me and appeal for My support in their adversity. And their fellow human beings, too, shall consider that they could suffer the same fate and realise that they don't live on this earth for earthly life's sake....

Every stroke of fate can result in making other people think and question whether their own way of life corresponds to God's will, if they believe in a God.... Each stroke of fate can help people to believe if they turn to Me and through My obvious help will also be able to recognise Me.... Thus you, who receive My Word, should explain to your fellow human beings My occasional interventions in people's lives which appear harsh and cruel.... explain to them that I will use all means in order to win people over for Me, and that I will not stop expressing Myself, for every misfortune is an expression of Myself which can happen to anyone yet it only ever intends to turn their thoughts into My direction.... For there is only little time left and you humans merely pay attention to the world but not to the salvation of your soul....

The world will pass away, that is, you won't be able to take anything belonging to the world across into the kingdom of the beyond.... You only ever chase after dead commodities, and therefore you will be repeatedly made aware of the world's fleeting nature. Again and again you will hear of accidents and all kinds of disasters, again and again you will have to suffer the loss of human lives, and again and again you will ask yourselves why a God of love allows this to happen.... The God of love wants to win you for Himself, he wants to make you blissfully happy, and therefore He wants you to turn your thoughts to Him....

My love alone is the reason for everything that affects you badly, for you will go astray again for an infinitely long time if you don't remember Me.... And only for this reason I reveal Myself to you and also intervene harshly and painfully if you ignore My loving admonitions and warnings.... For I don't want you to go astray.... I still want to save you before the end and protect you from a far worse fate.... from the new banishment into the creations of earth, which will be inevitable if you don't find Me before the end of the earth....

Amen

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## Purpose of suffering: Purification and maturation of the soul

### Purification process....

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May 11th 1940

The process of purification to which every soul is subjected will last until the earthly change has been completed, for until this is finished the soul is not free of dross and consequently not yet worthy of approaching the highest and purest being, the eternal deity. For every imperfection separates the being from God, who is perfection itself. And thus the state of perfection must first be reached before the fusion with the eternal deity can take place, the being must have put away all impurity, it must be without error, it must have completely purified itself, and for this the path on earth was indispensable.... it was the only possibility to shape the being as it has been destined to be since eternity.... into a God-like being, into a being which is absorbed in love, which serves in love and now in turn carries out the same mission of bringing imperfect beings to perfection. Until this process has been fully accomplished, union with God cannot take place.... but God longs for His living creations, the father wants to win His children, and thus His infinite love seeks to shorten their path. He provides them with every opportunity to rid themselves of the dross, He sets them tasks the solution of which will bring them progress, He offers them aids which likewise accomplish a purification in a shorter time, and in the final stage He leaves it up to the being to redeem itself from the unfree state.... He gives it the power of realization, He grants the being all help and only demands free will from it.... but in return assures him the most luminous state in the beyond. And thus it is precisely God's love Itself which has also imposed those states on the human being which would have to cause the being to strive supremely if its will likewise wanted to escape the banished state. And again God has to send suffering to man in order to steel the will to become free from it. The only purpose of all suffering is to make the being long for God, since only then can divine grace come into action and without grace the human being's strength to liberate himself would be too weak again, and the will will only become active when it recognizes the meaning and purpose of what it is striving for. Since the human being's will is challenged he has to be influenced by suffering and adversity such that he turns to where final redemption beckons him.... to the eternal deity, Which in Its love always seeks to shorten the being's state of suffering....

Amen

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### Afflictions and trials are means to attain perfection....

B.D. No. 3163

June 20th 1944

The trials and affliction imposed on a human being are rarely recognised as a means to attain highest perfection. God knows every individual person's degree of maturity, He knows their hearts, and He truly does not miss the slightest movement which speaks for or against Him. And therefore He also knows which degree of development each human can still reach, and accordingly He will bestow suffering or strokes of fate upon the person if the possibility still exists to thereby raise the soul's maturity. Before its embodiment as a human being the soul knew full well what would happen to it during its life on earth, it entered its final embodiment in full agreement by hoping it would emerge from it victoriously. It beheld its pleasures as well as its sufferings on its path of life and yet did not let them frighten it from going, since, on the other hand, it also knew of God's help and His grace and foresaw the possibility to completely outgrow matter and dispose of its shell for good. For this reason so many a soul accepts a particularly difficult earthly fate, because it also foresaw the consequences of a correctly lived earthly life and knows the final goal and deems it reachable. Yet in

earthly life it loses its past awareness, and therefore it fails to make use of the opportunities and is in danger of not reaching its goal. And therefore God provides it with help by creating opportunities on earth which enable the soul to mature fully. And then the human being will have to surmount greater opposition, as suffering and sadness are given to him on earth for which he has to appeal to God for strength in order to overcome them. A life without battle would always keep him at the same stage of development and he would have lived his life in vain. It is not that he has to atone for his sins on earth, like it is wrongly taught, but it only matters that he moves from the abyss, in which he still finds himself, to higher spheres, that he transforms himself into a being of light, that he works at improving himself by discarding everything which still prevents him from receiving an undreamt of abundance of light.

He must effectively purify a still opaque shell through suffering and misery, he must remove every impurity from it so that the light will then be able shine through it, for this purification has to take place of a person's own will, it cannot be implemented by God without the human being's will. Suffering and love are the only means to be cleansed from all impurities, and a great extent of suffering is the expression of great divine love at the same time, which wants to help the person to become such that God can make him infinitely happy in eternity. Sorely afflicted people on earth are therefore especially seized by His love, even though it seems incomprehensible to them. Life on earth is short compared to eternity, and one day the soul will look back with gratitude and praise on its short time on earth in which the suffering resulted in its higher maturity which it would never have attained without suffering. A person on earth has immeasurable blessings at his disposal so that he can endure even the worst suffering if, in heartfelt prayer, He draws strength from God, for He has assured him of this. He will let no-one leave Him without having strengthened him who confides his adversity to Him in firm faith so that He can and will help him. For the suffering is never greater than the One Who imposes it, Who has truly enough power to help people in every need. Therefore, always keep His love, wisdom and omnipotence in mind if you are burdened by severe suffering and you will feel comforted and patiently wait for His help....

Amen

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### **Suffering as means of purifying the soul or love....**

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July 1st 1958

**W**hatever contributes towards the soul's maturity will often be experienced by you as a burden or hardship, for it is frequently the means of assisting the purification of the soul in order to make it wholesome and receptive to light. Nevertheless, an exceedingly effective means exists which is less painful for you humans: Acts of selfless neighbourly love.... Then the soul will mature very quickly, it will constantly acquire more strength and will reform and change its nature through love. However, for the most part you humans lack love, you still harbour much selfish love, you have not yet become completely unselfish in your thinking and actions, and therefore the soul's purification needs to proceed by other means, such as suffering and illness, worries and adversities, which will then burden you and demand all your faith in order for you to free yourselves of them again. For in profound faith you would be able to entrust all your problems and sufferings to Me, you would be able to hand them over to Me and subsequently also be certain that I will take them from you. But this profound faith is, again, only the result of love.... And thus it will always remain a matter of greatest priority, love cannot be excluded; love is the correct and most certain means of freeing yourselves from illness and suffering, from all kinds of worries.... Yet, on the other hand, you don't realise what blessings arise for the soul if you humans also patiently take all burdens upon yourselves, if you humbly endure everything for the sake of your soul's maturing.... For no soul is already so mature that it, on passing away, will be of such crystal clarity that My light of love would be able to permeate it without obstruction....

Blemishes more or less still cling to every soul, and the more of them it can discard on earth the happier it will be on entering the kingdom of the beyond and thank Me, its God and Father, for the time of trial on earth, regardless of how difficult it had been. And every day in earthly life is, after all, only an opportunity for testing, every day is a possibility for the soul to gather spiritual riches, and every day passes by and the length of time until its passing away from earth is getting ever shorter.... It won't last forever, but the state of the soul, if it is imperfect, can last eternally.... And if you humans would only ever consider the suffering you have to endure as a means for purification, as the condition for a cleansing of your soul from all weaknesses and flaws still adhering to it, you would truly bless the suffering and be glad of it, because it will result in your spiritual progress and one day you will also realise why it was necessary during your earthly existence. You should learn to look at every day as a step on the ladder to perfection.... but you will also have to climb it in order to reach the goal. One day you will realise how useless those days were when you didn't have to endure anything.... unless you spent them by being lovingly active.... Then the measure of suffering will also diminish, and there would truly not be so much hardship and misery in the world if people practised love, if they made an effort to carry out selfless works of love and thereby improved the maturity of soul in the most natural way. But if you have to suffer then be grateful for it and, despite everything, strive to shape your nature into love, for your life on earth is only short yet it is decisive for the whole of eternity.

Amen

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### Suffering purifies the soul....

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**Y**ou will be given far more than is taken away from you, for you will receive spiritual possessions in exchange for relinquishing earthly goods. Thus you will feel apparently neglected, you will think yourselves weighed down, you will feel earthly under duress and depressed, but just as certainly you will 'receive' spiritually.... even if you just receive ever greater purification of your soul as a gift in return for these earthly limitations or all kinds of oppositions. You can only mature through opposition. If, however, your earthly life proceeds smoothly there will be few or no opportunities for maturing and your soul's development will lag behind. But as soon as you feel encumbered turn to Jesus Christ and he will help you carry the weight or take it from you. And be in no doubt whatsoever that he will hear you.... He knows why you have to struggle on this earth, and therefore He always stands beside you just waiting for your call which offers Him the opportunity to place Himself between you and the enemy.... This request has to come from yourselves but then it will certainly be successful. However, your weakness of faith or the smallest doubt will time and again give God's adversary the right to encroach on you and to steadily weaken you.... And then you will have to defend yourselves by handing yourselves over to Jesus Christ, by calling upon His help to displace him and to protect you from him. And truly, no appeal will be in vain.... For His love does not leave you but it requires **your** love and request for Him in order to take effect.

But every successful test provides your soul significant advancement and one day you will realise how much these inner struggles contributed towards the soul's purification, which yearns for its perfection and still has to assert itself until the end of its life. Therefore bless every hour of your suffering on earth, physically or psychologically, and know that you are nevertheless advantaged compared to those who go through earthly life cheerfully and unburdened and don't experience this purification process of the soul because they don't seriously aspire towards it and are therefore still offered many attractions in earthly life to take pleasure in. They don't surrender anything and therefore cannot receive anything either.... They get out of the world whatever they can and their souls' condition is of no interest to them, on account of which the soul does not suffer, yet it will have to suffer twice as much at a later time when it realises its imperfection and has to admit that it had done nothing to purify itself on earth. Every suffering human being on earth is advantaged compared to those who live an easy and carefree earthly life.... Nevertheless, a true Christian can also be cheerful in confidence of the fact that he only ever needs to encumber Jesus Christ with his worries and burden

and that life will also always become bearable. For his trust will not be disappointed, and the certainty of always having a helper by his side will also result in this cheerful joy which should grace every good Christian. Therefore, once again: Bless the suffering as long as it impels you towards Jesus Christ, to Him Who will help you carry your cross providing you appeal to Him for it....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

### Spiritualization of immature substances....

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All sufferings and hardships of the body contribute to the spiritualisation of the still immature substances. Therefore you should bear everything with surrender, for it is only for the salvation of your soul. Your body still carries much immature spiritual substance within itself, for all matter is a carrier of spiritual substances which are still in the early stages of their development. And it is certainly possible for you to spiritualize the substances of the body during your earthly life so that they can join the soul and pass over into the kingdom of the beyond at the end of your physical life. Yet only rarely does a person succeed in this full spiritualization, because it presupposes a life of love which requires the complete abandonment of the ego and only rarely does a person reach this high degree of love on earth. Yet much is already gained when the body submits to the will of the soul, which allows itself to be determined by the spirit within to want, think and act.... And if the body also submits to the spirit's desire, so that it complies with the soul's desire, then the body's substances will also become spiritualized.... especially when illness and suffering affect this unspiritual substance and it becomes increasingly purified.... which is why a certain blessing rests on such states of the body which sometimes cause it pain.... Time and again unspiritual urges are thereby repelled and the soul crystallises more and more, and one can also speak of the spiritualization of the body, even if this does not yet happen completely during earthly life. Yet believe that every illness and every suffering will have a favourable effect on your soul if you don't rebel against fate.... if you humbly bear your fate, which was never imposed on you without purpose. You will not be able to deny that the body still has immature substances and thus these substances will always cause you pain; and only rarely will a person succeed in establishing complete order within himself, even though this is the actual task in earthly life.... But he is and remains weak, and the most intimate connection with the source of strength from eternity is necessary for this.... i.e., the human being must be so filled with love that the eternal love Itself is constantly in him.... because then he will have a measure of strength at his disposal which will also enable him to succeed in the spiritualization of all substances oppressing the body. Yet the human being can already consider himself fortunate if he succeeds in purifying his **soul** during earthly life so that it can be permeated by the divine light of love, so that it is receptive to light when it enters the kingdom of the beyond. And this purification of the soul is also achieved through suffering and illness if love is not so brightly kindled that it brings about the maturing of the soul. Therefore you humans should not complain and grumble even if you are physically burdened, for everything only serves you towards perfection.... And a soul's degree of light can vary so much on its entry into the kingdom of the beyond.... And every suffering on earth contributes to the increase of the degree of light, provided that the human being himself strives to attain maturity of soul, that he seriously strives for perfection.... And therefore you should also be grateful for the suffering and not believe that you have to endure it as punishment. It is only a means of purification, for the fact that there are still unfaithful substances in you is already rooted in your physical outer shell, which consists of immature spiritual substances.... But this spiritual substance can also develop more quickly, it can reach maturity more quickly precisely through such purification means. And one day you will also recognize the blessing of what was imposed on you in earthly life.... And you will only be grateful for the loving care which you will also recognize in it. For one day the light will shine for you and you will forget all adversity which lies behind you.... and you will be blissfully happy in the light....

Amen

**Suffering spiritualises soul and body....**

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**Y**ou only need to enter My flow of strength, that is, you only need to fully consciously submit yourselves to Me and open your hearts to My illumination of love and My strength of love will become active in you, yet your soul will always experience this influx of strength more than your body and subsequently advance spiritually again. Remember that the body is meant to help you achieve this but that immature spiritual substances are still inside of you, for you are not perfect yet. And these immature substances require your help in order to mature on earth as well. Your help consists of entrusting these spiritual substances to Me by asking Me in silent prayer to impart strength to them. My adversary often tries to prevent your spiritual work by using these unspiritual substances to bother you physically or psychologically.... But you should know that your prayer on behalf of these still immature spiritual substances within you will always be successful, and therefore you should appeal to Me for My help and protection from all attacks by My adversary. And believe that nothing is impossible and that I can also take unusual actions if you have this strong belief.... Then these immature spirits will have to leave you, if they do not allow themselves to be calmed and spiritualised by you, but they forfeit a great blessing which was granted to them in the privilege of being allowed to join you in order to also reach full maturity in your physical shell, in your body. Keep reminding them of this blessing and try to persuade them to accept your will and to mature like your soul, so that they can shorten their process of development if they take your advice to heart. Yet whatever suffering you can bear accept it humbly and patiently, for it will surely mature you and one day you will even thank Me for the suffering you had to endure.

However, if, due to your submission and patience, the immature spiritual substances also reach maturity, then you will attain a high degree of maturity on earth, so that you will be close to perfection when you have to relinquish your earthly life. But My strength is always at your disposal and it is truly sufficient for the spiritualisation of the substances which are at the beginning of their development; yet you should consciously request My strength and let it radiate into your heart.... you should pray to Me, your thoughts should look for Me and only ever desire My presence.... You should yearn for My ray of love which I will gladly fulfil.... You only need to give yourselves to Me and be willing to receive the flow of My love's strength, which always requires heartfelt contact with Me. If you become absorbed in thoughts which only ever involve the spiritual kingdom, your God and Creator, then you are also ready to receive My flow of strength, then you will open your heart and I can illuminate you again as in the beginning when you were blissfully happy in burning love for Me. My love for you has remained the same, only your love has diminished but shall reach the same degree again which gave you unspeakable pleasure in the very beginning. And therefore you must come to Me yourselves and I will always be ready for you, I will give you what makes you happy and permeate your body and soul with My strength of love, which then will also lead you to full maturity, to final perfection. In association with Me you will no longer be able to suffer, even if it seems like that to your fellow human beings. A close union makes you insensitive to all pain, then My strength will be stronger, and it will permeate you.... either resulting in your body's complete recovery or.... if your hour has come.... in your painless passage into the spiritual kingdom, for if you are intimately united with Me you will also have attained your goal on earth....

Amen

**All circumstances of life offer opportunities to mature....**

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March 10th 1963

**H**ow your earthly life turns out is entirely determined by My will, because I have known from the very beginning which direction your will is going to take during the time of your earthly life as a



human being. And according to this will all events will happen to you such that they can influence you to direct your will **correctly**. So even if you apparently shape your own circumstances of life you will nevertheless be affected by the same measure of suffering and adversities, by destined experiences, regardless of what kind of living conditions you have. And therefore you can go through life with a certain composure since I will, after all, always provide you with the greatest possibility to reach your goal of attaining perfection on earth. Consequently, it is entirely irrelevant for your soul's development as to whether you are poor or rich, whether you are nicely shaped or have physical defects, for all advantages as well as your disadvantages can contribute towards your eager work of improving your soul, just as they can equally be the reason for you to neglect this psychological work.... For it always depends on yourselves, on your will, as to what extent you allow yourselves to be influenced by everything that approaches you externally in the form of experiences, strokes of fate, illnesses and all kinds of adversities but also of wealth, fame, honour and earthly power.... Everything can be detrimental and everything can be beneficial to you.... It depends entirely on what kind of attitude towards Me you find in earthly life.... It depends entirely on whether you allow yourselves to be spiritually influenced, whether you are able to look upon your earthly life as a test of your will, as a means to an end, as a gift of grace by the One Who brought you to life.... It depends entirely on whether you not only place importance on your body or are seriously concerned about your soul.... If the latter is the case then everything will be a blessing for you, no matter what comes upon you, and you will climb the ladder which leads to ascent step by step which helps you to reach higher spheres until you reach the goal when your soul will leave the earthly body.... This is why you should unperturbedly accept everything, always in the knowledge that I thereby intend to attract those of you to Me who are still distant from Me and yet need to find the right attitude towards Me in order to subsequently live your life on earth according to My will, which lets you achieve perfection....

And when there is a risk of people being entirely distant from Me, then I must indeed use means which are described as an unusually severe destiny of life, yet they are always based on the fact that an unusual resistance towards Me still exists, which I cannot forcibly break but which can recede in view of the immense earthly adversity, which can subsequently push the human being onto the right path to Me and thus show a correctly inclined will, which signifies everything for the person, for then I Myself will be able to take evident charge of his earthly life, and the human being will be truly relieved from all responsibility if he completely hands himself over to Me and lets Me think and act on his behalf.... So everything that can contribute towards a change of will is good, even if it appears to be distressing and unbearable, yet it is not distressing for the soul but fortunate and a blessing, for it matures and reaches that goal which, on its own.... without My indirect help.... it would hardly be able to attain. For I know every individual person's will. And thus I also know to whom I can bestow exceptional gifts of grace, who will use these correctly and derive the most blessings from them.... In that case, I will win this soul over to Me with less severe means, because the resistance, which in the beginning of the embodiment as a human being still firmly controls the soul, will have already considerably lessened.... In that case My means of help need no longer be so painful, slight impulses will suffice that the person will take the right paths, that he will recognise his purpose of earthly life and makes an effort to do justice to it.... And the suffering or adversities which are still imposed on him will be easy to endure, for then the person will already have established the connection with Me and through this connection he constantly receives strength from Me, which makes his ascent considerably easier.... Thus, a person's external circumstances of life are irrelevant for the shaping of his soul.... In fact, difficult situations in life often have more favourable effects on his soul than an easier and worldly-blessed life on earth, which is more likely to be a danger to its maturing.... However, no destiny is so severe that it could not be endured by a person who believes in a Power Which is love, wisdom and might in Itself, for if he believes he will turn to this Power for help, and he will indeed receive it.... For then he will already have the right attitude towards Me and that will certainly guarantee his full maturing on earth....

Amen

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## Purpose of suffering: Bond with God

God's presence and help requires conscious commitment....

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In undiminished love I accompany you from the beginning of your embodiment as a human being until your death. Yet you will only become aware of My company when you want it yourselves, when you establish the bond with Me of your own accord, because My love may not force you and therefore restrains itself when this **desire** for My **presence** is lacking in you. But as long as you do so you are also in danger that your earthly life will remain idle, for only when you pass through it together with Me will it bring you success for your soul. Obviously, therefore, I cannot have an effect on you without this conscious bond with Me. But since My love is infinite it uses other means which therefore exclude a compulsion of love and yet can lead to a **desire** for My presence. And such means are suffering and pain of all kinds, sorrow and adversity, misfortunes and disasters which are so great that they cannot be mastered by people and involuntarily push towards the one Who is lord over all.... Who has the power to avert everything, but Who wants to be approached for it. Admittedly, a small amount of faith in Him must always be present, otherwise the human being will not remember a God and creator but will be even more strengthened in his lack of faith. But where there is still little faith much can still be achieved through suffering and sorrow, for then the human being will take the path to Me in order to appeal to Me for help. And then he establishes the bond, and an influence on My part is now permitted because his free will leads him to Me, which gives Me the right against My adversary, who had an equal right to the soul but has to hand over the right to Me when the human being comes to Me himself and has voluntarily established the bond with Me. And I truly make good use of this bond by helping the human being to find his way out of his adversity and then also keep reminding him of Me, so that he will certainly no longer completely abandon Me, even though there is a danger that he will become more indifferent towards Me again once the adversity has been overcome. But his faith in Me has nevertheless been strengthened and he will always use it again when new adversity comes upon him in order to protect him from falling into the abyss. People should only ever know that one is always ready to help and they should entrust themselves to this one in every adversity.... The more intimate the devotion to Me is in such times of adversity, the more willingly I will stand by his side, because My love will not diminish but will increasingly take hold of My child, which allows itself to be grasped by Me, its God and father of eternity.... My love will pursue the human being until the end of his life and always patiently wait for the moment when the child needs Me to intervene in hours of utmost adversity, when only a thought reaches Me, when only a cry for help touches My ear, which I will certainly listen to because it testifies to My faith in Me, which I truly will not let be destroyed. Just remember that **I Myself am love....** that I cannot help you in adversity, that only My love restrains itself where it is rejected by the human being but is fully effective where it is accepted, where the human being himself appeals to Me for My presence and I will also prove it to him by fulfilling the requests, by averting the adversity and strengthening his faith.... For My love does not change or diminish eternally.... But it can only become effective when you want it yourselves, when you voluntarily hand yourselves over to Me so that I can radiate My love through you, which also includes the help you receive in adversity of body and soul....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

**Y**ou will be guided through all hardship and visibly experience My love and care. Yet hardship is indispensable and you are approaching a time which will be difficult for everyone who does not devote himself to Me with complete faith, who does not entrust himself to Me and appeal for My help. Yet My own will not feel this time of adversity so much because I take care of them.... And again and again I announce the adversity to you, for it is therefore inevitable because I want to offer you another opportunity where you can turn to Me and call upon Me, for this bond with Me is your salvation; both earthly as well as spiritually it will only be a blessing for you if you remember your God and creator and try to approach Him. As long as you walk alone, without Me, on this earth, every day is useless for your salvation of soul, for your spiritual development.... You will not take a single step forward, and your earthly life may have been an idle run for you if you don't enter into a bond with Me before your death and then your soul will be saved from darkness when you lose your physical life and enter the kingdom of the beyond. And there are only a few who find their way to Me even in a time of good living conditions.... Only a great adversity can bring it about that people remember Me and call to Me.... And this adversity comes for the sake of it, after all, it is far more bearable than the great spiritual adversity which awaits those who do not find their way to Me. But My own can confidently look forward to the coming time, for the bond with Me will lift them above all difficulties, and every thought they turn to Me will give them strength, and they will also work for Me by trying to point their fellow human beings to the saviour and helper from every adversity.... Who lets suffering come upon you humans, Who can truly also turn it away from you.... But you must confess Him.... you must always know that every turn towards Me is a turning away from My adversary.... And this is the only thing I want to achieve, and thus if adversity drives you towards Me then it was truly a blessing for you, for then you will also be released from the enemy of your souls who will bring far greater adversity upon you if you don't detach yourselves from him. And detachment from him can only be possible by **turning to Me**, because your will alone is decisive as to who may now take possession of you. But I can help you out of every adversity and visibly grant you My help.... Therefore nevertheless believe in a God of love, even if this God allows suffering and adversity.... For I am only ever concerned about your salvation, about the life of the soul which lasts forever and does not end with the death of the body. And so that the soul does not need to suffer in eternity it must sometimes bear increased suffering on earth but it will always be a blessing for it if it contributes towards entering into a bond with Me, its God and creator of eternity. I want to win you as long as you still live on earth, and I also have to use means which seem cruel and unkind to you but which only ever aim for your salvation, your bliss in the spiritual kingdom.... Just always trustingly pray to Me and truly, you will be guided through all adversities of body and soul, you will feel that your father cares for you, that He will give you what you need earthly and spiritually and that you will also recognize His presence in every event.... For I will always be with My own, with those who turn their thoughts towards Me, who remain united with Me in love and prayer....

Amen

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**The bond with God.... Adversity and suffering....**

B.D. No. 8737

January 27th 1964

**A**nd if you succeed in closely uniting with Me in thought by longing for Me with a loving heart, then I will be present to you too, because your love for Me attracts Me tremendously, and I will never deny Myself to love. My presence, however, always assures you an influx of strength, albeit it is only felt by the soul, but it will steadily mature and become ever more perfect because then I will no longer exclude it. Then you will have demonstrated your free will to belong to Me again, then you will have passed your test of will which is the reason why you live on earth as a human being.

Yet only few people occupy themselves with Me in thought, and if they do then only at certain times, and a process which should be deeply internal in order to result in spiritual success always just becomes an external formality. Only few people think frequently during the day of the One Who is their God and Creator and Who wants to be acknowledged and called upon by them as Father.... The world and its demands leaves people almost no more time for inner reflection, their thoughts are taken up by earthly affairs and worries which are utterly pointless and without value, and they completely exclude any spiritual considerations. Therefore they are never able to notice the divine blessing which rests on their daily activities.... Only when they are troubled by worries do they occasionally think of the One Who is powerful and able to help, and then it is already a considerable achievement if they turn to the One with a silent appeal, for then they have to establish contact with Me as soon as they send a prayer in spirit and in truth to Me up above. But mere lip-prayers will not reach My ear, for they lack the heartfelt contact which ensures that their plea will be granted. And yet, adversity and suffering are the only means to turn people's thoughts to Me, adversity and suffering can cause hours of inner bonding with Me, and then they will always attain benefit for their soul since no connection will remain without an influx of strength, and this influx of strength will always have a spiritual effect.

Blessed are the people who often raise their thoughts to Me, who don't have to be prompted to do so by adversity and suffering first but whose love impels them to unite with Me, who only find true comfort and true happiness of heart in a close relationship with Me.... blessed are those who have already detached themselves from the world to a degree that they find time for spiritual thoughts, that they communicate with Me because they feel the urge to enter into contact with Me.... For these will be constantly pulled by Me Myself and their souls' maturity will be assured. The separation between the beings and Myself, which they once undertook voluntarily, will then be annulled by a voluntary bond with Me which is evidenced by every heartfelt thought, every prayer and every deed of love.... for now, in the human stage, the being has changed itself back to its original state again, which also signifies an innermost bond with Me.... And I will try everything in order to awaken the desire for a bond with Me in people, I will step into every person's path Myself, or I will answer the call for help of those who are suffering in order to give evidence of Myself and My love.... I come to meet every person Myself with My love but I cannot force him to accept it.... They have to accomplish the return to Me completely of their own free will and entirely voluntarily appeal to Me for strength and love (light) and My presence.... But then I will never ever leave them again. Then their earthly path will truly not be in vain, for My strength will constantly flow to them so that the soul will attain a degree of maturity which will guarantee it a blissful life in the spiritual kingdom. And it is truly easy to gain the certainty of a blissful fate after death, for a heartfelt bond with Me is the right relationship I want My child to establish with Me, and a Father will always want to make His child happy.... He will constantly give to the child what it needs, and thus He will also convey to the soul what it needs to mature: light and strength and grace.... Only the contact has to be established first which will ensure that My emanation of light and grace can flow across. Then the human being will safely reach his goal on earth.... he will acquire for himself eternal life in absolute bliss....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Purpose of suffering: Releasing the World

**Transience of the earthly.... clearing away - obstacles....**

B.D. No. 1510

July 8th 1940

**T**he transience of what you humans deem desirable has to be proven to you, only then will you learn to despise matter and only then will you be able to work on yourselves and your perfection. For matter still hinders you far too much, it distracts your thoughts from the actual task of earthly life and thus your time on earth passes by unused. But God has mercy on you and He tries to control the adversity of your souls. And although His programmes on earth result in great earthly hardship, it is nevertheless again proof of His greater than great love in order to spare you far greater hardship one day. Therefore recognize this His love, whatever He may send upon you. Know that He is only ever anxious to avert far greater adversity from you, but that you cannot be completely spared suffering because you do not do your soul's work yourselves. You live your life regardless of its consequences and thus you do not use it according to its actual purpose. And this results in your spiritual decline which, however, God wants to prevent out of love for you, who are His living creations. But you strive for spiritual decline when you try to increase matter, for then you desire that which you are supposed to overcome.... You desire that which was previously your state, thus you are regressive, whereas it is your task to free yourselves from desire and to overcome all that which is banished in form. In order to make it easier for you to free yourselves from it, God wants to make you aware of its transience and cause you to seriously reflect on your actual task on earth. He removes all obstacles from your path which impede your ascent, yet without earthly hardship your higher development is jeopardized. You cannot be spared suffering because free will has failed. For if you voluntarily surrender everything that is part of the world, the mission from above will not painfully affect you but is merely a confirmation of what your soul has previously recognized. This is why only the person whose heart could not free itself from earthly desire will ever have to suffer; he will feel painfully if he has to experience the downfall of what seemed desirable to him. And yet such suffering cannot be kept from him, for it is the last attempt to change his desire. If he recognizes God's will and His love in it, this work of destruction will also be a blessing, for it made him recognize his actual task. And this task will now be easy for him, he will no longer have to overcome such great obstacles since God Himself has reduced them for him because he himself was too weak to fight against everything that hindered him on the path upwards....

Amen

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**Justification of suffering and need in the last time....**

B.D. No. 3979

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**A** short time of well-being on earth can result in a spiritual decline for every individual person, for as soon as the earthly struggle for existence is over the soul is immensely receptive to all kinds of stimuli and therefore offers little resistance when it is approached by the temptations of the world. However, since in the last days the soul will have to struggle harder in order to reach its aim, it must be deprived of every opportunity to become lukewarm and lethargic in its striving for ascent. And therefore suffering and adversity will approach it again and again, and every person should be grateful for this, for it is the last means to protect it from too deep a relapse. Earthly well-being can only be without harm for an already mature soul, but this soul needs no earthly riches, no physical pleasures and also no obviously good living conditions, instead, it feels at ease in every situation in life, even if it appears to fellow human beings to be arduous and meagre, just as, conversely, even apparently good

living conditions cannot be enough for an immature soul and it continues to greed for greater possessions, thus it does not respect its state of soul and is in great danger. Not one event which affects the soul as adversity and hardship approaches the human being in vain, again and again God seeks to win him over for Himself by feeling his lack of strength and turning to Him for help, again and again events therefore follow each other which put a soul into turmoil and turn the human being's attention away from worldly joys and pleasures, for the soul must constantly struggle and not become lukewarm. God knows what is useful for it and constantly creates new opportunities for it to mature, which is why a continued earthly struggle for existence is indispensable. Yet He never leaves a soul without strength which desires such and trustingly turns to Him for help. He gives it what it needs earthly and spiritually, yet for the soul's sake He withdraws from the body what could endanger the soul. And that is why you humans will not have to hope for a considerable improvement of your situation in life, instead, again and again one event will replace the other, which will force you into an increased struggle for life. But it is the last time before the end, and it is only short and bearable for every human being if he establishes contact with his creator and sustainer, with his father of eternity. Then he will only derive spiritual benefit from the difficult time for him and one day also recognize the blessing of them, he will thank God for His care, for all suffering which contributed to the increase of the soul's maturity, which saved him from eternal ruin....

Amen

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### **Mischief and misery.... God's will or permission....**

B.D. No. 6635

September 4th 1956

**T**he worldly man is satisfied with what satisfies his bodily senses and does not deprive himself of anything that satisfies his senses, even if he believes that he is indulging in 'spiritual' pleasures and only understands this to mean intellectually acquired goods, if he occupies himself with knowledge which again only concerns earthly things. Thus he feels good and does not deprive himself of anything because his soul does not push itself forward with its desire and cannot push itself forward either, since the body has the upper hand. But this state of contentment does not last until death, or only very rarely, because such a person usually ruins himself physically, because illnesses or increasing age prohibit those earthly pleasures or the fulfilment of bodily desires and the person is then often forced to think about himself, about his life and about the purpose of existence. And then God's love approaches him again and again and tries to hold him back from the world, He tries to impart strength to the soul that it influences the human being from within to detach himself from the previous striving and to free himself from worldly thoughts.... But the soul will only penetrate if it has a certain amount of strength which, however, must come to it from outside.... through help which can consist of good conversation, spiritual conversations or transmission of the divine word, through good books or through loving intercession of a fellow human being.... From this the soul receives the strength to also influence the body, and then a slow change of thinking can occur, and the rest of earthly life can still be used well for the maturing of the soul. Illness, misfortune and earthly hardship are therefore indispensable for people who give themselves too much to the world and are often the best and only means to learn to recognize the world's staleness. And these means are therefore used again and again and become ever more apparent the more humanity turns its gaze to the world. And that is why increased enjoyment of life, excessive earthly pleasures and the sensual performances of the worldly side will always be accompanied by phenomena of a negative kind, by misfortunes, illnesses and blatant misery, which is based on excessive enjoyment of life. People should, as it were, already experience in their own bodies the devastating effects which hedonism and intemperance produce, and they should thereby learn to recognize what the body actually is and what the life they have led up to now has brought them. For other means are unsuccessful with such worldly people, but these can still achieve what ideas and good speeches could not.... that they distance themselves from the world and escape the greatest danger of being devoured by it. For this reason, all apparent disaster in the last days should be regarded as divine will or permission which can also still have a beneficial

effect, even if it is caused maliciously or also testifies to adversarial activity.... It can always bring people to their senses and result in a turning away from the world, and then their soul will be saved from a far worse fate after its recall from this world....

Amen

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### **Distress as a means of rescue....**

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**Y**ou humans still have to go through great hardship, you are still completely devoted to the world and have not yet found the path to Me. I try to save everyone, I throw the lifeline to everyone, yet whether you take it is up to you, for I cannot force you to do so. But spiritual adversity dictates that earthly adversity should come upon you.... For you don't know what it means when you experience the end in this adversity.... You only see the world, and you reach for its goods and don't realize that your feet touch the edge of the abyss.... And if I want to pull you back from it, then a distress must come over you which causes you to look around.... And when you then step back, when you see the abyss and flee it, then the adversity was a blessing for you. After all, in a short time you humans will lose everything you own in earthly possessions because you are facing a great turning point, a spiritual turning point which includes the passing away of earthly creations. But in this short time you could acquire a great treasure of spiritual possessions which are everlasting. And I want to help you humans achieve this through hardship and suffering which cause the desire for earthly goods to die in you.... I Myself want to enter your circle of thoughts through these hardships, I want you to remember Me again, you who have forgotten Me.... I want you, in great earthly adversity, to turn to the one in Whom you did not want to believe.... that I, your God and creator, will be recognized by you as the last resort after all if you no longer know any other way out. And I would truly make it easy for you to believe in Me through unusual help which you can no longer describe as coincidence.... But I can only ever use such means of help on you which do not force you. Adversity is indispensable and will approach you humans in the most diverse ways but only have the one purpose to let you find Me. For whether I address you, whether I send messengers to you who bring you My word, whether the gospel is proclaimed in the world and you are informed of the end.... none of this brings about a great change in the thinking of those people who are slaves to the world, who are so under its spell that only its goods seem desirable to them. And they must turn away from the world through tangible earthly hardship if they still want to find salvation from ruin. These words are incomprehensible to all worldly people, for they don't know that their souls are in distress, that they are in a terrible state due to the fact that the lord of this world still has them under his control and that they cannot become free as long as the human being clings to the world, as long as he is still unable to detach himself from it. For this reason they do not see adversity as a means of salvation for their souls, but they can become disgusted with the world and its goods if they can no longer enjoy them due to physical infirmities or illnesses or other hardships, and then their thoughts can still move in another direction. But as long as the world still tempts them with its pleasures and delights they will not resist these temptations and the last time until the end will pass unused for eternity. But great adversity can still touch hearts, great adversity can still open the eyes of individual people and make them recognize the staleness of the world and its goods. And blessed is he whose heart lets itself be addressed by adversity.... Blessed is he who can now himself do without for the benefit of his fellow human beings in need.... For he turns back on the path he had taken, and the danger of falling is averted.... and he will bless the hardship that saved him from death....

Amen

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## Purpose of suffering: Stimulating the activity of love

**Need of the fellow human being drive to the activity of love....**

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**T**his should be your constant motivation to work with love, that you see your fellow human being's need and that your heart is touched by it, so that the flame of love lights up in you and you have the desire to also glow through your fellow human being's heart, so that his need is alleviated spiritually and earthly. For what you do not do out of love is worthless for your upward development. You have to do good deeds for your neighbour without expecting a reward, only driven by the feeling of wanting to help and to reduce the hardship. Anyone who performs works of neighbourly love for the sake of reward is still too much in self-love and his soul has not yet recognized the purpose of life.... to shape itself into love. Anyone who is active in love for the sake of reward has already received his earthly reward and cannot expect a spiritual reward. But anyone who practices love driven by his heart does so without thinking of reward, even if the spiritual reward is certain to him; and this is true love which only gives without wanting to receive and which nevertheless receives more than it gives. And this is why great adversity has to sweep the earth in order to kindle true love in people's hearts, who are often too indolent to kindle the smouldering spark within themselves so that it becomes a bright flame. Much suffering and hardship could be alleviated on earth through right love activity, and the spiritual ascent would be assured for the souls. But people mostly pass by their fellow human being's misery carelessly, and thus there is no upward development but rather standstill and decline, and the earthly hardship becomes ever greater as a result. The spark of the divine spirit rests in every human being, and thus every human being is also created capable of love, yet if he lets the noblest part of himself wither away, only a distorted image of what was once perfect as God's creation will remain. For if the created being lacks love there is no longer anything of divinity in it, but the slightest emotion about the fellow human being's fate ignites the divine spark of love, and the being is saved for eternity if it pursues its innermost feeling and thus helpfully bestows its love upon its fellow human being. The small spark can become a bright flame, and the flame will merge with the eternal fire.... the human being changes into love, as is his destiny on earth. And if the great earthly adversity achieves this, it is of immeasurable value for the souls which still lack love, and it will be recognized as a great grace from God one day when earthly life has been successfully completed. Anyone who gives with love will never have to fear that he will spend himself, for he will be rewarded for his gift, both temporally and eternally; anyone who shares the little he possesses with someone poorer will not have to fear any hardship himself, for God shares with him and His gift is truly a thousand times more valuable.... He who gives with a loving heart will awaken love in return, and you do not know what that means, that love will increase in itself. Yet you snatch from satan what he already believes to possess, you restore to life what was dead, you direct strength where it is lacking and thereby exercise the greatest mercy on the soul of his fellow human being, who is now also capable and willing to love and does good for the sake of good. And if you understand this, you will also understand the great earthly adversity, you will see it as God's sending and endure it with surrender into His will, you will try to control it through loving activity and, as it were, also be active in redemption in the last days, for only love is the remedy, only love gives you freedom, strength and light....

Amen

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Everything helps you to perfection that stimulates love activity.... There must, therefore, of necessity, be miserable situations in life which cause the fellow human being to intervene in a helping way.... There must be need and misery, sorrow and suffering, so that serving neighbourly love can be practiced.... One must need the other, so that man can develop upwards through serving neighbourly love. Serving in love is the fundamental law which must be fulfilled if the human being wants to perfect himself. The human being first has to be educated to love on earth, because his actual nature is **without love** as a result of his past apostasy from God.... but the divine father's love has lowered a spark of love into every human being, which is now to be ignited in free will and kindled into a great fire of love.... But the human being's will first has to be stimulated, which therefore happens through the neighbour's adversity, which is meant to compassion him and cause him to work in love.... There is no compulsion whatsoever, the human being himself must feel touched by his fellow human being's adversity, and he must want to provide help of his own free will, which strengthens the inner fire of love and constantly seeks new nourishment.... In order for his own heart to be touched by his fellow human being's adversity, he will often be placed in the same situation in order to experience the adversity himself, and as soon as help is given to him, reciprocal love for the helper will also awaken in him.... Where there is love, there can be no need.... Unkindness, however, causes hardship.... Although love will never be practiced on earth to such an extent that the adversity could be completely remedied, because people's fundamental nature is precisely poor in love, if not entirely devoid of love, and the earthly life as a human being only serves the one purpose of educating people to love, because only love can reshape the being back to its original nature.... into the image of God.... Nevertheless, people could also create an easier earthly life for themselves by working with love.... through constant **service in love....** because then they would also have much strength at their disposal to master everything now.... But every adversity serves you to perfection as long as it stimulates your activity of love. Wanting to help already proves the divine principle of love, then the human being has stepped out of the spell of the one who, devoid of all love, only wants your downfall.... You humans will all bless the adversity which prompted you to work with love, which gave rise to the ignition of the spark of love in you, and one day you will regret every missed opportunity which could have meant progress for you.... Only servant love will help you to ascend, and you would only rarely practice it if you did not see hardship around you and thereby felt addressed.... But you will not be forcibly influenced, only through your own adversity and help will the benefit of timely help be proven to you. And from this you will also see that adversity and suffering are also means of grace, that they have to be so that the human being will practice helpful neighbourly love, for the spark of love in you needs nourishment so that it can flare up into highest embers.... And only a bright flame of light connects with the original light of eternity.... which is the purpose and aim of your earthly life, that you unite with eternal love....

Amen

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**Sermons of love.... Suffering and hardship shall awaken love....**

B.D. No. 8323

November 7th 1962

The fact that people pay so little attention to the commandments of love is not because they don't know about My will which only demands loving activity from them, but it is rather because they don't ignite the (smouldering) spark of love resting in them so that it becomes a flame.... It is because they are mostly only concerned about themselves, that their own ego is so important to them that they only turn their thinking, wanting and acting towards themselves, that they try to achieve everything for themselves that is available in terms of comfort. They are no strangers to the commandment of love for God and their neighbour, moreover, they also know from experience that a work of love has a beneficial effect on them, and they could therefore also give love to their neighbour out of their own impulse.... Then the spark of love would also flare up in them, and that also means establishing a

connection with Me, their God and creator of eternity. My adversary, however, has great influence on every person who has not yet released himself from self-love, and he will always influence the person to prevent him from practising love.... For then he will also prevent him from any kind of bond with Me, Who am love Myself. Therefore, his influence can only be counteracted if My commandments of love are preached to people time and again, if the effects of a right life of love as well as the consequences of a loveless life are presented to them, if they are admonished to educate themselves to consciously put their ego aside and to increase their care for their neighbour in all unselfishness.... For this reason the preaching of My gospel of love is of great importance, even though it is not gladly heard by those who persist in their self-love and thus are still completely under the influence of the one who is devoid of all love. Yet without love no human being can fulfil his earthly task, without love no human being can achieve perfection on earth, without love no human being can become blissfully happy, for without love he is a dead being, even though he still lives on earth as a human being. But he will lose this physical life and then his soul will enter the kingdom of the beyond completely dead, it will be powerless and completely darkened in spirit and therefore also wretched. It is only on earth for the sole purpose of changing its nature into love again, as it had been in the beginning when the essence came forth from Me.... And if the human being does not achieve this change in earthly life then he has travelled the earthly path in vain and can also sink back into deepest darkness again.... But only love can bring him success, for love is light, and in the light he will also recognize everything and know about My infinite love and wisdom, and he will try to unite with Me Myself in love. And therefore I can only try to persuade people to love through suffering and hardship so that they feel touched by their neighbour's adversity and help him or experience love themselves which awakens reciprocated love. For I cannot force anyone to love.... These commandments must be fulfilled in all freedom of will, for forced love is not love.... Yet every human being is capable of love because I place a spark of My eternal god-spirit.... in every human heart. My primal element.... and because it therefore only requires the will to kindle this spark. However, the fact that love has completely grown cold amongst people in the last days is also a reason for the turning point which will take place on this earth, for without love no human being will progress in his development, without love the purpose of earthly life will no longer be fulfilled, and thus the earth will have lost its purpose for people for whom it was intended to serve as a maturing station.... And therefore it will experience a total transformation so that the spiritual substances bound in the creations will also receive new deformations and can cover the course of development. But the last deformation on this earth will always.... the existence as a human being.... must achieve a transformation into love if the final purpose on this earth is to be achieved, if the soul is to attain that beatitude again which is its destiny and which is only ever possible through the transmission of love on My part....

Amen

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## Painful means of education

**Suffering and tribulation God's resources....**

B.D. No. 3145

June 2nd 1944

**E**arthly experience has to help you humans achieve spiritual maturity, then the purpose of earthly life will be fulfilled. And this is why life cannot pass by without disappointments and suffering, for only these contribute towards the human being turning his thoughts away from earthly things, whereas a carefree, happy earthly existence only chains the human being more firmly to the world and occupies his every thought, making it difficult for him to turn to God. No event is therefore in vain, whether it brings joy or suffering for the human being, and as soon as he derives the right benefit from everything, i.e. advancement for his soul, he will one day look back with gratitude at the means God used to help him achieve eternal bliss. The earthly effect of an event is unimportant with regard to the soul's development, for the human being was only given earthly life for the sake of the soul, because the soul is imperishable, whereas earthly life does not last forever and is therefore not important. But if an earthly experience has an influence on the soul and its development then it is always good, even if it brings suffering and tribulation to the human being, for this too will pass, but the soul constantly progresses upwards and one day gratefully acknowledges that it would not have been able to mature without suffering and tribulation. And so earthly life is a chain of such aids, which are all given to the human being by God's wisdom and love and serve his development if he does not rebel against them and unwillingly and grumblingly takes these burdens upon himself. The human being should always be convinced that nothing comes upon him without God's will or His permission and that every event can bring him blessings, then he will also humbly accept the difficulties, he will regard his earthly existence as a means to an end, as a path to perfection which is not only useful but necessary. He will derive an advantage for his soul from every experience, for he will recognize everything that comes upon him as having been sent by God. He will then also live his life consciously and seriously consider how every trial, every earthly event, can benefit his soul, and he will mature in knowledge, he will educate himself to patience and submission to God's will, he will purify himself through suffering and renunciations of all kinds and thus shape himself according to God's will, as soon as he submits uncomplainingly to everything that is granted to him in earthly life. Then not a day on earth will have been lived in vain, he will make use of his last embodiment on earth and his state of soul must mature, spiritual progress must be certain for him, even if he has to struggle hard on earth. For earthly life is a school which is intended to bring maturity of soul to all people.... earth is a place of purification. And the human being will only be successful if he tests his will and strength against all kinds of opposition and thereby becomes stronger to overcome all temptations that come his way during his earthly life....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

**Unity with God.... School of suffering....**

B.D. No. 4352

June 25th 1948

**Y**ou cannot grasp how much I yearn for unity with My living creations which motivates Me to constantly let you go through a school which shall result in your soul's maturity, for unity cannot take place without a specific degree of maturity. My love is truly only concerned for your well-being, yet the fact that I use means which let you doubt My love is due to your own will, albeit unconsciously, for your attitude towards Me provokes this use because you won't conform to the laws of order which promote your maturity of soul without suffering.... because you won't live up to the law

of order, which cannot be avoided if you want to mature fully. And thus My teaching methods will become increasingly harsher the further you distance yourselves from love.... But now the time of learning has come to an end and every human being will have to take the test. Anyone who passes it will become blissfully happy in unity with Me, however, anyone who fails cannot be spared repeating the school, which he will have to attend under harder conditions if he wants to reach the goal one day. I won't let My living creations fall, and sooner or later the final union must and will take place, nevertheless, it can still take infinitely long periods of time in view of the fact that the human being determines the time of his redemption himself, for he voluntarily has to enter into unity with Me, I can only ever support him but will never force him.

Let Me tell you that I love all My living creations and that My love will never cease, but I will nevertheless bring My eternal plan to fruition even if you humans cannot discover any love therein. But it concerns you, your spiritual ascent, it concerns your eternal life.... At the moment you, who live on earth, are still spiritually dead with the exception of a few who are spiritually reborn. As yet you don't feel the life within you, and if you finish your earthly life in this state you will descend into a weakness which is the equivalent of death for you, you will be in utter darkness and completely without control and strength but conscious of the fact that you exist.... This state is so agonising that My love wants to save you from it, and this is why I try to motivate you into coming alive on earth already, I try to enlighten you so that you will strive towards the state of life of your own free will. All obstacles in your life shall help you become active, and activity is life. Earthly activity comes to an end at the moment of physical death, but you shall be active in the spiritual kingdom and for this you must have passed the school of the spirit successfully which also has to be a school of suffering for you or you will not reach full maturity. Nevertheless, you have My assurance that I love you and that every event which causes you sorrow is only based on My love. I want to bring you up to become My children because My Fatherly love does not want to lose you and because it is My will that you, My living creations, should not live far-away from Me but unite with Me and become blissfully happy....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## **The light beings' methods of rescue....**

B.D. No. 6737

January 15th 1957

**P**eople's activity on earth is visible in the spiritual world, and it increases the light beings' eagerness to help because they, too, know of the approaching end and the fate of those who will fail. Merciful love constantly impels them to help but people's will frequently resists them, and they are not allowed to act in opposition to people's will. But since they recognise people's spiritual state they also know effective remedies, and in complete compliance with God's will use these methods in order to influence earthly events.

Hence joyful as well as unfortunate events can be due to these light beings' influence who want to save or lead their protégés to God.... For God Himself has joined them to people as spiritual guides, and therefore the well-being of their protégés' souls is particularly dear to their heart. They, too, know the blessings of suffering for all people and thus suffering is often unavoidable, even though the beings of light are full of love for people.

But to have saved a soul is gladdening for every being of light; after all, they know the infinitely long-lasting state of torment the spirit will have to endure if it gets constrained into matter again. Compared to this state of torment even the worst suffering on earth can be called trivial, and therefore it is used by the helpers such that they will destroy earthly happiness and thereby so painfully intervene in a person's life that a loving motive is barely recognisable.... nevertheless, it is only due to love and concern for the human being's soul which is in utmost danger. For as long as it still lives on earth it will not be abandoned by its spiritual friends and guides. And since you humans have increasingly less time until the end these painful interventions will also become ever more frequent, for they act on God's instruction, they are merely His co-workers who act in accordance with His will.

People collect ever more earthly possessions, they pay consistently more homage to the world and its pleasures, and thus their earthly happiness often has to be destroyed, they have to experience the destruction of earthly goods and learn to recognise the staleness of worldly joys. And all this is only possible if they don't get their own way, if misfortunes prevent their unbridled enjoyment of whatever they are striving for.... Then it will be possible to turn their thoughts in a different direction, and in that case the earthly loss would be a huge spiritual gain.... Then the beings of light will have been victorious and helped the souls to gain life, for which the souls will be eternally grateful to them.

The darkness in which people live on earth is obvious to all beings of light, and they also know that the world is to blame.... Hence they only ever endeavour to turn people's thoughts away from the world and try to achieve this by using apparently harsh and heartless methods which, however, are always based on love, because they are as one with God and therefore also full of love for all wretched beings on earth.

There is only little time left until the end but this time will indeed be very difficult, because all souls which do not voluntarily renounce the world and turn to God will have to be affected.... And thus every difficult experience, every harsh stroke of fate should be considered methods of rescue, which with divine approval still have to be used on people who are at risk of descending into the abyss.... For every soul has its helper and guardian in the beyond, nevertheless, they always have to respect its will or no human being would in fact go astray but instead find his way back to God before the end....

Amen

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### **Painful teaching methods....**

B.D. No. 7184

August 7th 1958

**Y**ou will become increasingly more aware of how urgently you need help, which no human being on earth can provide for you. For you will be overwhelmed by such an obvious impact of forces which only I will be able to stop.... be they natural or fateful events which human help cannot resolve but which have to happen to you humans if I still want to win you before the end. You will hear increasingly more often about accidents and natural disasters, and as long as you are not affected yourselves they sadly all too often will pass you by without having particularly affected you. And yet they could suffice to make you think, and you could be spared the same fate yourselves.

But your indifference often forces Me to let the same hardship and misfortune happen to you as well, because I only want to achieve that you appeal to **Me** for help.... that you turn to **Me** in your adversity and learn to recognise that there is only One Who can and will help you if you ask Him to. As long as your daily life proceeds without specific incident your indifference is frightening.... towards Me as well as towards your fellow human beings in distress. If, however, you are affected yourselves then you will wake up and take stock of yourselves. And yet, one day could be as peaceful as the other with the right attitude towards Me, if you would enter into a Father and child relationship with Me, which would assure you of the Father's constant protection.... Therefore, don't be surprised if time and again you humans are rudely awakened by most significant events.... don't ask yourselves why a God can be so cruel but know that your indifference and obstinacy prompt Me to use these very methods which appear cruel to you, and yet are only intended for your own good. What you find almost impossible to believe will happen, and time after time catastrophes will claim great numbers of human victims. And if you consider the approaching end you will also understand everything. Yet how few believe in this end, and how great is the number of those whose unbelief forces Me to use other methods in order to still save them before this end. And therefore you should at all times be prepared for surprises which will only ever trigger dread and fear.... they cannot be prevented because I don't want to let go of those who have not yet entered into a relationship with Me. And they have to be dealt with firmly. But even the most severe suffering and most dreadful experience can be a blessing for them providing they take the path towards Me Who then will also want to give evidence of Himself, so that they will learn to believe in Me and My love for them....

**Painful means can lead to faith....**

B.D. No. 8594

August 23rd 1963

If only people would believe in a God of love Who wants to make them happy. Yet in view of the immensely harsh conditions which strike people time and time again, in view of the harsh strokes of fate and all kinds of disasters, people cannot muster the belief that every adversity is also a work of love by Me, because I know by what means a person can still be saved and achieve beatitude.... Less painful means have no effect on you.... and if I speak to you with gentle Words you won't listen to Me, and yet you have to be persuaded to turn to Me, and when all painless means are in vain I have to use painful means so that you will think of Me, ask for My help and then receive it, so that you will then be able to recognise a God of love. You all could truly hear My loving Fatherly Words which merely inform you of My will, and as soon as you fulfil this will your life can then proceed calmly and yet successfully.... But if you ignore My gentle Words then I have to speak more clearly to you, because My love will not abandon you, because I will try everything to win you for Myself in order to awaken you to a life which will last forever. For you belong to Me, you merely stay away from Me, but I want you to return to Me of your own free will, and whatever you encounter in the form of suffering and harsh strokes of fate are only ever means which I recognise as successful and which I use because I love you and will never let go of you, no matter how long you oppose My love.

Therefore don't be surprised that hardship and sorrow will increase, for you are approaching the end and I still want to save souls from the fate of a new banishment, which is only possible if you acknowledge Me as God and Creator, if you call upon Me in desperation believing that a Power exists Which can help you, from Which you originated.... And you should believe that your distress will truly diminish, that you will clearly feel My help. And then you will also be able to recognise Me as a God of love, for your bond with Me will inwardly enlighten you about Me.

But many disasters will still happen on earth in the forthcoming time, and only those who have already found Me will recognise therein helpful means intended to lead people out of spiritual adversity, the others, however, will doubt or completely deny a God of love, for they are so attached to the world that they have no contact whatsoever with the spiritual kingdom, with the kingdom that is not of this world. They are purely worldly minded, and they scornfully reject every reference to God.... until they themselves experience adversity and can't see their way out.... Then I will come very close to them again, I will let the thought of a God Who is **able** to help arise in them, and then the great danger can encourage them to turn to this God.... Thus all sorrowful events, all disasters and other fateful blows will become explicable to you, for they are not coincidences but have been destined to occur by Me or have My permission, so that souls will still have means of help granted to them which should allow them to find Me.... But if their hearts remain hardened then only a natural event of immense proportions can make people stop and think, but even this will not compel them to believe, for totally obstinate people will not want to recognise and acknowledge a higher Power even then, but in that case they are completely subject to My adversary and their soul's fate of a new banishment is certain. However, as long as the earth still exists in its present form I will try to persuade people to change their will, and I shall still use many means which you will not find compatible with the love of a God. But I know what benefits every single person, I know the state of his soul, and accordingly I will affect him.

But you humans are fortunate if you are convinced of a **loving** God and Father.... Then you will calmly accept everything, whatever comes your way.... no matter how severely it affects you.... and only ever take refuge with Me, and I will truly not disappoint you. For a devout person will always receive My help, because his faith enables unusual influences. But true faith arises from love, and love also strives towards Me, the Eternal Love.... The human being establishes a solid bond with Me, and he will never distance himself from Me either. He has passed the last test of will on earth; he has

voluntarily chosen Me and separated himself from My adversary for good.... And this is all I Am trying to achieve as long as the human being still lives on earth. For I want him to be able to enter his true home again, to be able to enter the kingdom of happiness and beatitude, where all suffering has come to an end and where he then will find everlasting life....

Amen

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# Fateful curriculum vitae

## Destiny according to human will....

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February 26th 1949

I inform you that your destiny certainly takes shape according to My will, nevertheless it adapts itself to your will, so that your will effectively determines the sequence of all happenings, because it requires the necessary opportunities to achieve maturity in order to subordinate itself as quickly as possible to My will. A will that is utterly devoted to Me assures a person maturity of soul and he will be able to enter the beyond as a being of light when his last hour has come.

However, as long as he still resists Me he needs to be tested and always and forever encounter oppositions in his earthly life, unless he has completely handed himself over to My adversary, who will help him in every way during his time on earth. But he shall not take pleasure in his easy earthly life, for after his death he must atone for it a thousand fold. And thus a person who is granted a difficult destiny can know himself to be loved and cared for by Me; he need only ever trust in My help and My strength and humbly accept his destiny and his soul will benefit from it, the extent of which will only be recognised by him in the spiritual kingdom. Wherever suffering and worry can be found, that is where I Myself Am at work to change the individual person's will, that is where My presence, My guidance and My activity are recognisable. Hence, the immense suffering going on across earth should not be regarded as a sign of being abandoned by Me, but as a sign of My never-ending love and concern for you. I will not turn away from you even if you distance yourselves from Me, I constantly try to win you back for Me and therefore let you endure adversity and destitution, because your wrong will requires Me to do so if I want to help you attain beatitude. Every individual person's destiny corresponds to his will, which has been known to Me from the start, and the extent of suffering you have to endure corresponds to the maturity of your soul, which is also known to Me and which I constantly seek to raise. You can pass away from the earthly world in various degrees of light; this is never limited, but I know your will and where the possibility exists to attain a high degree of maturity of soul I make use of all means, and strokes of fate, oppositions in life and suffering and sadness should be regarded as such, for they can be of immense benefit to you if you completely submit yourselves to Me, if you subordinate your will to Mine, if you humbly endure everything you are granted. For I love you, you are My living creations and I want to win you over for Me, for eternity....

Amen

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## Shaping earth life fatefully....

B.D. No. 6808

April 17th 1957

However your earthly life may turn out, you will be held by My love and always guided such that you will be able to successfully cover it for your soul. People's different destinies are also due to their different predispositions, everyone needs different aids, and the different situations in life therefore offer enough of them. But since you humans are used to seeing with earthly eyes you pay far more attention to physical than to spiritual success, and a difficult earthly fate rather appears to you as a lack of love on My part where it nevertheless testifies to increased love from Me. For I know where an evenly carefree life free of strokes of fate can lead to: to a flattening of the soul, to indifference towards everything, thus to a standstill of spiritual development. But I have given you life as a human being on this earth so that you should reach the ultimate aim of becoming free from every cover which still burdens the soul.... And therefore I also give you the possibilities to reach this aim which,



however, you don't recognize as such because your body often has to suffer or go without if the soul is to win. And in the last days before the end you will have to suffer particularly many harsh strokes of fate, for you will completely forget the purpose of your earthly life, you will only live for your body, for your earthly well-being, and you will completely ignore the soul. It has to live in want if I don't come to its aid. But as soon as you humans also see (long for) My will, My fatherly care in suffering and hardship, in hard strokes of fate or in difficult situations in life, you will not feel everything so difficult, for then you will already be on the right path: You turn to Me in every adversity of body and soul, and then your soul will also derive the right benefit from all events which painfully affect the body. For whatever comes upon you, you can always feel safe in My love, you can know that you are cared for by My love and also fully trustingly expect that I will lead you out of every adversity.... For I truly neither lack love nor power, I only want to see the aim achieved that you direct your thoughts and eyes spiritually and not just pay attention to the world alone. For you can recognize clearly enough that I try to kill worldly desires in you through all kinds of strokes of fate.... And I know every individual person's will, I know what he most longs for, and I also know what dangers threaten his soul if he is taken captive by the world, if he only lives for the world. And I know from eternity how every soul's will is directed, and its earthly existence is determined according to this will, but without forcing this will in this or that direction.... Again and again he can use it freely and thus, as it were, also shape his earthly life according to his will.... Nevertheless, I will always let every event take effect in such a way that the soul can derive its advantages from it. The human being can certainly shape his earthly life and believe that he is in control of his own destiny. But he will never be able to determine the effect of his actions, because I Myself have reserved the right to help where the soul is in danger of falling completely flat. Yet even My plans of salvation, My visible guidance or even fateful interventions will never force but only guide or help the human being to remember his actual purpose of earthly life and his associated task. Therefore all difficulties of earthly life should not frighten the person who has already entered into a bond with Me, for they only serve him towards perfection, and he always knows a master Who can straighten out everything that is crooked. And the others shall learn to turn to that master, and they will only then desire or accept My help when they recognize their own lack of strength in great adversity. As long as people's eyes and thoughts are not yet spiritually directed they often have to be touched harshly, it has to be proven to them that they themselves are not master of their life's fate, that it is rather determined by another, and to this other they now have to hand themselves over.... Then even the most difficult earthly life need not frighten them, after all, it is only imposed on them by Me because I want to win their soul for a life of beatitude, which will make everything.... even the most difficult earthly fate, and will last forever....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

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

B.D. No. 7853

March 17th 1961

**P**eople who no longer have faith in a God and Creator, in the soul's continuation of life after death, have already succumbed to spiritual death, for they do not believe that they live on earth for a purpose and reason but only regard this life as an end in itself. They only move on an earthly level, their thoughts don't find the path into the spiritual kingdom, for they refuse to accept and follow thoughts which originate from there. They are purely humanly-orientated creatures with such a low degree of maturity that the destiny of a renewed banishment almost certainly awaits them, because their free will, instead of striving upwards, aims downwards again.... They have already attained some life and yet surrender to death again.... And neither can they be stopped because it is their free will, because it concerns the last and entirely free decision of will in earthly life. God, however, wants to give everlasting life to people.... And people must accept it from His hand, they cannot receive it from anywhere else than from their eternal God and Creator, nevertheless, they don't believe in Him and thus they won't ask Him for it either. Consequently, He can only impose upon them a destiny in earthly life which dissuades them from the material world and makes them think.... He can only

shatter their earthly happiness and hopes because he wants to save them, because He wants to help them to attain the life which will last forever.... For if the human being's every earthly wish and craving finds fulfilment, he will constantly want more and increasingly turn his thoughts towards earthly things, and then his life will only be an end in itself for him but never become the means to an end.

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

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

# Suffering is the love of the Father

## Suffering as a proof of God's love....

B.D. No. 0490

June 30th 1938

**W**hat do the people of the world strive for most.... They all try to make life as pleasant as possible for themselves and do not think about working for the salvation of their soul, and therefore life on earth will have to be made increasingly more difficult for them, otherwise they will never realise the purpose of it. Where the deity wants to love and instead has to use means which put the earthly child into a state of suffering, the human being often has reason to doubt the eternal deity and yet only his lack of understanding prevents him from recognizing this.... What would become of you humans if God did not use these means.... How could you ever be awakened to the sense of infinity, to the wise working and reigning of the eternal deity, if everything your heart desires were to be fulfilled for you on earth? This would never bring you closer to God in your hearts, you would only ever pay homage to the goods of the world.... and your souls would forever remain in the night of darkness. If your existence has proved to be deceptive according to your purpose, then you will seek the light of life elsewhere.... You need comfort and hope and seek these in infinity. And then help can also come to you from there, but you will never want to pay attention to it if earthly life grants you everything and satisfies you. To present suffering to man as a proof of love from the heavenly father is often a futile labour of love. He believes that love only has to express itself in happy signs and does not recognize the wise foresight of the lord, Who can judge the cause and effect of every event much better and therefore guides the fate of every person so infinitely wisely and lovingly in order to finally bring him to the place where he shall finally enjoy the glory and joy of heaven. Where no less than the lord Himself reveals Himself, there every doubt shall be eliminated and complete trust shall be placed in the lord.... and if the lord imposes suffering on you, then also recognize His great love in it, for otherwise you cannot be shaped according to His will.... And if you are unable to recognize it, then place your whole earthly life childlike trustingly into His hands and accept it as He offers it to you and believe that He, Who dwells above you, knows what is good for His children.... that He loves you and wants to lead you to eternal bliss....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## Suffering and tribulation proof of God's love....

B.D. No. 2251

March 6th 1942

**W**hom the lord loves, He leads through much tribulation and suffering in order to purify him while he still dwells on earth. And bear this in mind if He imposes suffering on you that seems unbearable to you. In His wisdom He has truly chosen the best for you, even if you cannot understand this on earth, yet your soul will thank Him profoundly when it has ended its earthly life. For then it will also realize how much further it has progressed through the path of suffering it was destined to take on earth. It is only a short time that you walk on earth, but life in eternity is endless. And life in bliss is truly worth the suffering that man had to endure on earth. On the other hand, anyone who is spared all kinds of tribulation on earth has a far more difficult path to cover in the beyond, for the soul first has to completely purify itself in the beyond, and this requires a much longer time and excessive effort. Life on earth is rich in favours, and every suffering, every sorrow is in a certain sense a favour, for it helps the soul to ascend. It is a means that God uses, which is much more successful than the divine teachings are if they are not heeded. Suffering must be heeded and brings about the actual change of thinking. But a carefree life on earth only makes people become more and more superficial,

because the pleasures of life drown out all spiritual knowledge and spiritual desire and man becomes more and more alienated from God. For it is certainly true that suffering leads closer to God, provided that the human being is not so distant from God that he does not think of God even in suffering or rejects Him completely. At the moment the whole world is in a state distant from God and therefore does not recognize suffering as a divine mission or admission..... And this causes God to intervene even more tangibly and to shake people out of their spiritual calm. He has to send them even more suffering, He has to help where people are in great danger of no longer remembering their actual destiny but seek their salvation solely where God's adversary is active.... in the pleasures of the world.... And God wants to keep this away from you, and therefore you have to take suffering upon yourselves and endure with patience everything that God lets come upon you as a blessing....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### **God's love can also be found in suffering....**

B.D. No. 5920

April 1st 1954

**W**hichever way your earthly lives will shape themselves, you must never doubt My love and care for you which only ever intends what is best for you. Yet only I know what serves you best.... but I also know what dangers are threatening you and how they can be averted. If you were able to judge My love for each one of you earthly children you would truly feel reassured and live your earthly life without worry, for then you would trust your heavenly Father to arrange everything so that it will be bearable for you and you would never be without help, if you just turn to Him....

The strength of My love would truly explain your earthly destiny to you, since it only wants what is best and most beneficial for you and not to burden you with pointless sorrow and adversity, which weigh you down and make you doubt Me. You should only believe My Words and wait quietly.... that is, humbly entrust yourselves to Me and My help will not fail to materialise. And you will also achieve progress for your soul, which you would hardly gain without suffering. As yet I still ask for the individual person's love and will, as yet people have not completely decided for Me.... as yet My adversary is also making an effort to gain your souls, and there is a considerable risk that he will be victorious. And for that reason I often make it impossible for people to follow him impulsively.... I first motivate them to consider what he has to offer and what he is asking in return.... I draw the person's attention onto himself in order to distract him from what the adversary alluringly presents to him....

I send illness and adversity, sorrow and suffering, for these will then only be a blessing for the human being, even if he doesn't recognise it himself. But I love him and don't want to lose him to the one who is devoid of all love.... who only gives you illusive possessions, who wants to deceive you and plans to corrupt you. His only true objective is to keep you distant from Me, because he is without love. But you humans don't know him and allow yourselves to be deceived by him when he entices you with earthly possessions but demands your soul in return. I, too, want to shower you with possessions, but they are everlasting and you don't recognise their worth. But a good father will not give something harmful to his child, even if the child eyes it greedily.... Instead, he will stop the child if it asks for it despite the warning.... And thus I, too, often have to stop you if you endanger your lives through misguided intentions.... If your goal is threatening to become any other one but striving towards Me.... For I love you and want to possess you and therefore I will do whatever it takes in order not to lose you....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

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

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

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

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

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

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Yield to God's will - Following Jesus

### Destiny.... Submission to God's will....

B.D. No. 3819

July 7th 1946

**T**hat which is granted to you according to divine will of eternity has to be accepted by you, and its blessing for you depends on how you cope with it. If you submit yourselves to divine will, you will accept your fate without grumbling and complaining, for then you will have faith in God's love and omnipotence and expect His help without doubting. And then God will certainly help you.... If, however, you inwardly rebel against God's divine providence, if you sullenly complain and try to defend yourselves, the weight will burden you even more, or you will receive help from below, you will be supported by the one who wants to gain you for himself in order to corrupt you. For with those who still carry too much of their own will and do not yet acknowledge God's will, he will be preaching to the converted, he will be listened to and will win over the soul. Every person's destiny is according to his own will, and the reason as to why the same destiny causes more suffering in one person than another is because he lacks submission to God's will. And in order to save the soul which is rebelling against God, the adversity must affect it harder until it realises that a higher will is taking effect and it unconditionally subjects itself to the latter. And thus you humans need never believe that you can make your earthly fate easier for yourselves by taking this or that precaution.... You can certainly alter your course of life by using your own will but never its difficulties, for the gravity of events approaching you depends on how your soul needs it, and you must take your measure of suffering upon yourselves regardless of which path you are taking.... you cannot escape your destiny, because it has been determined for eternity. Only your submission of will shall make it bearable for you, for then it will have served its purpose, and you will no longer need such painful means, instead, you can live an easier life until its end. Therefore, don't rebel against God's will, recognise God's will in everything that comes upon you, don't complain and grumble but humbly bear what you are sent by God and He will take it away from you again as soon as you yield to His will. And firmly believe that He can always help you, and the strength of faith will banish every disaster.... God only wants to win you over to Himself and not lose you to the one who is His adversary, who has completely turned his will from Him and aims to push His living creations away from Him as well by inciting their will to likewise rebel against God. Therefore, don't fall prey to the one who wants to corrupt you but recognise God as your Lord and submit yourselves to Him.... and even the harshest destiny will be a blessing for you....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

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

B.D. No. 4127

September 21st 1947

**T**ake up your cross and follow Me.... And I will walk beside you and help you carry it, for My love will not let you suffer where it can take away your suffering without harming your soul. But if the cross weighs you down, then know that this is necessary for your soul's maturity.... And bear in mind that I know about your spiritual adversity and try to remedy it first, for the soul is in greater danger than the body when the hour of death has come. Consider that all adversity will end with the end of this earth and that this end is not far away. And therefore try to shape yourselves such that your stay in spheres of light will be assured, that you will gladly give up your earthly body and exchange it for a life in the beyond in complete freedom, if you have passed the test of will on earth. And this life will compensate you for everything you have suffered on earth and you will never desire this earth again.

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

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

### **Following Jesus.... Patiently bearing the cross....**

B.D. No. 7622

June 15th 1960

**Y**ou demonstrate that you follow Me when you patiently accept the suffering which My love places upon you so that your souls will mature. Always remember that I requested you to follow Me with the Words '... let him take up his cross and follow Me....' I certainly want to help you carry your cross but you should not try to throw it away completely, you should always consider that you can remove many impurities from your soul if you patiently carry your cross. I will always give you the strength for it if you ask Me, for I Am always close to you if you live in My discipleship on earth. And you don't have much time left.... Therefore you will have to endure increased suffering because I want to help you attain a degree of light while you are still on earth which will enable you to enter into beatitude when your end has come. But always remain in contact with Me through loving activity, prayer and constant thinking of Me, for then I will always be able to be close to you and you can safely follow your path even if you have to carry a small cross. However, a steady life in carefree tranquillity would not be beneficial for you unless you were so extraordinarily lovingly active that your soul's process of maturing would be successfully accomplished.... But you are all still too half-hearted in your kind-hearted actions and therefore gain too little for your soul, and thus the suffering must contribute towards your purification process. And always remember the terrible suffering I have taken upon Myself on your behalf.... You yourselves would have had to endure this suffering on account of your guilt of sin and you would have been incapable of doing so. This is why I accepted the guilt on your behalf and suffered indescribably because I love you and wanted to endure the suffering on your behalf. Then your cross will seem small to you, you will gladly carry it because you want to follow Me, and you will safely enter through the gate into the kingdom of light because I pave the way and open the gate for you so that you will be blissfully happy. Accept your cross, that is, patiently and for love of Me carry all suffering which burdens you, but which is needed for your maturity of soul, for one day the soul may take pleasure in the light, one day the cross it had to carry will seem an easy one. Let Me walk by your side, then I will help you carry and you will not feel the burden so much. And I Am with every person who calls upon Me in thought, I only wait for this call because I cannot take effect in you against your will despite My love for you. But I will never leave you alone and even the cross placed upon you is proof of My presence, because I thereby gently

admonish you to follow Me, Who took all of humanity's suffering upon My shoulders and walked the path to the cross with it. Therefore be patient, no matter what weighs you down, My love will strengthen you, My love will relieve you from the cross when the time is right....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna



## Endure suffering for human beings

### Compassion.... Sick and weak people....

B.D. No. 1032

July 31th 1939

**T**ake care of the sick and the weak, and consider that they are suffering and need your help. You should be compassionate and constantly consider the welfare of these poor people, whose physical afflictions make their life intolerable, you should try to alleviate this suffering and selflessly help them at all times. This is pleasing to God, and since you are all children of God, one shall also be concerned for the other and not allow heartlessness or indifference towards your fellow human being arise in you. How often do people pass by the sick and the weak without offering them a comforting word, it is very depressing for these sufferers. They are helpless in their state and grateful for every word granted by love.... And how often do they have to go without because no considerate word is spoken to them. They are lonely, and their soul is seized by profound sadness, for it hungers for love and is only scantily considered....

And the Lord teaches compassion.... and promises eternal bliss, for compassion presupposes love, and only a labour of love will bring salvation to the soul. Compassion is purest neighbourly love, for it wants to help and expects nothing in return.... A person can be ailing in body as well as in soul.... and bringing him help is always inexpressibly valuable.... speaking words of comfort to the physically weak and offering the psychologically sick and frail the right remedy out of kind-hearted neighbourly love.... For the body's suffering will come to an end one day but not that of the soul unless it is approached by active neighbourly love bringing it help to escape its adversity.

The weak and ailing person, however, needs twice as much support, for the body's weakness often also lets the soul descend into helplessness, and it can only be helped by selfless love which, as it were, awakens the soul from its lethargic state and thus stimulates it to take care of improving its condition. Then the human being will also bear his physical suffering with patience, if only the soul has come to the right recognition on account of its fellow human being's active help which supported it during its adversity.

Any actively compassionate person can bestow untold blessings, for the earthly child will feel this both earthly as well as spiritually, and the thus considered person will have to feel relieved and, on account of the spiritual strength which shines across with every deed of love, turn his gaze upwards. And thus will love and compassion for sick and weak people result in twice as many blessings.... It will help to improve the physical condition of the sick and weak and simultaneously be extremely beneficial for the soul, and therefore, don't forget to grant them your help and kind-hearted sympathy, lift them up physically and spiritually, and thereby also let their time of suffering become a time of spiritual maturing for them.... and the Lord will bless those who are full of compassion towards their suffering fellow human beings....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

### Love and suffering for fellow human beings....

B.D. No. 1556

August 6th 1940

**M**an should love and suffer so that he becomes free of every bondage. For love redeems him, and in suffering man finds God. He therefore frees himself from the dark power and consciously unites himself with God, so that he bears all suffering for the Lord. Jesus Christ took all suffering and all guilt of sin on His shoulders, and thereby restored freedom of spirit to mankind. If man now does

the same, if he also takes the suffering of his fellow human being upon himself in love or helps him to bear it, the state of suffering is lifted and thus man is placed in a certain freedom, for he will now be able to do as he pleases. Every state of compulsion is associated with inhibitions which impair every activity.... The free state, on the other hand, is exhilarating since there are no limits to the urge to be active. And therefore one should endeavour to put oneself in this free state, to redeem oneself through love, by steering the suffering of their fellow human beings and helping to bear it. Love and suffering are epitomised by Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. Only His great love was able to take upon itself the guilt of sin with full awareness, only love willingly took upon itself the suffering of mankind. For the Saviour's love was immense.... mankind needed the divine Redeemer, which is why He took on flesh and blood in order to work in a recognised way among His own. He knew about people's bound state and tried to help them by suffering for them, and trying to guide them towards Himself in His infinite love. He brought them spiritual freedom through His death on the cross, and thus He redeemed them from the bound state, which had previously been the fate of those who had endeavoured to live a well-behaved life but were too weak to be able to escape the power of the adversary. And the Lord considered them in His love, and died the most bitter death on the cross for them in order to give them back their freedom, by suffering for humanity. And so, those who remember the suffering of their fellow human beings with love, and willingly and devotedly take this suffering upon themselves will likewise participate in the work of redemption in order to relieve what is destined to bear great suffering. Always respecting your neighbour with love and trying to alleviate his suffering will result in the greatest reward, the divine work of redemption will be continued as it were, for the hour has not yet come which sets a limit for the human being.... he can still work without any bondage, both love as well as grace has still been placed into his heart by God or made accessible to him, so that he can therefore be lovingly active, and divine grace also lets him get to know the suffering which spurs his will to be helpfully active....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

### **Bearing suffering for fellow human beings....**

B.D. No. **8508**

May 25th 1963

**I** will also give you an explanation as to whether you can bear suffering for your fellow man or whether every person must bear the burden himself which was assigned to him for the salvation of his soul.... You humans must consider that your soul is supposed to mature fully during your earthly life, that all still immature substances should spiritualise themselves, which happens through love or suffering, for this dissolves the layers which still prevent the light of My love from radiating into the soul. And at the same time such substances of the body which are still immature are also a problem for the human being by causing him all kinds of diseases and thus, with patience, love and in submission to My will, they should be calmed and therefore spiritualised which is, after all, your real earthly task, to help your soul towards the greatest possible level of perfection. And this spiritualisation of soul and body must be accomplished by every person himself, this work can never be done by someone else on his behalf, and one day he will be grateful to Me that, by way of suffering and adversity, I helped him gain perfection. Consequently you can understand that you should not really try to avert anything which can benefit your fellow human being's soul.... If, however, love is impelling you to offer yourselves to Me asking to bear your fellow human being's suffering then I will not stop you in your love.... It will be temporarily taken from the person and placed upon you, and thus you raise your soul's maturity because you are willing to accept more suffering and are motivated by love to do so.

One has suffered for all of you in order to release you from the immense suffering you would have had to take upon yourselves as penance for your guilt of sin, which was the reason why earthly life is a valley of tears and suffering for you humans.... But now all you humans can turn to this One Who will also take your suffering upon His shoulders and help you carry it.... Whose substituted atonement was accepted by Me and to Whom you should go if your suffering weighs you down, and he will help you carry it or take it from you depending on what is best for you.

However, the love of a fellow human being who is willing to suffer on your behalf is very highly valued, and this love will also guarantee you a flow of strength, for love is strength which will noticeably affect the sufferer.... And if someone offers loving intercession for you who have to suffer, the strength of this love can so permeate you that you will no longer feel the degree of suffering.... that your pain and agonies temporarily disappear, and your souls benefit from the strength of this love.... and thus mature and become less sensitive to pain.... The degree of love always determines the benefit the sufferer derives from such a prayer of love for him. And since the maturing of the soul is the purpose of earthly life and there are many possibilities to achieve this, it should be recognised first and foremost and not be prevented. True love, however, knows why a person has to suffer and will help him endure and make it easy for him to accept God's will.... And then I will take the cross from him and his soul will have moved a step forwards again....

Love and suffering help the soul to reach the goal.... If a person still has a low degree of love then greater suffering often occurs in order to hasten his soul's purification.... But this purification of soul can never be achieved by another person's conscious suffering on behalf of the former. Every soul is responsible for itself, and every soul has to reach its own maturity, which happens through love and suffering.... And the degree of suffering depends on the degree of love. I will certainly answer the prayer of someone who offers himself to bear suffering on behalf of a fellow human being because he loves him.... I will let him partake in the pain which he then has to endure. Yet he endures it for the purification of his own soul.... he indeed relieves the other person of the suffering for the sake of love, yet it serves him for his own perfection, whilst his fellow human being must likewise take care of himself and his psychological state of maturity, even if he is temporarily released from his suffering. No labour of love remains without result, yet where and how it takes effect remains My decision, Who knows every person's state of maturity and whom I will always consider accordingly.... And I give to every person what he is able to bear, and it is enough that he calls upon Jesus, the bearer of the cross, if he deems his burden too heavy for him.... And as long as the human being lives on earth he has the option to reach the goal of perfecting himself through love and suffering.... through following Jesus....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

# The Prayer - Power in suffering and in need

**Prayer.... Call upon Me in time of need....**

B.D. No. 0627

October 18th 1938

**T**rusting in the Father's help will make everything in life easy for you to bear, for all suffering is sent to you by the Lord and Savior, so that you may find your way to Him.... If, however, you go out of the suffering only hardened and embittered, then you deprive yourselves of all help from above. You may take refuge in prayer at any time and thus have the greatest confidence that you will be heard, because whatever you are destined to do.... there is nothing so bad that the heavenly Father could not turn it into a blessing. Every child has the right to turn to the Father in supplication. Those who turn to the heavenly Father in humility, will never make a wrong request....

But you all use the power of prayer too little.... You must first find yourselves in great need before you approach the Lord for help. And yet every day, every hour should bring you blessings.... you should not undertake anything without having implored God's blessing.... you should turn upwards in sorrow and joy.... you should use the power of prayer at all times, because your soul constantly needs help so that it already reaches the goal in earthly life. And also in other respects you lack strength.... alone, without prayer you can do only little, but since you are entitled to the grace of prayer, use it as far as possible, beg for help in need, for purity of heart, ask for grace, for firmness of faith, for energy in charity.... ask with all your heart that the Lord may give you His love and take care of you with His care forever.

You can ask without ceasing.... if you pray for your soul's salvation, you will find an answer, because if you recognize what you lack, every requested support will be granted to you. "Ask and it will be given to you...." , says the Lord. He invites you to turn to Him in your need.... , so heed this call and lift up the treasures the Lord promises you.... . Only do not fall prey to the mere form.... , for the Father never hears those who only appeal to Him for help with their lips.... and whose hearts are far away. And if your prayer is not answered, then inquire what you have not done right.... whether the prayer was sent up from the depth of the heart or only came from the lips and therefore did not reach the Father's ear.... inquire whether you have asked for earthly things which the Father withholds from you out of Fatherly insight and wisdom....

And always be careful to submit your will to the will of the Lord in every prayer.... For the Father knows what is good for you and necessary for your salvation.... He will consider you in a right way, but never will He grant you something out of false fatherly love, which is only to the detriment of the soul. Therefore submit yourselves to His will and believe that He always only thinks of you in such a way as is helpful and beneficial to the soul.... And if you faithfully call upon Him in earthly trouble, His help will not fail to come.... So that His word may be fulfilled: Call on Me in times of need and I will hear you....

Amen

Translation handled by Alida Pretorius

**Reference to severe suffering.... power of prayer....**

B.D. No. 0989

July 1st 1939

**T**he distant time will teach you that you can only escape adversity and misery with divine help and that the door to eternity has to be passed through by everyone and that, again, the right path will hardly be found without divine help. If the human being is unable to cope with the effort of climbing upwards on his own he has to turn to the eternal deity for help if he wants to reach his goal. And if you

pay attention to the coming time and notice how ever heavier the burdens descend upon you.... if you feel the pressure which is bestowed upon you from outside and if you often get into situations in life where you would like to despair and are completely despondent in the face of life, then remember that you have a sure means of help.... prayer. You can still be called immeasurably rich in all misery as long as you are allowed to turn to the father in heaven in prayer.... you are not helpless and abandoned, but one is always ready for you.... "Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." And there is no need on earth so great that it cannot be remedied through prayer. And remember that you need nothing more for it than a heart turned towards the father in love and believing trust that He will not let His child call in vain. Leave all fear and doubt aside and trustingly lay all your worries at the father's feet, He always knows what is right for you and He only waits for your call through which you acknowledge Him as father. And the burden will be lifted from you and His love will refresh and comfort you in all suffering.... Only do not forget that there is one above you Who takes an intimate interest in you and Whose love is for you children of earth.... do not forget that all suffering is only imposed on you for the purpose that you should remember the father in such things and turn to Him for help.... For through prayer you acknowledge Him as your father and thus consciously enter into a childlike relationship with the father.... And your prayer will be answered if you believe without doubting....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### **The fulfilment of prayer in firm belief... 'Father, Your will be done...'**

B.D. No. 3927

December 2nd 1946

**Y**ou can obtain everything from Me, if you only believe in Me firmly and steadfastly.... For if you bear My greater than great love for you in mind you will also know that I will not leave any prayer unanswered. However, firm faith in Me also includes absolute trust in Me, it includes the certainty that I, in My wisdom, also recognise everything that is a blessing for you, and that I will not allow you to be harmed by granting you something that will not be beneficial for you. And this is why a profoundly devout human being will hand himself over to Me unconditionally, he will leave it up to Me what I choose to give to him, he will not demand but humbly present his requests to Me, always making My will most important and commending himself to My love and grace. And I will give to him abundantly; I will never let him go short physically and spiritually, for I will never close My ears to My child's prayer. If, however, I deny you the fulfilment of a request then don't doubt My love anyway, for it is precisely My love which wants to protect you from harm. And you, yourselves, are not always able to recognise the effect of a fulfilled request. Therefore, present your wishes to Me trustingly and leave everything else to Me, and My love will consider you such that your path to Me will run smoothly, so that you will safely reach your goal, so that you will return as My children into the Father's house in order to live a blissful life in eternity. Yet always and forever make use of the strength of prayer, call upon Me in every situation in life, come to Me if you are in difficulty and also think of Me in hours of peace and quiet.

Don't forget Me so that I will not forget you either, and establish contact with Me quite often through heartfelt prayer, and thereby constantly call Me close to you, then strength without measure will flow to you, if you look for Me of your own free will, if your thoughts apply to Me and your heart is urging towards Me. You have to find the way to Me yourselves and therefore enter the bridge which I have established for you from earth to Me.... You have to pray, for in prayer your soul is rising into the spheres of light, in prayer you enter the bridge to Me, in prayer the child steps in front of the Father, it establishes the relationship of a child to its Father, as it is My will. And if I Am called upon as Father when a childlike heart is beating for Me I will answer every beseeching request, for I will not disappoint My children who come to Me in complete trust. And My love will express itself to them, My love will hand out gifts in abundance, My love will take care of the child spiritually and earthly, and it will never ever again have to suffer adversity if its appeal to Me is truly childlike, that is, if it sends its prayer to Me in spirit and in truth.

You all should make use of the grace of prayer, for you are able to achieve everything in firm, living faith in Me and My love.... Yet don't demand and complain or grumble if I seemingly won't grant your prayer, for then My Fatherly love knows that the fulfilment of your prayer will only cause you harm, and in order to protect you from this it will deny itself.... Yet anyone who always submits his will to Mine will never be disappointed, for his is the true prayer which is pleasing to Me if he adds to all his requests 'Father, Your will be done....'

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## "Come all to Me...."

B.D. No. 7047

February 23rd 1958

**I**n prayer you have an extremely effective remedy for every earthly and spiritual adversity, for a right prayer which is addressed to Me in spirit and in truth truly does not fail to have an effect. I cannot and will not close My ear to it, and I will use My power to help you even where earthly help seems impossible. But first you must enter into trust in Me, you must know that I am the father of all of you Who loves His children and does not want to leave them in hardship and suffering, even if these are necessary for your soul.... and you must know that there is nothing for Me which I cannot change, and that there is also no illness which is impossible for Me to heal.... entrust yourselves to Me, present all your needs to Me in all childlikeness, speak to Me as a child speaks to its father, and be not faithless but believing.... You all don't yet know how to appreciate the power of prayer, otherwise you would truly be spared much adversity and suffering, because I gladly listen to the pleas of a child which comes to Me in all confidentiality and hands over its small cross to Me so that I may carry it for it. I have borne all your sins and died for them on the cross, I have suffered for you the suffering which your guilt of sin had burdened you with.... You could go through your earthly life without suffering if you wanted to unite with Me so intimately that all your burden would rest on My shoulders and that you would walk freely and light-heartedly along the path to the height.... But you all still keep yourselves too far away from Me, you don't come closer to Me in confidentiality, and therefore you yourselves often still feel the burden of the cross which, however, should only urge you towards Me because you should live in intimate communion with Me. But you can prove this intimate fellowship to Me in right prayer, I always hear and listen to a right prayer which is spoken to Me in confidence, for I have promised you this with the words: "Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" and "Ask and it shall be given you..." My promises are truth, and you will always be allowed to experience the proof of this if only you turn to Me in right prayer. But as soon as you doubt, your prayer will lose its effect of strength. And only rarely is your faith of such strength that all doubt is excluded.... Only rarely do you have the certainty that you will be helped when you pray, which only proves an undoubted faith. But you should know that My word is truth and that when I Myself speak to you.... you have to ward off all doubt, for you should believe that no thing is impossible with God.... always remember that everything you see only came into being through the strength of My will, remember that I let new creations arise at any time, which cannot be denied by people. And therefore also remember that it is truly possible for Me to restore the old order which is disturbed due to illnesses or other earthly circumstances which cause you humans problems. I can put everything back into order, and I will do so as soon as you approach Me with faithful trust, as soon as you come to the father like children and present your requests to Me. The grace of prayer is available to all of you, you can all make use of it, for I have said: "Come to Me, **all** of you...." but do not just speak words without spirit and life, call Me very close to you and then pour out your heart to Me and truly, you will be helped, I will not let your faith go to waste....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## Faith and trust in God's help

**"Behold, I am with you always...."**

B.D. No. **1004**

July 13th 1939

Behold, I am with you always...." These words shall be your comfort and confidence at all times. I will not abandon My own if only they desire Me, and I will help you bear all suffering if only you trust Me with faith. I will certainly make you bear your suffering, but only so that you remember Me and call upon Me for help in all adversity. For I want to strengthen your faith, I want you to let your faith become that strength that no earthly suffering can make you anxious and despondent anymore. You are still despondent and threaten to collapse under the oppositions I send you, but when these can no longer harm you, when nothing can make you waver in your faith in My help, you have reached that degree of strength of faith that I can work through you. Behold, how much easier life will be for you when you no longer have to pay attention to the daily oppositions and no longer have to worry about daily life. To be a true child of its father in heaven also requires complete trust that it will be protected in every adversity and danger, and thus I want to know My children standing in faith and trust in God.... I want them to always and constantly seek Me, that they approach Me fearlessly and in full faith in order to be able to fulfil their requests at any time.... They should always turn their hearts to Me and never become of little faith, and My love will take notice of their need and deliver them from it. What an indescribable abundance of grace is therefore always at your disposal if I promise you My help when you desire it.... And it is only necessary that you believe and ask.... I will not abandon you, for I know of all the suffering on earth and am willing to help wherever you believably desire it. You alone create all difficulties for yourselves; if you are distant from Me in your heart, I have to direct your thoughts to Me, and that through hardship and suffering. But if you carry Me in your heart, you are also secure in My heart, and what you are then still obliged to carry only serves your own salvation.... One day you will thank Me when you realize why you were given this.... Yet you cannot grasp it on earth and should therefore only take up the little cross without grumbling and complaining and carry it humbly for My sake. The body passes away and with it earthly pain.... But you should fear for your soul, whose suffering is far greater if the body is spared suffering on earth. I love all My little children and do not want them to suffer throughout eternal times, yet this would be your fate if I kept earthly suffering away from you, which is truly not the hardest thing to bear. And if I promise you My presence, then trust Me and do not become faint-hearted. He who imposes suffering on you can also take it away from you, and He will truly not let you call in vain if you ask Him from the bottom of your heart....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

**Undoubted faith....**

B.D. No. **3765**

May 9th 1946

**Y**ou can achieve everything from Me if you ask Me for it in firm faith and trust and surrender to Me without reservation, as soon as you completely submit yourselves to My will and thus have entered into the right relationship with Me.... the relationship of a child with its father.... For the father does not deny his child any request because he loves it. And My love for you is immense and will also fulfil your every request, for My promise is: Ask and it will be given to you.... And once I have given you this assurance you can firmly rely on it, yet every slightest doubt, every slightest mistrust of this promise of Mine impairs the child's right relationship with the father, for a child will fully trust its father and believe his every word. And that is why you often make it impossible for yourselves to

fulfil your requests.... For in firm faith alone lies the guarantee that your request will not be in vain. The father, who loves his child, protects it from every danger, yet if he sees it in danger that its faith in the father's strength and love is weak, he will first try to restore the child's faith, and this can only happen through emergencies in which the child calls upon the father and thus establishes the right relationship with him. And so does your heavenly Father, Whose love for His children is infinitely greater and Who therefore also wants to enjoy the unlimited trust of His children.... In deep unshakeable faith in My Fatherly love you can achieve everything on earth.... Such faith will also let you walk with love, for then you will not want to grieve the Father either and fulfil His will. And then you will also submit yourselves to My will, thus you will unhesitatingly acknowledge everything I send to you as good and wise, and then I will truly no longer need painful means of education but will fulfil your requests at any time, I will remove every earthly hardship from you and let you walk on level paths, for then you will no longer be in danger of going astray, your heart will push towards the Father of Eternity, Whose love is inexhaustible and constantly radiates it towards you. Believe and trust in Me and do not doubt.... and you can go through your earthly life carefree at any time, for I will take care of you, I will fulfil every request at the right time, for everything is possible for Me, even if it seems impossible on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

### **Strong faith and trust in God's help....**

B.D. No. 3989

March 2nd 1947

**C**omplete trust in My help is the surest guarantee, and thus it is always up to you yourselves to what extent you experience My help and with what severity earthly adversity oppresses you. For I will remedy it according to your faith, after all, the purpose of adversity is to win you over and to strengthen your faith in My love and omnipotence within you. Spiritual hardship, on the other hand, I will remedy according to your will to love, according to your desire for Me. For you will only feel spiritual hardship as hardship when you believe in Me and consciously strive towards Me, only then will you realize your soul's imperfection, and you will feel this as hardship and then request My support, My help and grace in order to become perfect. Then you will also never make a wrong request, for your will to change is now the guarantee for it, you will succeed with My help. But saving your soul from spiritual adversity is far more important as long as you live on earth, for earthly adversity comes to an end with your earthly demise, but the soul's adversity remains and can only be remedied by your own will, which, however, is extremely weak in the beyond if it has not already striven for a change of soul on earth. First recognize your spiritual adversity and humbly turn to Me for help, then trustingly present your earthly adversity to Me and I will also release you from it.... I will intervene so that you can recognize Me and with certainty where My own dwell, where a strong faith firmly expects My help without doubt and misgivings.... There I am constantly ready to help in order not to cause such faith to waver and to still strengthen a weak faith. And if you are still weak in faith, immerse yourselves in My word and, through the strength of My word, also increase the strength of your faith. For if you let Me speak to you I will be able to remedy your spiritual adversity at the same time and My word will not remain ineffective on you, you will feel, if you are of good will, that I only speak words of truth to you, that My love wants to give you what you lack, that I want to give to you spiritually and earthly in order to win you for Me, in order to bring a profound unshakeable faith to maturity in you. For this makes you free from all weakness of body and soul. A strong faith is your own strength, for then you will also know that you are never without help and that you can overcome everything with My support, with My strength, which you can acquire yourselves through faith. Therefore, again and again I have to impose tests of faith on you, again and again I have to let you experience earthly adversity so that your faith will revive, so that you will present your earthly adversity to Me and then fully trustingly expect My help. And you will receive it because I also want to help you to have strong faith so that you will also face greater adversity without worry and fear, so that you will always oppose it with My certain help and I can now take it away from you.



For I will truly never disappoint a believing earthly child which trusts in the father's help. My love will remove earthly and spiritual adversity from you if you believe in Me and My love....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### **Faithful trust ensures God's help....**

B.D. No. 5940

April 24th 1954

**I** Am close to you.... Just a thought will call Me to you, and you can confide all your worries and problems to Me.... I hear you and Am always willing to help. However, you must place your trust in Me.... You must believe that you, as My children, are always embraced by My love, that I will never leave you to your own devices but always watch over you like a good father looks after his children. In that case you can rest entirely assured that nothing will harm you, that everything that is destined to approach you will be good for your soul. But your faithful call to Me will also ward off what seems unbearable to you, for My love cannot deny you anything if you trustingly ask Me for it. But if you doubt My love or My power you will make it impossible for Me to grant your prayer. Nevertheless, I will not disappoint a strong faith.... Therefore I will always admonish you: Make sure that you gain strong faith.... make sure that your faith comes alive through love.... This is My constant instruction, My constant wake-up call, because love is the only solution to dispose of all adversity, since through a life of love you will gain such strong faith that you will subsequently be able to banish all adversity.... You truly would not have to suffer or endure earthly distress if you had the strength of faith at your disposal which is the result of selfless kind-hearted activity. Then the purpose of your earthly life of changing your nature into love and, through love, being in heartfelt contact with Me, would have been fulfilled already.... since My presence rules out all adversity. Yet you humans are still weak in faith and thus also weak in love.... For this reason you should always turn to Me with a request for help to strengthen you. Request the strength you are lacking and believe that I will help you because I love you and want to gain your love as well. The heartfelt union with Me through prayer will assure you My support, and even if there are days and hours in your life when you are fainthearted and want to despair.... you are never forsaken by your Father in Heaven, and He will always help when the time is right....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

# Jesus Christ - Doctor of body and soul

## Saviour of body and soul....

B.D. No. 4626

May 1st 1949

**Y**ou should bring all your cares to Me, for I Am truly the greatest Saviour and able to take every ailment from you, Who is able to grant health to your body and soul and bestow you with an eternally indestructible life. Even though you are required to use earthly medications, without My blessing the objective of these medicines will be defeated; whereas I can also bless the sick person to become healthy in accordance with My will without external remedies. And I will do this as soon as I recognise that his suffering is no longer necessary, as soon as it has achieved its purpose and contributed towards the purification of the soul. For the sickness of soul is related to that of the body. You humans have no idea what a large factor physical illness plays in the soul's higher development and how grateful the soul will be one day that it was allowed to take this path in the flesh, and a much shorter path of earthly life resulted in its greater maturity.

Therefore, when you suffer you should only ever pray 'Father, your will be done....' Then I will do My part just as you do yours, I will come to you as Saviour of body and soul and your recovery will be ensured. Bear your fragile body for the sake of your soul's strength and know that it will find it much easier to develop and look for unity with the spiritual kingdom if its body does not offer resistance, which it always does in a healthy state. Then the soul will be beautiful when it leaves its physical shell.... But in order for you to become conscious of My presence and My work, the healing process will happen quickly if you completely devoutly expect the miracle, if you thus believe that nothing is impossible for My might and strength and that My love is always intended for you and therefore also wants to help you. Firm faith is the best remedy which will never fail.... Bring all your cares to Me and you will be set free from them, but come with a strong, unwavering faith and I will not let it be destroyed....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Surrender to Jesus.... Saviour and Physician.... Redeemer....

B.D. No. 6508

March 22nd 1956

**Y**our burden of sin due to your past apostasy from Me has turned you into imperfect and therefore unhappy beings which can only be completely happy again when they are released from their great guilt of sin, when they have atoned it themselves as far as it was possible during the time prior to their embodiment, and when they subsequently allow themselves to be redeemed by Jesus Christ, that I therefore can erase all guilt because they have handed themselves over to the divine Redeem Jesus Christ, in Whom I embodied Myself on earth.... For then they will return to Me again, from Whom they once had distanced themselves.... Then they will voluntarily acknowledge Me as their God and Father of eternity.... And then they will also be infinitely happy as they were in the beginning.... Hence I require you to surrender to Jesus Christ, for your dedication to Him also demonstrates your will to return to Me. But do you humans serious about taking refuge under the cross and receiving forgiveness for your sins? Are you approaching Him, Who is your Saviour, your Redeemer and your Brother, with absolute faith? Do you in all honesty want to make use of His grace which He had acquired for you on the cross? Do you speak words in spirit and in truth? Or are they just empty phrases when you profess Him?

He is truly your Saviour and Physician, He is the Redeemer from sin and death, He is the vessel which carried Me, and thus His might and strength was limitless.... And this man Jesus is and will remain the Eternal Deity, for I chose Him to enable Me becoming a visible God for you since I Am but Spirit from everlasting to everlasting. And if you call upon Him you call upon Me.... And I listen and will grant your request, since I gave you the promise through Jesus Christ 'Whatever you will ask in My name, that will I do....' Trust these Words with complete faith and don't hesitate to commend yourselves to your Saviour and Redeemer, so that I can give you the evidence that I will keep My Word.... You must always remember that I give you the occasion for every prayer in spirit and in truth Myself, that I want you to come to Me in every adversity of body and soul.... And thus take this step to Me, consider My Words, let them penetrate them deeply into your heart and believe without doubt, for My promises are truth, but you determine their fulfilment yourselves.

I carried all your sins on your behalf, I took upon Myself all suffering and adversity which you would have had to carry as penance for your original sin.... And every person's life can be free of worry and suffering if he hands his sin over to Me Myself, that I might also have carried his guilt on his behalf. Yet he must pray with absolute faith, he must know that I don't want people to suffer.... but that I cannot avert his suffering contrary to My eternal order if his faith is still so feeble that his call won't reach My ear, if he still doubts My love or My might.... I can help all people and want to help all people. And if your faith is a living one then make use of My assurance and hand yourselves over to Me.... You first requirement is a living faith in My act of Salvation, you have to be convinced that I have carried all your sins, that I have taken all your suffering upon Myself and died on the cross so that you can be free of them. Only then will all your doubt disappear, only then will you entrust yourselves to Me with complete faith, and only then can I take your suffering from you and redeem you from sin and death. For only then will you have accomplished your return to Me, only then will you acknowledge Me in spirit and in truth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## The right soul doctor....

B.D. No. 6778

March 8th 1957

**E**very sick person needs healing medicine if he wants to recover and let his body become fresh and strong again in order to be able to fulfil his duties on earth.... And thus the sick soul also requires healing medicine which helps it to gain strength in order to likewise be able to fulfil the task it has been given for earthly life. It is sick and weak when it begins life as a human being, and it has an ascent ahead of it for which it needs strength. (8.3.1957) Therefore healing must be brought to it, it must entrust itself to a doctor and helper who knows its illnesses, who now administers the right medicine through which it can recover. It must enjoy strong nourishment in order to also gain strength and now also be able to cover the ascent to the heights. And there is only one doctor who can truly help it, who knows all its sufferings and weaknesses and who has the right medicine ready for all: It is Jesus Christ, the saviour and redeemer from sin and death.... And there is only one healing nourishment which He administers to the sick soul: His word, which alone puts the soul into the state that it can now powerfully walk the path upwards, which lets it reach the aim for the purpose of which it was allowed to embody itself on earth. For this word is the bread which comes from heaven, which divine love distributes with a hand of blessing, which truly lets every sick soul recover when it is gratefully received from the hand of Jesus Christ.... the creator and father of eternity.... when the soul refreshes itself with it, when it truly enjoys flesh and blood, the word, which flows constantly as God's flow of grace and is accessible to everyone who feels hunger and thirst, who is sick and weak and needs bread and wine in order to regain strength.... His word is the right medicine for the sick soul, and it is the source of strength for the healthy but still weak soul, for just **as** the human soul on earth is made up.... it constantly needs food and drink, it will never be able to do without nourishment because it shall mature in earthly life and for this it always requires strength which alone can flow to it through the word of God. And if a person is aware of his weakness, if he recognizes that his soul is still sick

and in need of a doctor, then he will also turn to the one Who offers him a certain guarantee that he will be helped.... He will entrust himself to Jesus Christ and appeal for recovery, he will admit his weakness and inadequacy to Him and lean on Him, for he knows that he will find support with Him, that Jesus Christ as a physician of the soul is also willing to give him what his soul needs.... He knows that His healing hand only needs to stretch out so that he will become healthy and that He will continue to administer the right nourishment to it. And he will accept His word, he will draw strength from His word again and again and soon also experience the **effect** of the divine word on himself.... For a **divine** gift does not remain ineffective. But anyone who does not recognize his soul's illnesses will not supply it with the right medicine either, and it will remain weak and miserable, it will not be able to manage the ascent upwards, and furthermore it will also be without nourishment, for the right nourishment for the soul is only the word of God. And thus it can be that a soul, at the end of its earthly life, is still just as meagre and weak as it entered earth.... For it can indeed be meagre and completely powerless but it cannot pass away.... And in this state it must now also enter the spiritual kingdom where it will bitterly feel its inadequacy. But again and again the saviour of the sick and weak approaches people, again and again He offers Himself to help them recover, again and again He lets the flow of strength to earth from which all sick souls could draw strength.... And truly, the sickness and weakness will be taken away from every soul which entrusts itself to the saviour and redeemer Jesus Christ. And the remorse of those will be bitter who passed Him by and never made use of His medical help, for they will remain sick and weak and thus also enter the kingdom of the beyond in this way....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## God's word - the right medicine

**"Keep My word.... come all ye to Me...."**

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March 28th 1949

**A**dhere to My word and don't ponder and question whether it is to be understood differently than you feel in your heart. You can always draw comfort and strength from My word, and thus you need not live in fear and worry but can banish them at any time by letting Me speak to you. As the father of My children I know everything that moves them and presses them, and I stand by and wait until My children trustingly approach Me and ask Me for help. And I do not deny them what they ask for.... I have an answer ready for every anxious question, and I repeat what I said when I walked on earth: "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened...." Don't let yourselves be weighed down by worldly worries which will dissolve into nothing again by themselves, but only remember your soul which will always receive strength, to which the strength from Me is imparted through My word, which is why receiving My word is the most necessary thing for you which you must not neglect. And that is why I so often let hardship and suffering come upon you because I want you to withdraw the strength from My word so that your souls will be strengthened. I want you to maintain an everlasting connection with Me, that you don't put Me aside and let the world come to the fore. And if you are in danger I will approach you in the form of suffering and affliction. And then let Me speak to you.... And I will speak words to you which truly give you strength and comfort and shall be evidence of My presence, of My knowledge about your adversity and of My love. I only want you to come to Me of your own accord in order to feel your trust which makes Me happy, and I want to remind you of all My words which I spoke to people on earth who were in the same spiritual and earthly adversity. And you will recognize Me Myself in the word, because you recognize the divine origin through the gift of strength, and thus you will also be firm in your faith, which I want to help you achieve through My word....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

**Serious Words from the heavenly Father.... Physician....  
Medicine....**

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October 20th 1954

**W**hat I administer is a truly beneficial medicine for your soul which enables its recovery and makes it suitable for eternal life in beatitude. Yet what good is it to you if you don't use it, if you indeed know its healing power but don't utilise it.... what is the use of listening to My Word if you don't live accordingly.... if therefore the strength of My Word cannot take effect on you? You have a most effective means of healing but don't put its effectiveness to the test; you seek advice from Me as your soul's physician but don't follow My instructions and thus cannot get better although you are under the care of a good physician.... You don't want to live up to My advice and therefore remain in a miserable state, and your soul's hardship remains undiminished.... it has to suffer because you deny it help. And the soul's suffering results in earthly adversity, for thereby I want you to think about the fact that your way of life is wrong, that it puts your soul at risk and that it ought to beware not it lose its life....

Yet I can only ever offer you what will help your soul.... If it doesn't accept My medicine it will remain sick and in a wretched state and unable to enjoy the spiritual life.... This is why hearing My Word will not benefit you greatly as long as you don't make any effort to live accordingly.... for you will only receive strength when you put My Word into practise by fulfilling My commandments of love. Only when you carry out deeds of love on earth will you be permeated by My strength of love

yourselves, and that also signifies your soul's recovery, it signifies a state of life in strength and light.... I would like all of you to attain this and therefore seriously admonish you to take My Words to heart and act accordingly.... I caution you not to treat your soul's life carelessly but to straight away provide it with the strength it needs to get well again.... I exhort you to ask Me for help if you are unable, if you are too weak, to accomplish your will.... I will provide you with the strength if only you turn to Me with complete confidence, if you call upon Me with your heart and confess your weakness.... For I Am always your Physician and Helper Who will never leave you at the mercy of your fate but wants to save those who are ailing in body and soul....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## **Effect of spiritual nourishment on body and soul....**

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March 27th 1957

**S**piritual nourishment also means the supply of strength for the body if it is accepted with a grateful heart, if the word of God, His address, is absorbed with true hunger and thus its strength can permeate the whole person, which is also felt by the body because its spiritual substances are also touched by the flow of strength and it now feels invigorated. But people make too little use of God's divine gift, they could provide themselves with a benefit and fail to do so, they could banish any weakness and fail to do so.... They let the soul starve, and its weakness is then often shared by the body. To give the soul the right nourishment is your task in life, for it shall mature during earthly life. But only God Himself can distribute the right nourishment, which is why He invites all people to take supper with Him, because He wants to fill and water them at His table, because He Himself wants to give them what people need for their souls. And His loving father's eye truly does not miss it when a tired, sick body also comes to Him to be fed by His hand.... And He will especially bless this body's food and drink so that it will also noticeably feel the strength that emanates from it.... But it is not the frailty of the body that should cause him to come to the lord's table to take supper with Him, but his soul alone should want to satisfy hunger and thirst, only for his soul should he ask for the right nourishment, it alone should he want to supply strength.... His thoughts should only be spiritually directed when he receives His gift from God's hand.... But this satiation will also have an effect on his body, because God will also take care of it if He finds such a spiritual attitude which proves the soul's desire for God.... For He can only give strength in excess to the human being who uses all his strength again to work for Him. Nothing else can replace the nourishment of the soul, it has to come from God Himself, thus God Himself must also be able to be present in the person whom He wants to provide with His nourishment.... He says: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock.... whoever opens the door to Me, I will come in to him and take supper with him...." v v He must therefore find an open door, the human being's will must be ready to be addressed by God Himself, and when he hears His voice, then God must also be present to him.... And then the divine strength of love also radiates through the whole person, and this therefore also means strengthening of the body at the same time as the soul.... The innermost, deepest desire for God's word is what also allows a feeding from God's hand.... And then both the soul and the body must recover, because His word is strength which can also stimulate the bodily organs again to activity according to His will.... God blesses those who devote themselves to Him, who long for Him and who put Him before everything, who no longer pay attention to their body but only seek to fulfil the soul's desire.... These have become His, and in intimate communion His divine flow of love will now overflow. The father, Who knows His child's weaknesses, will come to its aid in physical adversity because its soul has closely united with Him. And if the father now speaks to His child then the soul's hunger will be satisfied, it will be able to feast on His word, it will no longer feel its body either, it will not feel an oppressive shell, because the body's substances also consume the nourishment offered to the soul, because they, too, become ever more spiritualized, because everything diseased, impure is eliminated or purified, because it cannot withstand the strength from God and no longer wants to offer resistance either....

Amen

## The right physician and curative medicine....

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June 5th 1958

The soul's recovery can only be achieved by a curative medicine, a medicine offered by the right physician who knows the soul's condition and also knows what helps it to recover. And a right doctor will therefore also know how to influence the human being to give his soul the right medicine.... A right doctor will endeavour to make the healing of the soul a priority for the human being, for a right doctor wants to help the imperishable to live, to live in light and strength and freedom.... And whoever entrusts himself to such a doctor will also attain life that lasts forever.... There is only one saviour Who knows the souls and their illnesses so well that He can administer the right medicine. And this saviour is I Myself, your God and father, from Whom you once emerged and Who also knows exactly what your nature is, what state you got into through your own fault, but Who also wants to help you to become like you once were again, when you were able to create in radiant beauty and strength, full of light and free, according to your destiny. But in order to reach this blissful state, your sick soul must first recover. All the dross that afflicts it must fall away, a new, purified soul must emerge, everything that is sick, weak and impure must be removed from it.... And for this you need a doctor who will administer the right medicine to help you recover. The physician is Me, and the medicine is My word.... If you now let Me speak to you, if you accept My word and follow all My instructions, you can be certain that your illnesses will very soon leave you, that the state of your soul will change, that you will soon feel pulsated by a new current of life, that you will become active in a feeling of constantly increasing strength.... Your soul will recover and enjoy the awakening life, it will soon look for a field of activity to utilize its strength, and this field of activity will reach into the spiritual kingdom.... which is its true home and to which it now feels drawn. A healthy soul is worth far more than a healthy body, for the latter perishes while the former remains, and for a soul which is ill this can mean an endless time of most bitter remorse and torment if it does not strive for its recovery on earth and thus passes over ill into the kingdom of the beyond. And therefore you humans should all entrust yourselves to Me as your saviour and redeemer, Who **alone** can give you life. For only the 'healthy' can speak of 'life', the sick just vegetates, it is incapable of any activity, it is a burden to itself and only longs for the termination of its state of illness. And so too a sick soul is unhappy because it does not know the joy and happiness of health but is nevertheless destined to work in light and strength.... And it can easily attain full recovery if only it accepts the healing medicine from Me and also uses it.... This is what you humans need to know, that not only listening to My word is enough but that you have to become true doers of My word in order to be able to perceive its effect on yourselves.... You can only become healthy in your soul if you do what is My will, which is proclaimed to you through My word: if you live in love.... **Love** is the true medicine which works with certainty, for it is strength in itself, and the soul which is once permeated by this strength.... when the human being performs works of unselfish love.... will inevitably also attain life which can no longer perish eternally.... And I, as the true saviour of your souls, will only ever instruct you to fulfil the commandments of love for God and your neighbour. I will constantly admonish you to work on yourselves, i.e., to fight selfish love and change it into unselfish neighbourly love.... And all dross will now fall from your soul, it will be pure and clean, strength and light will flow through it and it will be able to enjoy fullest health, it will live for eternity, it will be able to be active in freedom, light and strength and be immeasurably happy....

Amen

# Healing the sick

## Diseases and cure....

B.D. No. 8653

October 23rd 1963

If you know the blessing of disease, if you know that disease contributes towards the soul's purification.... that disease aids your patience and humility to accept My will and you consequently no longer oppose My will.... if you accept that everything happening to you is recognised by Me as beneficial for you, then you will know that I also recognise the moment in time of your recovery....

However, the fact that I will not cure you instantly is due to your freedom of will, for then you would be forced to believe in Me and My might, but you shall attain this faith without coercion.... Furthermore, you know that the purpose of earthly life consists of providing loving service.... Thus one will always have to work for the other if he wants to fulfil his helpful earthly task. And thus I will also bless the people who are always willing to help even where it concerns physical ailments and pains, and who are able to do so insofar as that they recognise the cause of an illness and the correct remedies to heal it. For depending on their helpfulness and their love for their weak and suffering fellow human beings they will indeed be successful. But in the final analysis every cure is based on My will which therefore imposes a limit on a human being's work when I recognise that the effect of a long illness is of value for the soul. My will determines a human being's destiny, thus it also includes diseases which the human will is unable to cure despite all applied treatments.

I will never condemn people's attempt to discover methods which are intended to help those who suffer.... For as long as loving helpfulness is the reason for all kinds of research My blessing will rest on it too.... If, however, the motive for producing such remedies is based on the acquisition of earthly possessions, they will generally be ineffective or damaging for the human body despite apparent improvement.... The most harmless remedies can equally suffice to result in a cure, because it is My will and I deem the moment of a cure to have arrived.

An illness shall primarily further the bond with Me, the human being shall take refuge in Me and appeal to Me Myself to be healed, then I will send people to cross your path who only want what is in your best interests, whose thoughts will be guided by Me if they are in contact with Me in thought or through a life of love in accordance with My will. But such healers are only rarely to be found, and therefore people more than ever use remedies which likewise originate from unblest work.... And then neither the body nor the soul will be able to derive a cure from them because I Myself don't allow that the soul shall be helped **against** the human being's will.... so that he learns to turn away from the world because the body is no longer able to meet the demands of the world.

Thus you humans can always call upon the help of a physician, but the cure is determined by Me, however, I will often bless the efforts of the latter so that you will recover; yet you shall also derive from every illness a blessing for your soul, that you submit yourselves to Me and My will, that you patiently and gratefully bear the suffering, because it is greatly beneficial for your soul when you prove yourselves during an illness.

But with a rock-hard faith you will also be able to free yourselves from every ailment.... just as I Myself during My life on earth was able to heal people 'whose faith had made them whole....' For nothing is impossible to Me and if your love is so profound that it brings forth a living, strong faith then you will not doubt My love and might for a second.

Then you can be instantly healed, because then this recovery will not be **compulsory** faith for you since you will **possess** an unshakable faith.... But which one of you can muster this strong faith? Who can use My might without doubt, who will give himself to Me so completely with the plea to heal him



and is also convinced that his plea will be granted? Then any miracle can truly happen, be it on yourselves or on a fellow human being on whose behalf you voice this request in strong faith.... But anyone who is very sincerely united with Me has already completely accepted My will and lets Me rule and does not use his will in advance.... He will bear even the most difficult suffering with humility in My will and thus renders a far greater service to his soul than through the healing of the body.... But I will always work in you such that your fate will be enduring.... and when a human being has to suffer immense pain it **also** just expresses My love for his **soul**, which one day will be grateful to Me in the spiritual kingdom that it was able to dispose of many impurities on earth, that it was also permitted to remove guilt on earth enabling it to enter the spiritual kingdom far less burdened, which it could never have achieved with a healthy body....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

### Strength of faith.... Healing the sick.... Miracles....

B.D. No. 5843

January 2nd 1954

**Y**ou will be able to work with inconceivable strength if you call upon Me for help with profound faith. You must be motivated by love to request this strength of Mine, your faith must be so strong that you will not hesitate for a second when you think of helping a person in need. Then you shall work in My name and you will be impelled by My spirit to do so.... Therefore, do not believe that you take the right to do something that does **not** correspond to My will, but do without qualms whatever you feel impelled to do and you will succeed. For I have guaranteed you My strength if you are of strong faith. And it is My will that your fellow human beings shall be persuaded of the strength of faith in the last days before the end, hence I will not let you be harmed if you want to serve Me and at the same time your fellow human beings. But I will never give My blessings for actions of self-interest, destruction or heartlessness.... Understand that **love** has to be the driving force and motivate you to request My strength, never hatred or an urge for revenge, for only **love** moves My spirit into action. And only through love can you unite with Me so that you then can also partake of My strength. And this love lets your faith come so alive that you no longer doubt the success of what you want to achieve. This also explains the many healings of the sick which are accomplished in My name.

Then I Myself Am called upon for help, My promise is being appealed to 'Ask, and it shall be given to you; knock, and it shall be opened to you.... ' and with complete faith in the truth of My Word anyone who is lovingly taken care of by the healer will be healed, for the latter will have handed himself over to Me and I will truly be with him in My strength.... he can cure him because he can make unlimited use of My strength. Profoundly faithful people can therefore work on earth for the benefit of their fellow human beings, for they are permitted to do so as soon as they associate it with a living testimony of My name, as soon as My name is thereby glorified.... as soon as it happens in order to help people who strive towards Me gain a firm and indisputable faith.... and not in order to force disbelievers into believing.... Complete unbelief is an obstacle for the working of My spirit.... And the confessor of My name will either be restrained by My spirit from working miracles while watched by a non-believer or the latter will substantiate any healing with natural explanations.... Yet in the last days the weak shall still be won over by overcoming their resistance through the strength of faith of My Own.... And therefore many a miracle will be accomplished in My name in the last days, so that those of weak faith shall be strengthened in order to then be able to believe with conviction and to stand firm in the last battle on this earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

**L**ay your hands on the sick and bless them.... and the strength of your faith will heal them, because you entrust the sick person to Me Myself and My strength is unlimited and therefore can also work without restriction as soon as you believe it.... Whatever you do in unity with Me has to succeed.... But do you really feel closely united with Me?.... I must ask you this question because on this alone depends your strength for healing the sick, because it depends on you yourselves as to whether you enable your fellow beings' recovery, because your faith has to be so strong that you can feel My living presence beside you and thus work in unity with Me when you pronounce My name as you bless the sick person in My name.... I have become such a distant God to humanity that it can no longer understand how a human being can be so intimately united with Me as to use My strength according to his will, and even My believers only rarely muster such strength of faith that they won't doubt for a minute that I will support them if they want to help their fellow human beings.... Hence there are only a few with the gift of healing the sick at their disposal, precisely because they use Me and My strength when they need it.... And faith in Me during the last days has become so weak and small amongst humanity that a profoundly devout person with extraordinary strength at his disposal will also attract extraordinary attention, so that he then will either achieve much spiritual success by leading people back to believing in Me and the strength of My name or be treated with hostility by those who lack all strength of faith yet claim the sole right for themselves to proclaim My name to people.

And the latter are more to blame than the complete non-believers, for they know and acknowledge Me and yet lack living faith in Me, they merely uphold words which have not yet come sufficiently alive in them to demonstrate their effects. They haven't put them to the test, which a living faith is able to do.... and if someone sets an example for them they attack him because they sense his spiritual superiority and enviously recognise My assistance which they have not yet laid claim to themselves. In the last days before the end the number of people will increase in whom the gifts of the spirit will take effect, people, who will be in such heartfelt contact with Me that everything they do will be done with Me, in My will and by calling upon My name.... And they will prove themselves in various ways as My messengers, for whatever a person who is permeated by My spirit subsequently thinks, speaks or does will point to Me and My kingdom.... and everything betrays a special strength which is only at his disposal because he allows Me to work through him, because his faith in Me and the strength of My love is so strong that it flows to him unimpeded, and thus he can also help his fellow human beings in a supernatural way.... For he is full of love for them and this love provides him with strength from Me directly.... and thus it will also be possible for him to carry out whatever he wants....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

**Healing the sick.... Proclaiming Jesus Christ....**

**O**nce someone has gained convinced faith in Me he will never ever lose it again, even if he is repeatedly confronted by temptations, weaknesses of faith, which everyone is subject to for as long as he lives on earth. But time after time he will take the path to Me again, Whom he has recognised as his God and Father of eternity. But there are people.... and they are the majority.... who don't believe as yet, who are still far removed from realisation because they are still very distant from Me. And every so often I grant such people special consideration in order to help them to believe. And these are the people who, through extraordinary actions, through healing the sick or different kinds of miracle-working shall be motivated to think about it.... yet always in combination with devout people.... so that I can first provide the evidence of Myself and My strength to those who believe and thereby encourage their fellow human beings to also seek contact with the One Whom they can recognise in these unusual occurrences.

And thus, many sick people are often simply chosen instruments who, through their faith, allow My working in them and at the same time help their fellow human beings to gain faith, for I will never let My strength become effective in a complete unbeliever, this is why the healers' spiritual vision can also distinguish whether faith healing can take place or not. This is why cures will not always happen, even if one of My spiritually awakened healers is at work.... because healing the soul is a priority, yet the healing of a complete unbeliever would more likely result in the soul's death than in its life.... This is also why faith healers are often attacked by worldly people who believe they can justify their attitude by the fact that not all healings are successful, that flaws become evident which, however, are precisely due to the said reason.

Consequently, the subject of 'miracle healing', too, remains a disputed one; people can believe it but they are not impelled to do so.... However, every believer will leave the result to Me, for his faith in Me also gives him the assurance that I will do whatever benefits the human being's soul.... In the last days, however, the signs and miracles will increase for it will be necessary to verify the strength of Jesus' name, so that His act of Salvation will be observed and unbelievers will still find Him before it is too late. And so.... wherever the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ is proclaimed.... many marvellous things shall yet manifest themselves.... Anyone who believes shall also serve Me as a witness so that My strength can become effective in him.... Anyone who has faith shall entrust his body's ailments to the proclaimers of Jesus Christ, so that I can demonstrate My might and strength through them and also help those who are still weak in faith or who have no belief at all in the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ.... For in view of the end you all should know that I will work in extraordinary ways and that I will make use of those who are strong in faith and in love....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Jesus Christ bears the cross

**Time of trials.... Jesus, the bearer of the cross....**

B.D. No. 3573

October 10th 1945

If God puts you to the test, humbly accept His trials and faithfully wait for His help.... For the suffering and trials will not end until the last day has come. It is still necessary to purify and to reform souls until their physical death or to gain souls which still stand apart from God's love. And the time left until the end of the old earth is only short. Hence, it needs to be used in every way. Only adversity and afflictions of the body will still bring the soul's transformation about. And these adversities will also affect those people who strive towards God. Yet they, too, can gain the greatest blessings from these adversities if they are recognised as means used by God's love in order to reduce the distance between Himself and people within a short time, so as to enable the soul to receive God's illumination of love directly, which signifies eternal life for the soul. Endure your destiny without complaining, for it is determined by God's love for your soul's speedier maturing. And know that He will never leave you without the strength to pass the tests; know that He will always help you carry your cross if you, in faith of the divine Redeemer, appeal to Him for it. Know that all adversity will come to an end when you leave the earthly valley in order to enter the spiritual kingdom. It is only a short time of trial, nevertheless it is a blessing for you if you recognise divine will therein and don't grumble and complain. That which has been destined for you since eternity serves you, who believe, to benefit your soul, or to transform those of you who are still distant from God. Therefore bow down to divine will and carry your small cross, and if you deem it to be heavy let yourselves be helped by Jesus, the bearer of the cross, Who took the crucifixion upon Himself for the sake of your adversity and Who suffered on your behalf out of greater than great love. Call upon Him and His help will be assured to you. His love is always on hand for you, and your earthly adversity will be endurable, you will overcome the trials and stand firm in faith. The whole of humanity needs the adversities and sufferings, and therefore God pours them upon the earth in order to gain its inhabitants for the spiritual kingdom. And even if His Own must suffer too, they nevertheless still attain even greater perfection, and they will be eternally thankful to their Creator and Provider, their Father of eternity, Who, in His love, uses the right means to shape their souls into bearers of light while they are still on earth. And therefore don't despair and don't let yourselves be disheartened by the adversities of the time.... The end is near and with it the time of your deliverance and your entry into the spiritual kingdom, where all suffering comes to an end....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

**Cross bearer Jesus.... "Come all ye to Me...."**

B.D. No. 4051

May 29th 1947

He Who allowed Himself to be crucified for you humans, Whose love also wants to help you carry every earthly cross if only you acknowledge Him and want to burden Him with your cross. For every person who is in pain, who flees to Him in his worries and suffering, asking Him for His support and firmly trusting in His help, has mercy on Him.... "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you...." These are His words which fill your heart with love and comfort, which you should recall in every distress of body and soul.... "I will refresh you...." And thus He will take everything heavy from you, He will help you carry it so that you will no longer feel the burden. For His word is truth, and only firm faith in it is the prerequisite that you will find help in suffering and adversity, both spiritually and earthly. And anyone who takes refuge in Him, who places himself

under His cross and calls upon Him as redeemer of the world, will soon be helped, for this is the merit of the man Jesus, that He offered all His suffering and pain to God for suffering humanity, that He was willing to offer a sacrifice of atonement.... that He, as the purest being of light, handed Himself over to the henchmen and executioners who, due to their affiliation with satan, caused Him much torment, because His purity inwardly rebelled against the black souls of His tormentors. Yet He drank the cup of suffering to the full and thus offered God a sacrifice of atonement for the whole of humanity, which was now able to make use of the exceeding gift of grace, which can place all burdens on Him and find a willing cross-bearer at any time if only it believes in Jesus Christ as redeemer and son of God. But He calls out to all believers: "He who loves Me, let him take up his cross and follow Me...." Whoever shapes himself into love like Him will not be too oppressed by the cross, because following Jesus also secures the presence of God for the human being, Who is in every work of love.... following Jesus.... is present....

Amen

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### Walk to the cross.... cross bearer Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. 6378

October 15th 1955

**C**arry your cross in patience, for it is no heavier than you are capable of carrying.... No-one needs to collapse under the burden of his cross because there is one Who helps him carry it if only he calls upon this one, if he is aware of his weakness and trustingly goes to Him Who can and does give him strength and fortification as soon as He is approached for it. But anyone who believes that he does not need divine help, who feels strong enough himself, who does not want to acknowledge a lord above him, will very often feel the burden of the cross, for I Myself influence such people through this burden of the cross in order to make their path to Me easier, because I have to demand their acknowledgement in order to be able to prepare a blissful life for them one day. Bear your cross with patience, for then you will already be walking a path of the cross which can be a blessing for you. But you can also become inflamed and indignant against your fate.... Then you will be in grave danger, for then you will already be My adversary's prey when help comes to you strikingly quickly, when you are relieved of every burden, for then **he** will help you because you rebel against Me, Who imposed the cross upon you for your salvation. I walked the path to the cross for you, I Myself collapsed under the burden of the cross because it was immeasurably heavy.... but I did it **for you** so that you should not have to bear such a heavy burden, that it should be bearable for you at all times.... Therefore I walk beside you as an invisible cross-bearer, and every help-seeking turn to Me will also find Me ready to take the burden off you. Yet anyone who walks along stubbornly, who does not make use of My help, will always feel it more heavily.... But his own will determines the weight of his burden of the cross.... and the human being should beware of calling upon him through unwillingness and arrogant attitude, who is only waiting for the moment when **he** can step in but who does not want to offer help but only wants to ruin you.... I have gone ahead of you the way and I keep calling you to follow Me.... I have reached My aim by uniting Myself as the human being Jesus with the father, Who took possession of My body and filled Me with light and strength.... Your path, too, can lead to this aim, you, too, could attain immeasurable bliss if you endeavour to follow Me, but this also entails carrying the burden of the cross.... But you need not walk alone, in Me you always have a companion Who supports you and helps you carry your burden as soon as you consciously entrust yourselves to Me and request My help.... But you will achieve little progress if your earthly life is easy and carefree, if you don't free your soul from dross by carrying the burden of the cross, which will hinder the soul's illumination for a very long time. You should **release** your soul from these drosses, which will not be difficult for you if you call upon the divine redeemer Jesus Christ for help.... But for this reason I place a cross upon you humans so that you may remember Him.... Through the burden of the cross I want to call you to Me, you who are too lukewarm to take the path to Me.... I will bring to your remembrance what I have done for you through My cross, through My suffering and dying on the cross.... As long as you are well on earth, you remember little of My greatest deed of love.... Only

when the cross weighs you down do you turn your eyes to Me, and then you also acknowledge Me when you ask Me for help.... Then you consciously take the path of following Jesus when you bow down to My will, when you remember My crucifixion, My immense suffering but also My love which sacrificed itself for you....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## Guidance and help of the Father

### God's will to help is greater than the adversity....

B.D. No. 3936

December 15th 1946

**T**he adversity will never be greater than God's will to help.... He knows why He inflicts it on you, and as soon as it has served its purpose of having motivated you to enter into most heartfelt contact with Him, He will also remove it and clearly come to your aid. For His might is infinitely great, and His love is supreme.... And if you believe that He does not want to let you to suffer without reason, that He thereby only intends to benefit your souls, you only need to commend yourselves to Him and His grace and He will help you in every danger and distress. Yet you must always consider the fate of your souls first, you must always aim to mature psychologically, i.e., to fulfil God's will, for you are only on this world in order to shape yourselves in accordance with God's will. If you disregard His will then you will have to be moved by suffering to change your mind; but if you voluntarily comply with His will then the suffering will always be bearable for you, even if you have to endure it for your own and your fellow human beings' sake. For at a time of a low spiritual level, when the whole of humanity is neglectful in fulfilling the divine commandments, when it no longer lives according to divine will, suffering and adversity will also have to strike the whole of humanity to a greater extent if it is to change and accomplish its purpose of earthly life.

So it is to be expected that it will also affect the people who at all times make divine will the guiding principle for their way of life, yet their adversity will always be endurable, God's help for them will always be clearly recognisable, He will always let them feel His love and support them by virtue of His omnipotence and His love, which will constantly express themselves with His Own. For He wants to strengthen their faith, He wants to reveal Himself as an ever helpful and kind Father, Who will not leave His children in adversity if they call upon Him for help. And every earthly and spiritual crisis shall induce people to call upon Him in their hearts, in spirit and in truth.... For through his heartfelt appeal to God the human being unites himself with Him and is able to receive the necessary strength from Him to become fully mature in his soul. And God will time and again clearly reveal Himself to His Own, and anyone who pays attention to it will be able to convince Himself of His love and care every hour of every day, and He will glorify and praise Him in his heart and give thanks to Him.... For no adversity is greater than the might and love of the One Who sends it.... He always knows a solution, even if the earthly peril seems insurmountable.... Therefore believe in Him and don't doubt His love, for it takes hold of you and will never ever leave you, so that you shall recognise Him and become and remain His Own for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

### God's sure help in coming distress....

B.D. No. 5968

May 31th 1954

**T**he world will still cause you humans much trouble in a time of unrest which precedes the end. For you will see more and more of the world, and spiritual matters will fade into the background in view of the miserable situation you humans will find yourselves in which is nevertheless easy to bear if you adjust yourselves spiritually, if only you join Me and appeal to Me for help. You can only survive the coming time in a bearable way with the right attitude towards Me.... Believe these words of Mine and don't let My image fade away in you.... i.e., don't put Me aside for the sake of the world, for I am also a lord of this world, and I can truly lead you out of all adversity and protect you from all dangers if only you let Me be present, if you don't let a day go by without intimately joining Me, and

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you commend yourselves to My love and grace. I want to be your constant thought and you should not let anything separate you from Me.... The awareness that I can always help you and also want to help you should let you persevere in every earthly adversity quietly and trustingly until My help comes, **for it will come**.... as long as you stick to Me and hand yourselves over to Me and My will.... Who should be able to help you if not Me?.... and is there any need greater than My power? And I promise you My help if you want to be and remain Mine, if you stand by Me and give Me the first place in your heart.... What can the world do to you?.... as long as you lean on Me, you are stronger than the world, than all the threats and hardships My adversary intends to inflict on you.... I can also keep these away from you, and I will do so if you earnestly seek to attain Me and My kingdom. And whether it roars and rages around you.... quietly and safely you can watch the greatest storm pass you by because I command it not to touch you.... Therefore, pay no attention to the world and its turmoil.... Do not let yourselves be anxious and oppressed by things concerning your earthly life.... Just turn your eyes trustingly to Me and stretch out your hand to Me and I will lead you out of all distress.... I will guide you safely even over uneven paths and your soul will reach its aim without danger.... earthly and spiritually I will look after you and strengthen you in the time to come....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### **God's help to the trusting supplicant....**

B.D. No. 5999

July 11th 1954

**I** truly don't want to leave you in weakness who appeal to Me for strength and grace, and I want to provide for you like a father provides for his children whose will he recognizes as good and turned towards him. At times I let the feeling of weakness arise in you because I want to bind you ever more firmly to Me in order to show you that you can be strong with Me and that you have nothing to fear if only you firmly attach yourselves to Me and thus you can now dispose of My strength. You are never alone, even if I keep Myself hidden.... But your call lets Me come out of hiding; therefore don't forget Me.... and no matter how great your adversity is, don't let it gain power over you but don't pay attention to it and trustingly come to Me. It is precisely this trust which also secures you help, for only then will you be My true children if you have no doubts about My might and My love. Can there be anything I cannot remedy? Can people prevent Me from working and can you be harmed when I watch over you? Yet I demand of you that you approach Me for help.... Any adversity only comes upon you because I want to cause you to enter into or deepen the bond with Me.... Try to make this purpose of every adversity clear to yourselves, always remember when you get into an adversity that I allow it because I want to be even more intimately united with you but that you have to accomplish this yourselves, that the adversity is only a small reminder that you should long for My presence more intimately.... I don't want you humans to go your own ways where you don't let Me walk beside you.... I want to be your constant companion, and therefore your paths will become impassable or dangerous if you walk them alone and I want you to call for Me, for the guide Who will always safely lead you over all obstacles on your path. Whenever you are confronted by adversity, first come to Me in confidence and submit it to Me.... For I want you to renounce what oppresses you, I don't want to be ignored, I always want to be the father to Whom you entrust yourselves, and your trust will truly be rewarded, for where no human being can help you My power is not limited, I can always help you, and I always want to help those who come to the father like children and appeal to Him for His help....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### **The right path.... the right guide....**

B.D. No. 6752

February 2nd 1957

**E**nter all the path that leads to the heights.... It is narrow and impassable but the obstacles can be overcome if you entrust yourselves to a good guide Who knows the path, Who will lead you past



all obstacles and cliffs with a sure hand and Who also chooses the shortest path to the aim. Do not let yourselves be frightened by the efforts and strains that lie ahead of you, for your guide will also give you strength for this, and you will overcome everything effortlessly and also no longer feel the path to be as steep and impassable as you initially believed. And if you look back, it will seem like child's play to you and you will also call out to your fellow human beings to choose that path which brought you to the aim. But the aim is the gate into the kingdom of light which is open for **you** who have walked this narrow path upwards. And thus you must regard all difficulties in your earthly life, all strokes of fate, adversity, illness and failures as obstacles which again and again obstruct your path to ascent and which you must bravely **overcome**, but **not flee** from them and stray onto side paths which seem easier to you.... For these lead far away from the right aim. Therefore, accept everything that earthly life offers you in terms of difficulties.... Ask for strength, turn to the right guide and be certain that you will overcome them, because the guide will help you and His help is always a guarantee to reach the aim. A level path does not require any effort, but you will also constantly remain on the same level.... But you shall reach the height. Your bliss is at the top, for you are still at the bottom, where the kingdom of the wretched is, from which you should ascend in order to be able to be blissful.... Hence you also have to use strength and therefore entrust yourselves to a powerful guide, and once **He** has taken over the leadership you will, as it were, be carried upwards, for your will to reach the top is already the strength which will accomplish your ascent. For this reason a laborious, arduous earthly life should always be proof to you that you are on the path to ascent.... Whereas you run the risk of having deviated if life does not demand any effort from you. You must not only think of physical exertion but rather of that strength which requires you to overcome suffering and hardship of all kinds, for you must become still in all the trials you face, and this 'becoming still', this 'bearing in submission' also requires strength which you may draw from your faith and love.... To bear suffering patiently is **also** to overcome the obstacles on the path upwards by humbly taking upon yourselves what is good for the salvation of your soul, which now becomes increasingly lighter when it can cast off its dross and now the ascent also becomes increasingly easier for it. There is only one thing for you: to entrust yourselves to the divine leader Jesus Christ with complete faith that He will take over the guidance and that you will now follow Him without hesitation, no matter how and where He leads you.... And if it is over suffering and adversity, then He also knows that this path will bring you success, that it is the right and shortest path for you, and then you must be willing to take it without contradiction and you will not regret having entrusted yourselves to His guidance. Only ask for strength to be able to cope with all resistance, but don't ask for averting this.... For your guide is always at your side, and He sustains you and gives you assistance wherever obstacles stand in your way.... And every overcoming of such obstacles signifies the safe distance from the abyss, and the ascent will become ever easier for you the more firmly you trust in Jesus Christ's help that He will open the gate for you which leads into the kingdom of light....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### **The father takes over all the worries....**

B.D. No. 7949

July 25th 1961

**T**rust in My help in every earthly and spiritual adversity and only turn to Me, your father of eternity, with all your concerns, Who is always willing to help His children and Whom you will never call upon in vain.... if only you fully trust Me. All earthly events approach you in such a way as to be helpful for your ascent development.... And even if it seems to you as if you get into adversity and distress.... you yourselves can avert these from you if only you faithfully adhere to Me, if you ask Me to take all worries upon Myself.... and I will do so, for the father wants to win His child's love and will therefore only ever give it love.... Every spiritually-directed thought also guarantees you My help, for I have given you the promise: "Seek first the kingdom of God.... everything else will be added to you...." And if you now give **priority** to the maturing of your soul, if you turn your thoughts towards Me and the spiritual kingdom, earthly hardship will not affect you so much because I Myself will take

it away from you. My promise will come true, of that you can be certain.... I demand of you that you pay more attention to your soul than to your body.... I require you to seek contact with Me and My kingdom, and then I will take over the worries which burden you earthly, I will always regulate everything in such a way that it will benefit you. But you must trust Me, you must not allow yourselves to be depressed by earthly hardship, you must only surrender everything to Me, and truly, you will be able to praise yourselves happily, for no-one can take care of you better than I can, because I know everything you need and because I also want to bestow gifts upon you who serve Me, who are willing to be called My own.... you who think of Me and carry Me in your heart. To whom else should My promise apply if not to you who have the **will** to live for My pleasure? And so, if you have a concern, be it earthly or spiritual, trustingly come to Me and present it to Me.... And truly, I will consider you according to your requests, for nothing is impossible for Me and My love for you is exceedingly great.... Yet also reckon that great changes will soon take place which are indispensable for the sake of all humanity. Yet even then I will guide My own through it and you will experience My power as well as My love, which will be clearly recognizable in My own.... For they will have what they need and My strength will flow to them so that they will not feel anything too heavy, even if they are affected by strokes of fate.... They will always feel My nearness and in firm faith hand themselves over to Me, and they will always be guided out of every adversity. Just make sure that your faith strengthens, join Me ever more intimately and have a silent dialogue with Me, and you will draw much strength from it and then also do nothing without Me, you will always let Me be with you, you will secure My presence for yourselves through heartfelt prayer and activity of love. And in this heartfelt bond you will also trustingly present everything to Me which is troubling you and be certain that I will take all worries from you, that I will take care of you and can truly do this better than an earthly father takes care of his children. And in order to test you and your faith you will also be confronted by worries and hardship again and again; yet since you know the path you need only walk it.... you need only call upon Me in spirit and in truth.... and truly, I will answer your prayer....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## Comforting Words ....

B.D. No. 1923

May 18th 1941

**L**isten to the Word of comfort: remain courageous and strong in pain, do not waver in your faith, take refuge in prayer and do not deem yourselves abandoned, even if your world threatens to fall apart .... Faith moves mountains, and what seems impossible to you is made possible through firm faith, and if you call upon Me for help with full confidence, your prayer will not remain unanswered. Each person's path of life is predestined, thus he must travel it because the maturing of his soul depends on it. He would certainly travel this path willingly and gladly were he to know its necessity and the agonies in the beyond if he were spared this path on earth. Therefore never consider your earthly afflictions, for they will pass. Consider the infinitely long time in eternity, which would be far more painful without the suffering the human being has to endure on earth. And thus do not let yourselves become depressed by suffering and sorrow, instead, become stronger in faith for Me Who loves you and therefore often must painfully intervene in your life in order to save you for eternity. Never forget that I Am your Father, your friend, your brother and protector .... And come to Me with all your problems, hand yourselves willingly and without resistance over to My guidance and you will truly be guided well. Just do not let doubts torment you, counter them with profound faith and hope .... because My Word is truth, and if I promise you My help, you need not be afraid.

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Coming time of suffering

### Coming time of suffering.... Purpose of the announcement....

B.D. No. 1594

September 2nd 1940

The state of suffering on earth is still increasing and people can expect immense misery, hardship and sorrow. And it must be so, for without this man will not find his way to God. A time will come that is as difficult as people have never experienced before; all hope will fade, all courage will sink and the heaviest pressure will weigh on humanity, caused by unspeakable suffering, illnesses and tribulations of every kind. And yet, all this will be bearable in firm faith in God, for where a person does not walk alone but has made God his confidant, God shall always be present, and man will not be weighed down by the adversity and will not feel the great suffering. Yet only a few will draw strength and comfort from God, only a few will find strength in the divine Word and only a few will be spared by trusting in God's help through His will.... For faith has been lost, it is a time of complete apostasy from God. And therefore, the Lord knocks once again on the hearts of His earthly children, He makes Himself known through His Word and announces to them the difficult time and the battle on earth, and He shall accept all those who come to Him in this adversity and ask for His help. He takes care of His children's adversity Himself by using every conceivable means in order to announce the coming time to people as a time of horror and misery. He does not want people to meet fate unprepared, He wants them to unite with Him beforehand in order to be able to avert the great suffering from them. He wants to win His living creations for Himself but shall not grant the adversary power over them. And therefore, He announces the difficult time beforehand and instructs those who want to hear His Word. He is full of kindness and gentleness and only wants to speak to His children with love. Yet they do not hear the kind and loving words, and thus He has to show His might so that people will fear Him and then learn to love Him, He has to reveal Himself to them as the Lord of Creation so that they will recognise Him as Ruler and ask for His love. Yet where people believe in Him, there is no need for proof of His power, for love has already awakened in them, and love fulfils what God requires.... God's love is unchanging, it will always and constantly apply to His children who are in danger of losing themselves.... And this love wrestles for your souls, it seeks to make itself known, and anyone who lives with love himself, will also recognise divine love. He will recognise the loving guidance through all horrors and suffering of the forthcoming time, and he will trustingly abandon himself to the Eternal Love, and await this time without fear and trepidation. And the Lord shall remember them when the time has come. He shall guide them carefully through it, He shall let all adversity pass them by, He shall strengthen and comfort them where they are anxious and fearful, and He will reveal Himself in times of greatest need.... For the Father in Heaven knows His own and He has promised them His protection, that all suffering will be taken away from them if they raise their hands to Him in supplication. The human being only has to believe in God's love, kindness and mercy.... And he must lead a righteous life.... He must always strive for good and avoid evil, he must persevere in fervent prayer and expect God's help with full faith. Then he will emerge from the time of tribulation unscathed in body and soul, for God is close to all those who recognise Him, love Him and childlike trustingly hand themselves over to Him and ask for His mercy....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

**D**espite greatest earthly hardship humanity does not find its way back to Me, and this prompts Me to let them continue to go through a hard school, for in a short time the earthly life which still gives them this opportunity will be over. People don't accept My admonitions, they don't hear My voice when I speak to them through suffering, they don't open the door of their heart which I knock on softly and louder, their thoughts are only earthly-minded, they only fear for their body and don't consider the hardship of their souls. And therefore I have to call even louder, I have to intensify the suffering even more in order to bring help to their souls. And therein you must look for the reason when a seemingly unbearable suffering befalls you humans; you must know that I am closer to you than ever, for your nature takes Me, I take pity on your spiritual blindness and your obduracy, the consequences of which you cannot measure but which I can never ever turn away from you against your will. And therefore I try to change the will, for as soon as it only turns to Me I can help people and grant them strength and help. And thus a time of adversity is approaching which will make the end time quite recognizable. And anyone who does not turn his gaze to Me, who does not raise his hands to Me in supplication, will be pressed to the ground by the great adversity and will no longer be able to rise. But anyone who remains united with Me, who finds his way to Me in adversity, will be guided through all suffering, and My love and grace will accompany him by making everything difficult bearable and giving him strength at all times. But your call must come from your heart, you must be able to believe in the depth of your heart that I am and that I can and want to help you, only then will you acknowledge Me, and only then can I noticeably give you strength and grace, I can take the suffering away from you and grant you earthly relief. But as long as you pass Me by when I step into your path through My word, as long as you don't accept this word of Mine as a gift of love from Me, as long as you don't recognize My obvious working or merely speak My name without your heart being involved, you may not expect to experience better times either. For then your earthly life will pass by unsuccessfully for your souls, although your body would gratefully acknowledge the relief of life. But I remember the souls, for they are in great need. And since the body's distress is only short-lived, whereas the soul has to languish for eternities, I come to the soul's aid. Only when the human being no longer has earthly desires does he turn to his soul, that is, he mentally occupies himself with knowledge imparted to him, and he gives the soul the opportunity to ascend into the spiritual kingdom, and thus he seeks Me and I let Myself be found by him. I will bring My word close to him, and as soon as he faithfully accepts it, complies with it and thus lives a life of love, his soul will mature, he will establish contact with Me and have drawn the right benefit from the adversity of the time, he will successfully strive upwards and spiritualize himself already on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

**People's indifference requires harder blows....**

**H**ow hopeless is the state of countless people on earth because they do nothing to bring their souls to maturity. Their thoughts are only ever earthly directed and they never rise to the heights. They never enter the spiritual realm, they never ask themselves why they stay on earth. And they avoid every conversation about it because they don't want to know anything but what seems to be beneficial to their physical life. And this is how most people on earth are despite the eager work of God's servants to shake them out of their wrong thinking. The word of God is directed everywhere, calls of admonition and warning sound everywhere, yet people close their ears because the sound from the world touches them more strongly and they follow it willingly.... The strongest world events hardly touch them any more, the sudden death of people is no reason for them to think about the transience of the earthly.... They hear it and pass it over.... Catastrophes of the greatest magnitude do not disturb them as long as they themselves are not affected by them, and the distress of their fellow human beings hardly touches their hearts so that their will to help would be stimulated.... And this is a

dreadful and desolate state because it affects them spiritually.... because people's souls are in utmost darkness and can hardly reach the light as long as people feel satisfied by earthly goods and pleasures.... Satan truly has power on this earth, for people themselves have given it to him. Every thought only applies to the attainment of worldly aims, and from morning till night they create for their bodies which, however, perish. And whether death also reaps a rich harvest in their surroundings.... only a few are touched by it because they are affected. And thus people can no longer be frightened by anything and moved to a change of will because everything bounces off them and leaves no impression. Therefore, events must storm ever more sorrowfully against humanity.... ever more clearly must the indications of the transitoriness of life and possessions be given.... ever more violent the elements of nature must step out of their order, so that human hearts become frightened and ask for the purpose and causes of what throws the world into turmoil. And God will also allow such things, He will send signs to people.... But whether they pay attention to them is up to them. He wants to save, yet He will not appoint anyone to change His will.... but again and again He will speak a clear language which everyone can understand. The earth is approaching its end, and the knowledge of this will also be spread throughout the world.... And those who pay attention to the signs will not close their minds to this indication.... they will believe and prepare themselves.... But where there is darkness even the signs and indications are of no use, and people will meet bodily and spiritual death through their own fault....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### **Last resort to save before the end....**

B.D. No. 6518

April 8th 1956

**Y**our existence on this earth will not last much longer. You humans will no longer be able to enjoy many more days, for the destiny of the individual will come true, as will that of all humans.... Earthly existence will come to an end in not much longer time.... And this must also be an explanation for unusual events, for experiences of a peculiar kind and above all for obvious grants of grace which affect the individual person, which are intended to promote spiritual maturity or to facilitate the path to spirituality for completely earthly-minded people. The short period until the end necessitates unusual activity on the part of God and the world of light, for love seeks to help and save before it is too late. People cannot be spoken to directly, therefore they will be spoken to by fate, and they could easily pay attention to this address and follow it.... Time and again people will be able to make contact with God because He will constantly influence them in a way which, although very painful, will clearly show them the path to Him which they can now take but do not have to take. And it will be clearly revealed whether a grain of faith still lies hidden in the human being, which will now push forward, or whether a God is no longer thought of.... Every human being will somehow be touched and pushed to self-contemplation, which can only ever be achieved by strokes of fate which they, as human beings, cannot cope with. And again, hearts will harden even more and in a completely faithless manner deny everything divine-spiritual, but some will also awaken to life.... Every individual will be touched, but only a few successfully. Often such an obvious activity or intervention of spiritual forces will be recognisable so that people could easily find faith in God, yet their eyes are directed only in a worldly manner and therefore they will not accept anything other than worldly things, they do not **want** a bond with the spiritual kingdom and reject everything that could stimulate them into a change of will. And thus the end approaches with frightening haste.... And it will surprise everyone but find only a few prepared.... But people do not believe what is announced to them, they do not know what lies ahead and cannot be forced to think differently. But all of you should not be surprised that many things will still happen in the time to come which you now still consider impossible.... You should not be surprised that death will still stretch out its hand to many people in your surroundings because you should still be set thinking. Accidents and severe strokes of fate will increase and snatch people from the midst of life, and many of you will be affected by them or will have to take an interest in the fate of fellow human beings.... But everything shall only serve to shake

you up, to lead you to self-contemplation, to unite with the One Who alone holds your destiny in His hands. If this is achieved then every adversity will have been a blessing, however painful it was for the individual, but you must always bear in mind that you do not have much time left, that the end will soon have come for all of you and that you should experience this end in a spiritually awakened state, that you at least have established the bond with God, that you can pray to Him in spirit and truth.... God wants to achieve nothing else, He aims at nothing else through the strokes of fate which will affect you humans in abundance because you are still far away from Him Who, however, wants to draw you to Himself.... The end is coming, and before this end He still wants to save all people who do not oppose Him....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

### **Divine justice.... Intervention.... Disaster....**

B.D. No. 2340

May 19th 1942

**D**ivine justice will become apparent by the very event which is destined to humanity in the forthcoming time, for the countries whose leaders start the blaze that will extend all across earth will be severely struck. The blame of these countries shall be revealed by the approaching event which human will can neither avoid nor lessen. All people on earth shall recognise that God's justice leaves nothing without punishment and that He intervenes once the measure of injustice has been reached.

God gave people free will which is now so abused that it requires retribution, so that righteously thinking and behaving people recognise the hand of God and despise what is sanctioned by the former. The conflict of nations will have spread wide and far and the fire will not be easily extinguished. As a result, God will end this blaze Himself by removing people's opportunity of continuing the struggle through a natural event of unimaginable extent. He will render powerless what previously was strong and mighty, and He will prove that His will and His might are stronger. And anyone who is not yet completely enslaved by God's adversary will also recognise where he has gone wrong and make an effort to lead a righteous way of life....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

### **Catastrophe....**

B.D. No. 2246

February 28th 1942

**T**he approaching bad weather catastrophe is of crucial importance for all people insofar as that it will also change world events, and that people will then be facing other responsibilities and happenings whose effects are no less difficult and distressing. The survivors will have to go through worrying times at first, for they won't know if and when this natural disaster will repeat itself. Also, many people won't know the whereabouts of their loved ones, many will stay behind all alone and forsaken, and sorrow and grief will be everywhere, there will hardly be a house without unhappy people, and in the country where God's voice has spoken there will be no town without ruins. And then love will have to prove itself, and one will have to help bear the suffering of the other if people want to live a life which is at least endurable and not despair altogether. The suffering on earth has taken on different shapes but people cannot be entirely alleviated of it as long as they haven't converted to God and tried to fulfil their spiritual task. And this is why even those who so far have remained untouched by world events will have to be affected. And thus the world conflagration will be followed by an incredibly difficult time which is felt wherever heartlessness is prevalent.

People cannot imagine that a natural disaster of this magnitude is about to happen on earth, and at first its extent will not be recognised either, for it will take a long time before the news of it will have travelled around the world, and this uncertainty worsens the suffering and worry, since all outside contact will have been cut off and will be difficult to re-establish. And the ruling authority will put

pressure on people and bring them in to carry out work which will almost go beyond their strength, and they will be unable to defend themselves and live a wretched life without any prospect of improvement. And yet, such suffering is necessary if people are to be lead to their real purpose, that is, to establish contact with God and to appeal to Him for advice and help. And then the Word of God shall be made accessible to them, then they shall be informed of God's activity, of His will and His divine teaching of love, then they shall be referred to life after death, to the transience of all worldly things, to the meaning and purpose of earthly life and their task, which consists of shaping their souls and of living a way of life on earth which corresponds to God's will....

The hour will soon arrive when God will speak to humanity such that it will turn the whole world into turmoil. For one night will bring unspeakable misery to those people whose countries will be affected by this disaster, and the dawning day will be dreadful, for it will present the survivors with a sight of devastation which exceeds all fears and all imagination. Yet God's will is irrevocable, for He knows that human thinking needs to be shaken up, he know the souls' adversity, and in order to help them in their adversity everything will come to pass as it has been predestined since eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

### Unbearable hardship....

B.D. No. 1380

April 10th 1940

**A** little while longer and an almost unbearable hardship will befall the earth. This is the beginning of an epoch in which man will again become more aware of his actual purpose, because this trouble lets him find God, but also lets him remain with him in more distant times. And this adversity will express itself in very different forms, yet higher powers will always be the cause, thus the human being will never be able to avert or reduce the adversity by his own strength. And thus people will find the path to God sooner than before, and this is why the lord imparts His word to the human being so that he will have a foothold in this time of adversity, so that he will be strengthened by this word and draw strength from it for the time of severe trials. And again it has to be said that only where the divine word is received.... where the light from heaven shines.... a noticeable relief from earthly hardship will come to light. Man will be able to reduce his state of suffering if his will is directed towards God. This is the first and last reason why God allows such hardship to pass over the earth. And no country will be spared from it, all people will have to endure suffering because the meaning and purpose of suffering is the return to God, because the thoughts which have separated themselves from God shall turn to Him again. Yet the lord promises His protection to those who love Him.... And if faith in this promise is strong, a person will emerge from all tribulation unscathed in body and soul. The father in heaven Himself takes care of this child and guides it through all dangers. It is now clearly evident that only turning to God brings salvation from the most severe adversity, however, not all people bow to divine will, not all people draw the consequences and reduce their distance from God.... Rather, their will is increasingly focussed on regaining earthly possessions and restoring their former state of life. And so the great adversity has not brought about any change in their thinking, the will to matter, to evil, has become considerably stronger, but the thought of God has been minimized or completely eliminated. Trying to bring the word of God to such people is unsuccessful. There is no other way to convince them of the transience of earthly possessions, and if the complete decay of entire stretches of land has not made them realize this clearly enough, any reference is in vain.... The inclination towards matter is greater and can hardly be overcome on earth. Again, however, the desire for this cannot at the same time trigger a desire for God and His word. Consequently, the human being will reject the latter. And this state is far more desolate than before because even the last means of help has failed and the human being cannot be hindered in his free will. These are the souls that satan has completely in his power, only prayer for such people can exert a transforming influence, provided that deep love for those unfortunate people wants to free them from the misery of the soul....

Amen

**Suffering and tribulation after.... power of faith....**

B.D. No. 2341

May 20th 1942

**T**he effects of people's low spiritual level will be recognizable during this intervention by God.... Everyone will only think of himself and only a few will also think of their fellow human beings in their own suffering and want to help them. And yet help will again be demanded by those who consider themselves powerful, and they will use their power and take measures that will increase the suffering even more, for the weak will not be able to defend themselves and will have to oblige the strong and alleviate their hardship, while they will remain without help even in the greatest tribulation. And this again proves the great lack of love, which was the cause of divine intervention and will not be remedied by it either. But the time will only be bearable for those people who faithfully and trustingly abandon themselves to God, who call upon Him in prayer and ask for His help and grace. They will receive God's support, and no matter how burdensome the external adversity may seem to them, they will not succumb but feel God's protective hand over them. And the power of faith will become obvious, for the believer will have the strength to master the difficult earthly life and need not fear earthly power, whereas people without faith almost threaten to break under the measures of those who try to improve their own fate with the help of those people who are unable to resist them and almost perish as a result. Yet it will become obvious to the world that earthly power is ineffective, for God will let His voice be heard precisely there where He Himself is not respected enough.... where honour and fame alone are desired and faith is only tolerated in appearance. And all believers will be afflicted, and this signifies the beginning of a new era. And in order to make it easy for people on earth to believe, He announces beforehand what is in store for the world so that they will confess Him when everything comes to pass as it has been proclaimed....

Amen

**Suffering and tribulations through divine intervention....**

B.D. No. 2839

August 6th 1943

**F**or many people the suffering and tribulations only begin with the divine intervention, for they had previously remained untouched by it and ignored all admonitions. The adversity of their fellow human beings did not bring about a change in their thinking and therefore they themselves must now suffer hardship which is, as it were, the last resort for their salvation.... And that is why those countries will now be affected which have so far been spared severe suffering and yet are not blameless for the world events which have brought unspeakable suffering upon people. Many people pass by the hardship of their fellow human beings harshly and unfeelingly and it is these who have to endure the suffering themselves, which they will approved of when it came upon their fellow human beings because they saw their enemy in the latter. And what people inflict on their fellow human beings now falls back on them a thousand fold.... And they now have to atone in this way, except that human will cannot put an end to the misery, for it is not human powers which now express themselves but divine will itself is at work and hits people at their most vulnerable point.... He takes all possessions from people, He makes them poor and weak and completely dependent on His grace. And in this adversity people should learn to recognize that they are unable to do anything by their own strength, they should learn to understand that God is just and that He sensitively punishes people who have transgressed against Him and His commandments, but that He also protects those who are closely connected to Him even though they are surrounded by people who no longer care much about God. And many will still come to their senses and compare their own fate with that of those people whose downfall was destined by human beings. What God is now sending upon people is so powerful and sorrowful that every thinking person would have to recognize a higher will in it and reflect on himself. But again he will only think of himself; he will not see the general misery but only look at himself and his fate. And so charity will be practiced little, everyone will only strive to improve his own lot and again he will



pass by the misery of his fellow human being.... And God, Who knows everyone's will, therefore sends such great suffering upon people in order to change this will, to make them soft and compassionate and to let them seek refuge in Him, Who alone can turn their fate around for the better.

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### **Time of decision.... struggle of faith and suffering....**

B.D. No. 2365

June 11th 1942

**A**n unusually hard time will force you to make a decision insofar as that the path to God will remain open to you, Whom you can approach for help in adversity, but on the other hand faith in God will be forcibly eradicated and now you will be required to decide in favour of or against faith, i.e. in favour of or against God. The name of God will indeed be mentioned, i.e. He will be acknowledged as creator of all things, but otherwise you will deny everything God asks you to believe.... that He is full of love, wisdom and omnipotence and that the meaning and purpose of the human being on earth is different from what people imagine it to be, and that the human being's life does not end with physical death.... True faith requires a different earthly life from man, and because such a life does not appeal to people, they want to eliminate all faith from the world. But this means spiritual decay for humanity, which God wants to prevent or save from what wants to be saved. He wants to bring them into situations where they absolutely have to establish a connection with God if there is only a little faith in people in order to make them realize the frailty of what people teach. He wants to manifest Himself to them so that their weak faith will be strengthened again, and therefore earthly adversity is unavoidable because it is the only way to awaken the thought of God in people or to strengthen their faith. If they establish contact with Him in their adversity then God will also reveal Himself, for then the human being's free will will have decided in His favour and he will have escaped the greatest danger of completely losing faith. The forthcoming time will bring so much suffering that people without faith will be close to despair if they are not already completely distant from God and make their lives bearable by exploiting their fellow human beings or by unjust actions which are the result of their complete lack of love. These will mock all faith and make life extremely difficult for the few believers, for they are the willing organs of the one who strives for people's spiritual downfall and who therefore also carry out what the power that opposes God demands of them.... who take physical action against the few people who still stand firm in faith. This battle of the demon against faith will be so obvious that people will have to recognize the truthfulness of what is proclaimed to them beforehand. And this alone should determine them to resist the demands of the power that opposes God. Then the suffering that comes upon the earth will have had a beneficial influence and will have forced people to make the right decision. But woe to those who give ear to the ideas of the adversary and surrender their faith. Although they will now be less harshly afflicted on earth, they have sold their souls. For the sake of the short time on earth that brings them fulfilment of their physical desires, they will have to live through an unspeakably agonizing time in eternity.... But God's love still tries to avert this agonizing state through exceptionally severe suffering on earth, which is far easier to bear than the suffering in eternity....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### **Reference again to the end....**

B.D. No. 7064

March 12th 1958

**H**ow futile is the worry and striving of people who are only concerned about maintaining and embellishing their earthly life. Very soon everything will be taken away from them, and all their worries will have been in vain and so will the time spent on earth, the energy used for it.... And life does not last long, you are all only granted an extremely short lifetime compared to eternity. And for countless people even this lifetime is still shortened, for no-one knows when his last day will come.

And therefore every person should use his life well, but not for his body but solely for his soul... because then I Myself will take care of the body, as I have promised. And the truth of this promise will become quite evident at a time when the human being's strength will no longer be sufficient to maintain his body, when dark forces will plunge it into adversity and misery.... Then only one will be able to bring you salvation.... the one Who is lord over life and death and Who will also preserve your life if only you remember Him in your adversity and if you also help your soul by uniting with Me in right prayer. This time lies ahead of you when you will lose your possessions and experience extreme hardship, when you will no longer be able to give your body what it needs to sustain life.... And then your soul will push itself forward with its desire, it will quietly urge you to seek refuge with Me, for the spiritual spark within you urges it to do so, because the spiritual spark is My part which constantly tries to impel the human being into a bond with Me. And then just a short time can be enough to achieve more for your souls than your hitherto long earthly life has brought you.... Then the human being will also have the certainty that I will also help him in earthly adversity, and I will truly not disappoint his trust. And I have to put you humans into such adversity again because your souls, which have not yet gained anything in their earthly life, last Me.... I have to let the body experience tangible adversity so that the human being will take the path to Me and then the soul can draw strength from this connection in order to influence the body to remain in constant bond with Me. People's souls are completely buried in matter, the human being only cares for its possession, spiritual development is seldom even considered, and one day after the other passes without a change of heart. But time is hastening and will soon bring you all a change.... at first purely earthly and shortly afterwards spiritually, for the spiritual low has been reached which necessitates an end of this earth and a complete transformation of your outer form as well as a new order of all creatures. And because this spiritual turning point is immensely significant for the spiritual embodied in the human being, it is still preceded by an earthly shock as a last admonition and warning sign, as a last opportunity to escape the spiritual depth and to still achieve a small ascent which averts the worst fate from the soul: the new banishment into matter. What is attached to matter will also become matter again.... And this is the great danger, since people mainly think materially and think little or not at all of their soul. And if I want to save them from this danger I first have to take from them what they strive for in order to still achieve a change in their thinking. Great earthly adversity can still bring this about where the human being himself is powerless and only one way out remains for him to call upon his God and creator for help. But no-one will be forced to do so either, the will alone will determine what earthly adversity will drive him to do. And people can only ever be informed of the fact that they will not be able to keep anything, that everything will be lost to them and that they cannot do anything themselves to protect themselves from such a loss, for the forces of nature will break through so suddenly that no-one will be able to think clearly and that only **those** will have an advantage who then call upon Me, to whom I am so close that they immediately take hold of My hand and appeal to Me for protection and help.... The close bond with Me will also be their most secure protection, for I can make everything possible, I can also command the elements to stop before My own so that they will not be touched and they can stand in the midst of the surf unharmed and safe.... For truly **I** care for your body as **you** only care for your soul.... And what can still happen to save the souls of those who are still completely entangled in matter will happen, for I take pity on humanity which goes blindly through earthly life and does not think of its actual purpose of earthly life and its task. But people must retain their freedom of will and therefore I have to resort to painful means if I still want to see a small success, so that at least some are able to free themselves from the spell of matter.... And these will thank Me eternally as soon as they have only attained a glimmer of realization....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

**E**arth will still experience much adversity, but only the people directly affected will derive a psychological benefit from it, if they are not entirely hardened.... Yet their fellow human beings are not impressed by it for long and therefore they, too, will be affected in other ways, for I have truly many teaching methods at My disposal which I have to use if I don't want to let people go astray and completely lose them to My adversary. For it is like a disease that they would rather comply with the will of the one who wants to ruin them than with Mine, Who only wants to help them achieve beatitude....

My Words and admonitions bear little fruit and they have to be struck more severely if their thinking is to change and turn to Me. Only adversities which they are unable to master themselves can push them towards Me.... only the kind of desperate situations which make all help seem impossible can induce them to pray, to call upon Me in spirit and in truth. And if they are not entirely hardened, if they still have a glimmer of faith in an almighty and loving God and Creator within themselves then they will indeed call upon Me, and I will give evidence of Myself to them, because I Am only interested that they believe in Me with a **living** faith. For only a living faith will give them the strength for resistance during every earthly tribulation. Since it is the time of the end, the time of affliction will not stop either and time and again will affect people in different ways, and then a living faith will be of great help, for their trust in Me lets people bear everything more easily and confidently wait for help.

And from all directions you will hear reports about all kinds of accidents and disasters, and then you should always remember that I thereby only intend to change people's hearts, that nothing happens to people without reason and purpose, whatever it may be. And I often have to use **such** means which are unrelated to **human** cause, to human failure, for they are not meant to recognise their fellow human beings' shortcomings or sinfulness but identify **Me** as the originator of conditions which have put them into hopeless situations.... For they ought to call upon **Me** and not expect help from their fellow human beings who are unable to provide it. People have only one means of rescue left, and that is that they establish their bond with Me themselves, for the end will irrevocably arrive and the preceding time of adversity can only be endured by people who closely unite with Me and therefore can also always be certain of My help. For I love you humans and want to help you.... I have the power to do so and thus Am able to help you.... I only want you to appeal to Me yourselves, to take the path to Me, so that you will be saved and need not fear the final end.... For you will need much strength to withstand all onslaughts by My adversary, and you constantly should accept this strength from Me.... Yet this necessitates the sincere bond with Me which assures you a sufficient flow of strength and enables you to victoriously cope with all challenges.

And the closer it gets to the end the more subject you will become to adversity and sorrow, because there is not much time and My obvious intervention is necessary by which you can still escape the worst fate.... the banishment into matter, into the new works of creation on earth. This fate is so appalling that all earthly adversity seems small in comparison if you could assess the whole extent of the former. But you may not decide to change as a result of fear and dread and so cannot receive a complete overview, you can only ever be told about your fate, which you may or may not believe.... However, one day you will be grateful to Me when you, as a result of large earthly disasters, are spared this appalling fate....

The time for the people of this earth is irrevocably coming to an end, and this also explains the harsh strokes of fate they will suffer.... But since love has grown cold amongst people their sympathy is not far-reaching either.... Only when people are affected themselves will such disasters and miseries cause them to stop and think and for once turn their thoughts spiritually to the One Who is Lord over life and death, over heaven and earth, Who is the Originator of all creation, to Whom everything is possible, Whom you humans only have to call upon with complete trust in order to receive assured help and thereby also the evidence of Himself, so that your faith will become a living one.... You could

lessen the extent of your suffering yourselves if only you would revert to the faith you humans have lost, for the increasing disasters are due to the fact that a spiritually low level has been reached, that people have neither faith nor practice love and therefore live in complete darkness.... But they have to learn to recognise a God and Creator, they have to believe in Him and His infinite love, and then they will also be permitted to experience this love in every earthly and spiritual adversity....

Yet even the harshest strokes of fate will often fail to change people, and therefore they cause the downfall themselves, they themselves contribute to the fact that the earth will be destroyed and a new one prepared, for it is intended to serve the souls for higher development. And this spiritual task has become impossible since people are getting worse and therefore everything has to be arranged anew, everything that has stepped out of it has to be brought back into lawful order.... that thus a work of transformation will be carried out on earth in accordance with the plan of eternity....

Yet My loving care will still apply to all human beings until the end.... I will still use every method which promises success in order to reduce the number of those who will be banished into matter, so that they will be able to repeat their process of development from the abyss to the pinnacle which, although dreadfully agonising, nevertheless wrests the spiritual essence from My adversary's hands or it would never be able to return to Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Gracious end time....

B.D. No. 2812

July 15th 1943

**A**nd yet this time has to be called a time of grace, for God helps people in every way to find the path of ascent, time and again He makes His word accessible to them, He tries to guide them into truth, which alone directs their thoughts into the right direction. He tries to make them understand that they live their earthly existence for the sake of a higher goal in order to induce them to establish the right relationship with Him. These are all favours which flow to people through His great love and mercy. And the believing person is also given extraordinary care in order to be able to successfully survive the final battle of faith. He will likewise provide them with extraordinary strength in the form of the divine word, which He will impart to them directly and which will strengthen the believers in the most difficult time of affliction. For He will be among them and, through His visible appearance, encourage and strengthen His own to fight for Him. And even if it may seem as if God has abandoned people because the earthly hardship is so great.... He is closer to them than ever.... He is only waiting for their plea to be able to strengthen their souls, even if He abandons the body to earthly suffering.... For it is not the body that is in danger, but only the soul, and the suffering that the body has to endure only serves to purify the soul, which will thank God one day in eternity. Where the human being does not decide of his own accord due to the weakness of his will, God urges him to make a decision, for He knows of the human being's weakness of will and comes to his aid, even though the human being as such is not yet able to recognize His help. Many an earthly life is shortened and therefore requires increased means of education in this short time. And that is why the time is so extremely painful and yet it can be a blessing for many who, without suffering, would sink hopelessly into the abyss.... It is a time of grace, even if it is a time of immense suffering, but only through such suffering can humanity still be transformed, whereas a carefree life only increases the distance from God and would no longer result in spiritual success. Yet the consequences are so extremely significant for those people who have failed in earthly life, the further course of development is so agonizing and dreadful that the suffering of the last days can be called minor because it is only of short duration compared to the suffering which the spiritual substance, which has failed on earth, has to go through. And this is why the suffering on earth still has to be regarded as grace, after all, it still gives people the opportunity to establish the bond with God and thereby avert the worst from themselves.... the renewed banishment into a solid form after the end of this period of salvation.... but this is the fate of the spiritual substance which remains resistant to God and which even the adversity and tribulation of the last days did not let

it find its way back to God. These have ignored God's grace and must also accept the consequences.... God's longsuffering, love and mercy are immense, yet the redemption of the spiritual has a goal. God, however, stands by the spiritual with all means of help, He still tries to save the souls which are not entirely in the adversary's power and therefore bestows grace upon grace upon people.... and only the will of those is needed to let this grace take effect in themselves, then even the immense suffering of the last days will be a blessing....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### The father's encouragement and comfort....

B.D. No. 6791

March 25th 1957

**H**ow often has My help been assured to you in every spiritual and earthly adversity. I don't want you to suffer, thus I will also take the suffering away from you if you come to Me in faithful trust and appeal to Me for it. But you must not express this request timidly, you must not doubt My love or My power.... And every timid request is a doubt about it, and this also makes the fulfilment questionable, whereas strong undoubted faith achieves everything with Me. A child which completely entrusts itself to its father will never experience his refusal because the father loves his child.... However, My love for you exceeds an earthly father's love for his child a thousand fold, and this love grants you everything but can only do so if you believe, for every doubt restricts the effectiveness of My love, for doubts also prove the child's reduced love for the father. And hardship often comes upon you in order to free you from these doubts, when you know no earthly way out and yet know that there is one Who can help you.... Then you will also turn to Him in that adversity and completely hand yourselves over to Him.... And then you will also lose all doubt, for great adversity can bring this about. Call upon Me in adversity and I will hear you.... ask and it will be given to you.... Come to Me, you who are weary and burdened, and I will refresh you.... Always remember My words which My love spoke to you, which have always assured you of help and which you can believe because I Myself have spoken them. Submit yourselves to My will and trust Me, and I truly want to guide you through all suffering, I want to help you carry your burden which weighs you down, I want to release you from every adversity. But don't forget that you live in the last days, that **everyone's** path of life will come to an abrupt end and that you have voluntarily taken increased suffering upon yourselves in order to help your soul reach maturity in the short time left. Think more of your soul than of your body and patiently endure its pain for the sake of your soul. And come to Me with complete trust, asking Me for the strength to be able to endure everything, for a child which loves its father will also gladly take a burden upon itself if the father deems it beneficial for his child. Consider every adversity as a warning sign of the approaching end.... Your life on earth as a human being was given to you for the maturing of your souls. It could certainly also be a peaceful one if **love** would unite all people.... But where this is lacking My adversary can particularly excel, and he will strike wounds everywhere in order to endanger your soul, and you should not let him have victory over you. The path to Me is always open to you, and you should always take it and appeal to Me for protection and help against him so that your souls will not suffer any harm. I am always ready to help, and it will be all the more obvious the stronger your faith is. My adversary, however, tries to shake the faith in you, therefore you first have to struggle for this strong faith, which love lets come alive.... You yourselves must try to compensate with love for everything My adversary causes in his hatred.... Then you will increase in strength of faith, then your prayer to Me will become ever more heartfelt and trusting, and then My love will be able to make My children happy, and I will answer every prayer because I will not let faith be put to shame....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## Suffering before death

**Fear of death.... moment of parting agony or happiness....**

B.D. No. 2145

November 9th 1941

**M**an can live and yet be dead in spirit, and likewise he can lose his bodily life and awaken from the sleep of death to eternal life. And both are up to him, he decides for himself about the death or life of his soul and yet attaches so little importance to this favour of a free decision during his life on earth. The state of death is an uncomfortable thought for every human being as soon as he is in the midst of life. And yet very few people do anything to make this thought less uncomfortable. They can do it with ease by living in such a way that there is no more death for them, that they are born again to eternal life. And then death has lost its sting for them, and the moment of departure from earth can be the most marvellous moment, without fear and terror or anxious uncertainty about one's future fate. Giving up earthly life need not be painful, the soul can detach itself from the body without any agony as soon as it has not paid attention to the body on earth and the union with the spirit was its endeavour on earth. Then the spirit has already hurried ahead into the spiritual kingdom during its lifetime, for it recognized this as its true home. It will now also describe this home to its soul in such a way that it also has a longing for that kingdom, and thus nothing keeps soul and spirit back on earth. But the body of such people is also in a certain state of maturity and no longer pressurizes the soul. Consequently, the soul easily detaches itself from it and enters the realm of peace.... But where the body has not yet given freedom to the spirit within itself, it will still exert the greatest influence on the soul, and since the body is attached to earth it will also transfer this desire to the soul, and now the soul only sees that it has to leave the stay on earth it has grown fond of, and since it cannot stop or avert the hour itself, it is overcome by a great fear of the 'after'. For in the hour of death it clearly recognizes what it has done wrong and this burdens it extraordinarily, and the hour of death becomes a torment for it, for it enters darkness where bright light could shine for it. And its state now is desolate and full of horror. Man has lived on earth only for his physical well-being, and so he now reaps the fruit of his life. The body and the soul suffer great agony, for the soul cannot enter the kingdom of light, consequently it is condemned to inactivity, whereas the souls in the kingdom of light are allowed to be active without interruption and the activity alone is already infinitely blissful. Life or death is the fate of souls who leave earthly life, and life or death is determined by the human being himself during his earthly life. And blessed if he still lets his will become active in time, that he learns to despise the world and restlessly works on himself. Then the hour of death will also be welcome to him, for for him it means awakening to eternal life.... for him it is not an hour of terror but the final redemption from a bound state....

Amen

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**Hour of death....**

B.D. No. 2348

May 27th 1942

**T**he soul's separation from the body is usually a painful experience for the body because a certain degree of maturity is necessary for a painless separation, which is rarely achieved by the person. The human being's hour of death will always make him aware that he no longer will be able to strive, that he no longer will be able to achieve anything by himself when he has left the human shell. And depending on the state of his soul the hour of death will then become more or less difficult for him. As long as the human being is on earth he still has the choice to purify himself, and the soul in the beyond will thank its Creator for having been given this opportunity before its departure that it will not have

to suffer as much in the beyond. Since God is righteous the soul has to accept its fate in the beyond and needs far greater suffering to attain the degree of maturity. Nevertheless it is not possible to enter the spheres of light without it, consequently this higher degree of maturity has to be achieved through suffering and pain and thus a long struggle before death should always be viewed as an ascent. It is true that people only see the state of suffering, which contributes towards their fear of death since the hour of death seems unbearable to them, and yet it is only bestowed upon the human being by the greatest love to provide for him a brighter light in the beyond.

And this love is the foundation of everything.... God only sends suffering and pain to earth for the purpose of removing a person's physical desires, that he then will pay more attention to his soul and attempt to perfect it. Every suffering which results in this is blessed by God.... Time on earth passes quickly and with good will can be used to abandon everything worldly, then the soul shapes itself in accordance to God's will and at the end of its earthly life requires no further exceptional suffering to enter the kingdom of light. However, suffering always contributes towards higher maturity and is therefore a blessing for the human being who otherwise would have to dispose of his errors and failings in the beyond which would also be rather wretched.... thus his suffering cannot be prevented even though the hour of death apparently proceeds silently and without pain. God knows every human being's state of soul and his willingness to fight all impurities; hence He complies with the human being by offering him the opportunity to accomplish his goal.... by allowing the hour of death to be his last opportunity for arriving in eternity purged and purified....

Amen

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## **Premature departure from the world.... Purpose....**

B.D. No. 3258

September 16th 1944

**P**eople are repeatedly reminded of the transience of earthly things, and they are constantly confronted by death when many people pass away prematurely and when they are helpless in the face of events which cause suffering and despair to human beings. Yet they will not change their mind nor think about the real reason for suffering and untimely death. Thus the suffering becomes ever more painful and humanity will observe world events with horror and turn numb at the size of the disaster that engulfs it. Humanity, however, is asking for it, since the despair of the time leaves people entirely indifferent and they derive no gain for their souls. And therefore God applies the harshest measures to disturb their lethargy, because in spite of people's earthly and bodily suffering their souls remain uncaring, they remain indifferent to the blows of fate or they would attempt to change in the knowledge that their spiritual attitude is the cause of the increased suffering on earth.

Hence many people have to depart prematurely from this life because a longer life would be detrimental rather than beneficial for their souls as they would lose their faith completely and only take care of their physical life. In spite of their inadequate state of maturity God therefore allows the loss of countless human lives to prevent their regression, to give them the opportunity to fully mature in the beyond, because the situation on earth does not remain hidden from them, they can observe the developments and become aware that due to the neglect of their soul's salvation, due to their wrong way of life, due to their lack of faith and unkind thoughts, human beings themselves are responsible for the severe suffering on earth.

In addition, people who are called away by God prematurely can still become aware when faced with death, they can still truly unite with God, they can still become purified due to intense suffering, and thus achieve a higher degree of maturity which they would not have attained during a longer earthly life, and then a premature parting from earth is a blessing for them. And irrespective of how much earthly suffering exists, it is only a means for the benefit of souls.... yet few people understand this as such. The magnitude of hardship is intended to direct their path to God Who can and will banish every distress if the human being faithfully awaits His help. However, when even the immense suffering is unsuccessful, when human beings forget about Him and are in greatest danger to finally

strive towards the abyss, God shall end many an earthly life and permit apparently inhuman disasters because He forever considers the human souls and aims to save these even though the body will perish as a result.... because God never does wrong but only what is good and a blessing for the human soul....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

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

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**Y**ou never know how your end will happen, and therefore you should call upon God's mercy every day that you might receive it in the hour of your death. Even if you live in accordance with God's will your end can be difficult if it is to serve you to completely purify and liberate yourselves forever. God's wisdom and love is yours until your last hour on this earth, and as long as your souls are still able to change you will be given the opportunity even at the hour of death. For this reason devoted people often have to suffer in the flesh and cannot find an explanation for it because they are unable to detect God's love therein. And yet, divine love causes this suffering because it is the best means for the soul to acquire a degree of maturity within a short period of time which allows the light to permeate the soul in the beyond, and the soul will thank its Creator once it is free and recognises God's great love and mercy. Thus all suffering has to be seen as evidence of God's love, and even the end is blessed if it is accompanied by suffering, although it does not appear to the human being that way. The soul indeed separates itself from the body with pain, but immediately lifts itself into the kingdom of the blessed spirits. It not only leaves earth physically but also spiritually and also takes the body's fully matured substances along, because every degree of suffering dissolves the cover which still encloses the soul. And the person who is still able to free himself completely from immature substances on earth will be blessed.... he will have used his earthly life for his deliverance and will no longer revolt against God's will either.

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

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna



## Suffering in the beyond

### Need and torment of immature souls in the afterlife....

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November 14th 1945

The soul which enters the spiritual kingdom completely immaturely has to endure unimaginable torments, yet the nature of these torments is not conceivable for you earthly people, even though you imagine the worst fate on earth as a comparison. For the torments are of a more spiritual nature, caused by the soul's environment which, depending on its state of maturity, is deepest darkness or twilight but always causes torment for the being which desires to be light and powerful because this was its original state. The sense of earthly good is indeed also strongly pronounced in such souls and likewise the cause of great agony, yet the state of darkness is unbearable for them and signifies utmost hardship for them. And their weakened will prevents them from striving towards the light when it falls like a spark into their lightless surroundings to stimulate the souls to follow the ray of light in order to find the source of light. Once the soul has overcome this weakness of will.... through the influx of strength from a loving intercession on the part of people.... its lot is already considerably better, for the knowledge of moments of light gives it the hope of being able to change its state, and it now pays attention to every slightest dawn, every illumination of its surroundings through such rays of light. And as soon as it herself steps into its glow, it feels an improvement of its situation, for the light touches it beneficently and gives it strength. But it is only touched by a ray of light if it desires it, and this can take an eternity before it liberates itself from its desolate situation through desire for change, for light. For the soul's will is decisive and therefore usually so weakened or completely turned away from God that the rays of light cannot find access to it. Since the being was originally full of light and strength it will only feel at ease in a state of light and strength and will have to feel every lack as torment, but the nature of the torment is inconceivable to people, yet full of pity they should think of those souls which are abandoned without help through human love and have to remain in a desolate state for eternities before they are released from it. People should imagine the saddest earthly lot and know that it does not yet reach the torment of an immature soul in the beyond, and therefore give it their love.... heartfelt prayer for these souls that they will lose their weakness of will, that they themselves will now muster the strength to desire light, that love will also stir in them, that they will want to be active and work in love.... As soon as the soul's will has accepted this direction its agonizing state will end, and through the influx of light and strength it will be able to work on its ascent development and make up in the beyond for what it neglected to do on earth.... to work in love.... For only through love can it redeem itself and only through loving activity can it receive light and strength again, thus it can shape its environment into a light-filled one, which means beatitude for it. To help these souls in their adversity is a work of Christian neighbourly love of unheard-of importance, for they are completely helpless and only depend on people's help through loving intercession. And therefore they often stay close to such people who were close to them on earth in order to appeal to them for strength, for help from their agonizing situation. They themselves don't know in what way they can be helped, because in their ignorance and spiritual darkness they also don't know about the blessing of a loving prayer. Yet unconsciously they promise themselves help through people, and you, who are of awakened spirit, should bring it to them and know about the agonies of an imperfectly secluded soul, even if you cannot measure their depth. Help them through heartfelt remembrance and prayer, thereby give them strength, try to point the souls to the blessing of the working of love and remind them in your thoughts that they can only redeem themselves through love.... make them sensitive to the suffering of other souls and thus try to stimulate them into loving help, always giving them the strength through your prayer to give their will the right direction.... and

you will carry out a merciful work of neighbourly love which the souls will eternally thank you for once they have escaped the greatest darkness and eagerly strive upwards....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## **The souls' great hardship in the beyond....**

B.D. No. 5767

September 11th 1953

**S**ouls which lack light suffer incredibly great hardship in the beyond. To describe this condition to you humans on earth would be truly sufficient to drive you to live your own life differently, but that would be the end of your freedom of will; driven by fear of the same destiny you would inevitably make an effort to behave differently, thus indeed comply with what is expected of you but not of your own accord, motivated by free will. Yet you shall know about the soul's fate, it shall be imparted to you, and then it is still up to you to believe it and to draw your own conclusions from it....

On entering the kingdom of the beyond these souls have lost everything they loved on earth, they own nothing, for they can only take across what they had spiritually acquired, and this is what they are mainly lacking. Since they lived a godless way of life they are engulfed by utter darkness and are totally powerless, yet they are not insensitive, for their environment causes them torment and terror, and these torments and terrors will also be experienced by a soul which had fearlessly and powerfully implemented on earth what had subsequently plunged it into darkness.... These indescribable sufferings will then either awaken the soul's desire to escape this condition or increase its evil instincts so that it will also look for satisfaction in this realm, which means that it will completely submit itself to the forces of darkness. Yet even the souls which had not left their earthly life in such sinfulness, but whose life had been devoid of love and indifferent towards all spiritual notions, are in a very difficult situation, for they, too, are extremely tormented by darkness, although this will, from time to time, give way to twilight if the soul is not yet entirely hardened, so that it will ask for light, for only the desire will enable the soul to attain the light.

But all souls are lacking the strength to want what is right.... and according to the law of eternity they cannot be given help if they don't desire it themselves. God's act of compassion is certainly not over once the soul has left the earthly body, but what it failed to use on earth even though it had owned it in abundance, it first has to acquire in the beyond, and it is too weak to do so.... Just always imagine them as extremely weakened, helpless beings which suffer indescribably and depend on help in order to be released from their suffering.... you would be overcome by pity for these beings if you were able to see their hardship. And you all know souls in the beyond of whom you don't know in what state they entered the spiritual kingdom.... you all have lost people through death who had been close to you.... At least remember the souls who had been dear to you and help them, for even the smallest work of redemption on these souls will result in further redemptions, and you will have contributed much towards it.

You can only help them through loving thoughts and prayers, through intercession on behalf of these souls which, admittedly, will not release them from their torment but it will give them strength on account of which the soul will be able to change its will and strive towards the light. It cannot be released from its painful situation against its will, but in order to want what is right it needs your intercession, a prayer given with love, as soon as it enters your thoughts. For you should know that the soul is asking for your help as soon as it enters your thoughts, that you are constantly surrounded by souls hoping for your help, and that you should not resentfully suppress thoughts of the deceased if you don't want to add to their agony.... The fate of these souls remains hidden from you so as not to impair your free will; you and the deceased souls occupy two worlds which are separated by a dividing line; you cannot look into their world and yet it exists and you are able to send much love from your world into theirs, the effect of which expresses itself in a way and to an extent that countless souls will be able to escape their situation. Often remember these poor souls and don't ignore them in their adversity, for you will be richly rewarded for what you do for them out of

merciful love, in as much as that you will receive spiritual help on earth from all souls which have come out of darkness into the light....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

### **Lot of souls without faith and without love in the hereafter....**

B.D. No. 7461

November 22nd 1959

**T**he souls arrive in the beyond in a terrible condition, which are departed from this earth without any faith and without any love. And there are a great number of them, for until death most people are stuck in self-love and cannot detach themselves from the world. For not all are preceded by a time of suffering before their passing, many are called away in the midst of their work, in the midst of the world and at an age when they are still far from thinking of their end. And then the condition in which people find themselves at the moment applies, which usually reveals little preparation for their souls. And thus their faith is mostly superficial, if one can speak of such at all. They do not think about death and the fate of their souls because they are still in the midst of the world and regard earthly life as an end in itself. And love is just as foreign to them because they only think of themselves or those with whom they are in closest contact.... where therefore a feeling of love naturally exists.... but which cannot be valued in the same way as unselfish love for their neighbour. And the fate of all of them is dreadful when they stand before the gate to eternity, for hardly a little light shines for them, their state is meagre because they have no spiritual goods to show which alone are of value for the kingdom of the beyond. And the souls which suddenly had to depart from earth have no concept of their demise either, they imagine themselves to still be on earth, only transferred to inhospitable regions, and now they can no longer cope with their fate.... They by no means think of the fact that they no longer dwell on earth and only ever seek to put themselves back into the state they lived in during earthly life, often with ruthlessness towards other souls when they are together with those who all have to bear the same fate because they are of the same kind, thus they dwell in darkness in the same spiritual state, equally poor and meagre. They wander about in deep twilight and believe they are wandering through night and fog and await the morning which shall bring them some light again.... and the night will not end because they cannot reach the light until they have changed their attitude, until they have gone within themselves and now also realize that they no longer live on earth, and they now seriously judge themselves, remembering their earthly life which they did not use in the right way. If the souls come to this realization themselves, then it is an act of grace by God Who wants to help those who slowly change their will and reflect on themselves.... Then beings will also step into the path of such souls which will help them further upwards if the soul is willing. But the adversity is great before the soul accomplishes this change of will, and the state of adversity is far greater among the secluded souls than the state of happiness and bliss, because only few people on earth strive to mature their souls with true seriousness of life, because only few people live their existence consciously insofar as they make an effort to live a life of love. The will to be allowed to enter the kingdom of light one day already gives the soul much strength so that it will certainly reach the aim.... But if people don't indulge in such thoughts, if they live a completely unscrupulous life and only seek to satisfy their physical self, if they don't entertain any thoughts of their soul's life after death, they will also enter the kingdom of the beyond in a completely unprepared state, and they can still speak of a great grace if they are afflicted by illnesses before their death and yet their thoughts are preoccupied with their demise and thus they can still be purified and prepared for their entry into the kingdom of the beyond.... The end is near.... For **every** human being the hour can come suddenly and surprisingly, and therefore every human being should often think about the end, he should not carelessly think it is still far away, but he should always and at every hour familiarize himself with the fact that he has to leave the earth and intimately ask God, to take care of him and enable him to enter the kingdom of light, and God will also give him the strength to prepare himself and to do the work on his soul which is necessary for the entrance into the kingdom where there are no terrors and darkness but only light and bliss.... For God does not want

the human being to go to ruin; but the human being is free, he alone determines his fate in eternity, he alone creates the fate which awaits his soul in the spiritual kingdom....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## Spiritual death and renewed banishment....

B.D. No. 7644

July 9th 1960

**S**piritual death is the worst fate that can happen to the soul, for it will be unable to release itself from it once it has departed from earth. It exists, it is also conscious of itself and yet is entirely without light and strength, and this is a state of inconceivable agony. It inevitably leads to a renewed banishment into matter again unless people intercede so effectively on its behalf that it provides the soul with strength, so that it can change itself if it has the will to do so, that is, if it doesn't directly resist it. As long as a soul is apathetic in this state, it can receive help from the enlightened spiritual world or through loving intercession.... But it can also be so hardened that it rebels with burning rage against the power which.... so it believes.... keeps it imprisoned. Then it will steadily descend further and harden into solid substance, which subsequently makes its ascent in the kingdom of the beyond impossible. Then it will have to travel the infinitely long path of higher development through the whole of creation again, for one day even this soul shall wake up to the life which lasts forever.... Countless people on this earth are in this danger of succumbing to spiritual death, for during the end time they do nothing in order to acquire this life. They live without love and therefore without God as well, they already harden their souls to matter on earth, for they strive towards it and fail to consider the spiritual life they are supposed to create for the soul while they live on earth. They bow to the one who is master of the earthly world and also strive for his goods.... And these cannot bestow life upon the soul but they certainly assure its spiritual death.

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

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

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Needy souls beg for prayers....

B.D. No. 2381

June 24th 1942

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

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

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Child of God

### Spheres of light.... different luminous intensity.... childhood of God....

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July 22nd 1944

In the spiritual world there are many gradations, many degrees of bliss, which are recognizable as radiations of light of varying strength and correspond to the souls' degree of maturity. As soon as the being, the soul, has entered the kingdom of light, happiness and bliss are its share because it can receive God's emanation of strength, which always means bliss, even if the soul can only be considered to a small extent according to its maturity. But happiness increases according to the being's activity of love, which always means an increase of its strength, thus an increased radiating through of divine love. And the being can be active without restriction, it is in a state of life, of freedom and constant love under constant use of the power out of God, because the divine power continuously flows towards this being and the power reception triggers deep happiness in it. But the being is now continuously active, it works in love again by passing on the strength and making countless beings happy with it and promoting their spiritual progress and at the same time developing itself into ever greater perfection, which again results in an increased influx of strength from God. And ever more luminous are the rays of light which now surround the being. There is no limit in the kingdom of light, and spheres of light are everywhere where the beings have attained the degree of maturity that they can receive the divine emanation into themselves, that they are permeated by His strength of love. But since the abundance of receiving strength corresponds to the degree of maturity, the spheres of light will also have different intensities of light, for the more perfect the being is the closer it is to the eternal deity Who, as the original light, radiates an inconceivable abundance of light onto all beings. But since the perfect spiritual knows no limitation the being can always come closer and closer to the eternal deity, thus it can constantly progress, it can directly receive the emanation of love and yet it is not completely united with Him as soon as it has not attained childship to God. For this means complete merging with the original light, it means unlimited reception of strength and thus highest bliss. Every being in the kingdom of light is unspeakably happy and yet can always feel even deeper happiness the more it expresses its own love and thereby increases its reception of light and strength. But the being, once standing in the light, knows no limits in the beyond, and this awareness is just so extremely happy that the being can strive for ever higher perfection and that divine love is likewise unlimited in its emanation of strength. But receiving strength from God is always to be valued differently than the final union with Him, which earns the being the childship to God, for it is one with God and its activity in the spiritual kingdom is different from that of the beings of light. They create and shape entirely out of themselves and are exceedingly happy, because this activity requires the highest degree of love and therefore increases their bliss immeasurably....

(22.7.1944) The entry into the kingdom of light therefore already takes place as soon as the soul has attained the maturity which allows light to shine through. But then there are innumerable degrees of perfection and thus also innumerable stages of bliss, which is why the soul can enter ever new spheres of light which always and constantly increase. For there is no limit to what is perfect. The soul floats higher and higher, it approaches the original light, and yet it is not completely one with the original light if it has not acquired the right of childship to God on earth. But it has found union with God from the moment it feels His radiance of love, when it is so purified that it can receive rays of strength and light within itself. For from now on it also has eternal life, it can be active, thus work in love, and it can ascend to immeasurable heights, it can receive light and strength from God and, through union with equally mature spiritual beings, increase them and be inexpressibly happy. But just as the abundance of light is inconceivable to man on earth, so there are also no possibilities of comparison for the bliss of the beings which have found entrance into the spheres of light. For as long as the

human being lives on earth he is an imperfect creature, he only sees and hears with the eyes and ears of the body and cannot imagine the spiritual world which is devoid of all matter, which only exists spiritually and can therefore only be seen and understood by the spiritual being in the human being, by the soul, but only when the soul has reached a certain degree of maturity. And therefore humanity cannot form an idea of the spiritual kingdom, it can only believe, and this only if it is willing and allows itself to be taught without inner resistance. But it can strive to receive enlightenment and then many things will become comprehensible to it. For then the first rays of light will already begin to take effect, and just as a slow maturing of realization, of light, i.e. of knowledge about the pure truth, is recognizable on earth from then on, so the development of the being in the kingdom of the beyond will also increase.... it becomes more and more perfect, it joins God more and more.... it is unspeakably blissful.... But childship to God is a higher degree of perfection, and it includes infinite delights. It is the right of those who already strive for God on earth with all their senses, who love Him with all their heart and want to serve Him in most faithful devotion, who accept suffering and earthly hardship in submission, who strive to fulfil His will and are always and constantly lovingly active, for they already seek to assimilate themselves to the eternal deity on earth, and therefore God's love takes hold of them and paves the way for them to reach Him.... Yet their fate on earth is not easy, they have to pass many tests, they have to fulfil tasks on earth which require great strength and a firm will to reach God. Yet divine grace is available to these souls without measure so that they will reach the aim if only they strive for it....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

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

B.D. No. 8471  
April 18th 1963

**Y**ou 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

## Severe suffering can result in childship to God....

B.D. No. 8980

May 23rd 1965

**Y**ou have been told several times already that you can only attain childship to God if you surrender to Me with love and also humbly bear the sorrow which you have to experience in order to purge the soul from all impurities, so that, on entering the kingdom of the beyond, you can be completely permeated by My light of love, for every ailment, every suffering the human soul still has to endure on earth dissolves the layers, and then the full light ray of My love can touch the soul, because it has relinquished all resistance....

Therefore, don't be discouraged by a difficult earthly life but believe that it will be a blessing for you which fully offsets all suffering, and be patient, for the reward will be greater than great and the time of the human being's suffering on earth is but short compared to the glorious fate awaiting the soul throughout all eternity. This is why you should gladly accept a life of suffering; you should know that such an earthly life is imposed on you by My immense love so that you soon will be able to reach the goal set by Me since eternity. For what follows your earthly life cannot be explained to you, it is the most magnificent fate which is only destined for My 'children', who will be invested into all the rights of the Father, able to work like Him.... without difference, because they have attained the highest goal.

Yet even for these very children I Am unfathomable, that is, they incessantly strive towards Me.... they long for Me and their longing will always be fulfilled.... And the essence of their bliss rests in the fact that they will never cease yearning for Me, that they thus can never be entirely satisfied because I Am and remain eternally unfathomable. For this reason you have to take the most difficult conditions in earthly life upon yourselves, you will be tested time and again, and you have to remain steadfast even in utmost suffering and always know that only your great love for Me and your neighbour can alleviate your suffering, but that you are incapable of such love which could entirely eliminate suffering.... and thus you should be grateful that you are allowed to bear sorrow as it only serves to perfect you. I did not say to you without reason 'Take up your cross and follow Me....' For I knew that only a path of utmost suffering will result in your childship to God, because as human beings you are incapable of the love that also leads to childship of God, and also because earthly life is too short unless you accept suffering at the same time.

Therefore, do not ask why I let a human being suffer.... Rather, think of the benefit of suffering, bear in mind that it dissolves all layers which prevent the soul from receiving the full illumination of love.... and that it is always just a temporary state which is then replaced by eternal happiness, for which you would have accepted even more suffering if only your physical strength would allow for it. Thus you who have to suffer so much should remember that it is the longing for 'children' which motivates Me to put you into this state.... and that you yourselves will be grateful to Me one day for all the adversity you had to endure in earthly life.

Yet this always presumes firm faith in Me, faith in life after death and faith in My infinite love, then you regard every happening as a return of the once fallen spirit to Me.... with the goal of childship to



God, which I cannot achieve in any other way but by means of the path across earth. And if you have this faith then you will also patiently endure every suffering, you will only ever see one purpose in it and accept everything that you, as a human being, cannot change anyway, but you will humbly bear it as imposed on you by My wisdom and love in order to guide you to the highest goal.

But only few will reach this goal, yet they can nevertheless be happy if they don't (even **those** people can be happy who don't) enter the kingdom of the beyond entirely without light, for they will still be able to enhance their degree of light there. They will also be able to rise ever higher and experience infinite beatitude but they will no longer be able to achieve the 'childship to God' which necessitates a life on earth.... Nevertheless, they will be able to repeat this life in order to fulfil a mission, and even then they will not be spared all kinds of suffering in order to achieve utmost maturity.... in order to enter the spiritual realm as the Father's true child, in order to then be able to eternally create and work at His side, in accordance with His will and yet in all freedom, as it was His intention from the start....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

# Bless the suffering!

## Blessing of ill health and suffering....

B.D. No. 0687

November 27th 1938

**T**he state of suffering often obliges a person to take a closer look at his whole life on earth, and this is both beneficial for the soul as well as very often favourable for the body, since the human being, in recognition of his wrong thoughts and behaviour, will frequently endeavour to change his nature. This can also have a positive effect on his body in so far as that a decent way of life can considerably contribute towards maintaining a healthy body or curing a sick one.

The body often has to be afflicted by illness or infirmity, precisely in order to make the person realise that his conduct had completely contravened God's order.... For all reprimands and warnings sent to people by the Lord won't achieve what ill health can often bring about. The human being has no option but to turn away from the world and its pleasures and see earthly life in a completely different light.... He sees the body's frailty and helplessness, and his personal sense of weakness, his inability to escape this condition, will automatically direct his thoughts towards spiritual issues. He will then be far more inclined to deal with problems which are far from a healthy person's mind, and such thoughts can induce a change if he does not oppose them, and thus the spiritual beings can start with the work on such a person's soul by influencing him ever more into asking questions, which will then be answered by the spiritual beings in the form of bright ideas, and thus he is gradually guided into a spiritual sphere which he finds agreeable and which internalises him. To come to the same realisation within the commotion of the world would have taken him a very long time, which would have passed in vain for the soul.... this way, however, a short time can suffice and advance him considerably. And thus, suffering should not make a person unhappy, instead it should equally be regarded as a demonstration of the eternal Deity's love, which the human being will soon understand if he, through suffering, has taken the right path and subsequently can move on by actively working for the salvation of his soul....

Amen

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## Blessing of suffering....

B.D. No. 5904

March 16th 1954

**S**ooner or later you all will realise why you had to suffer on earth, and you will be grateful to Me if it brought you the success that you would never have achieved without suffering.... I would truly not let you suffer without reason, yet My love recognises the effect of suffering on you and thus makes use of it, even if you are often incapable of recognising My loving care. But believe that every stirring of your heart is known to Me, and that I therefore handle especially My Own seemingly harshly, because I want to give them even more blessings in My kingdom, which they are guaranteed to inhabit when their physical end has come.

On earth you cannot imagine the beatitude I want to provide for you.... But I know how a soul has to be in order to endure this beatitude, only I know how it can attain this quality, and only I know the right means and therefore also use them.... and I do this because I love you and know that your will strives towards Me. But also bear in mind that the soul in the human stage is not yet crystallised enough, that it would not endure the abundance of My emanation of love, that it therefore still has to go through suffering in order to become totally purged.... You should know that the soul's layers were not the fault of your earthly way of life, but that it came to earth already surrounded by thick covers,

the dissolution of which is now every human being's task.... Doing deeds of love to a large degree will considerably aid the removal of the soul's impurities, and profound suffering helps where the strength of love is not yet powerful enough.... But you will feel inexpressibly happy when your soul is able to rise freely and permeated by light into the spiritual kingdom after your earthly death.... Then you will have overcome all difficulties, all earthly suffering, and an eternity of supreme happiness lays ahead of you....

Although every day of suffering seems long to you, and yet it is but a moment in time compared to eternity. At times you deem your suffering to be unbearable, and yet I give you no more to carry than you can endure.... and you can always turn to Me, to Jesus Christ, the bearer of the cross, with an appeal for help when your burden seems too much to bear for you.... Take up your cross and follow Me.... Would I, as the man Jesus, have spoken these Words if it were **impossible** for you to endure the cross placed upon you? But He Himself also offered you His help with the Words 'Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest....' And true to His Word He will always give you strength.... For your Saviour Jesus Christ knows you, He also knows that you are willing to follow Him, and He will grant you strength and grace as long as you live on earth....

Amen

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### Blessing of sufferings and hardships for the people....

B.D. No. 8046

November 23rd 1961

**H**e who created you also knows about all your weaknesses and needs, spiritual and physical.... and He will also be able to remedy them at any time.... But do you know what serves you for your perfection? Nothing is futile that I allow, and it only ever requires your right attitude towards Me, and your soul will benefit from everything that happens, from every physical and spiritual weakness, for it will then always turn to Me and entrust itself to Me.... and it then establishes a bond with Me which enables Me to turn strength to it again.... And as soon as the purpose is achieved that you have entered into the close bond with Me I can also remedy your hardship and suffering, and I will also do so in order to prove to you the love of your God and creator Who wants to be your father and also be recognized by you as 'father'. And therefore trustingly hand yourselves over to Me and believe that I will turn everything into the best for you, even if you are sometimes unable to comprehend My working. The time you humans have left until the end is getting shorter and shorter.... Everyone has to reckon with being suddenly called away, and then he will thank Me that I gave him the opportunity beforehand where he could still perfect himself, where his soul could purify itself and he already acquired a degree of light on earth. For no one knows when his hour has come.... But there is not much time left for any of you humans, for the end is near. But I know every person's will and his degree of maturity, and whatever I can still do Myself to increase the latter I will truly not refrain from doing. And if it means suffering and hardship for you I will only try to strengthen your bond with Me, and truly, everything will serve you for the best. But I will also help you earthly, I will strengthen your body and keep it fit as long as you want to serve Me, just as I will always support you with My love and grace, whatever may come. You should only trust Me and come to Me with all your needs, because only the **bond** with Me is your salvation, because this bond with Me signifies the passed test of will for the purpose of which you live on earth. People, however, would think little of Me if their earthly life were always calm and peaceful; their thoughts would only ever be worldly and turned towards pleasure.... But they shall find their way to Me, and therefore I have to bring Myself to their remembrance again and again, namely through suffering and hardship of all kinds which make them remember Him Who is powerful and rules heaven and earth.... Only then will they seek the bond with Me, and only then will they fulfil their purpose of earthly life.... But again and again I tell you that you can also ask Me to turn away what distresses you.... For I want to reveal Myself to you in My love and power.... I want you to recognize a God Who acts towards you as a father, Who also wants to prove His love to you so that you will also show love to Him. And the more trustingly you come to Me the sooner I will hear your prayer, for I will not let a true faith go to waste....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## Everything that happens serves to perfect the soul....

B.D. No. 7162

July 8th 1958

**T**here is purpose and reason in everything that happens, because everything depends on God's will and is therefore also wisely considered by Him and arranged by His love in a manner that benefits the soul of the human being. The decisive factor is always the effect on the soul, which can certainly be negative if the person's will so decides, but it is always possible to be positive too. The body often has to accept various kinds of suffering and ailments; but as long as the soul's spiritual development is progressive these afflictions are insignificant, because they only last a limited time, whereas the soul's state of immaturity can last for an eternity and will cause it appalling torment in the spiritual kingdom. The human being should always be conscious of the fact that God's love, wisdom and power determines his destiny, that nothing happens to anyone arbitrarily, that nothing is coincidental, that a kind, devoted Father at all times wants to help His lost child to find its way back to Him.... And therefore the human being should at all times call upon God as his 'Father' and thereby show Him that he wants to return to Him. He should always humbly accept God's will, even when he has to carry a cross which appears to be almost unbearable, because Someone will come to his aid and carry his cross with him, if only He is asked to do so.

But whatever the human body endures in this life will be gratefully understood by the soul one day, when it can leave the body in order to enter the kingdom in the beyond in a pure and clear state. Although divine love wants to spare every living creature suffering it cannot be avoided because the human being on earth does not consider his soul enough to do whatever it takes to remove its impurities. And thus help is needed which is frequently painful but which nevertheless promises success. But the certainty that everything is God's will, Who is love Himself, should enable you humans to bear everything with greater ease and it should be a comfort to you too that you are never left to your own devices, that there is always Someone Who cares about your spiritual maturity and wellbeing. And He will never allow that anything should happen to you without reason and purpose, because His love, wisdom and power is limitless, and His love and wisdom will forever be the decisive factor when His will and His power express themselves.

For this reason every minute can be of benefit to you, you can derive spiritual achievement from every experience, from every event, from every physical adversity which you encounter. Because as soon as you learn to view it as a means of help for the maturing of your souls you will also do whatever it takes to help the soul to mature. Your cross will soon be taken from you, since it is only a burden to you until it has served its purpose. If, however, you want to live your earthly life entirely without suffering, you will also have to be pure love.... and only few people will reach a level where their souls will purify themselves through love. More often than not they will require suffering as a means of help, because the time of their earthly life is only short and yet should yield the greatest possible perfection for the soul. Hence you should bless the suffering too, surrender to it and thank your Heavenly Father for His love for you, which only ever wants the best for you....

Amen

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## Words of comfort from the father....

B.D. No. 6444

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**W**hatever suffering and pain you experience in earthly life will help you to achieve perfection if you surrender to My will.... Yet bear in mind that I know everything and that what I allow can always result in good success for your soul. I certainly don't approve of the actions of those who cause you pain or hardship, yet all people have free will and will one day have to answer for this will.... Yet you need not suffer any harm to your soul as a result, you can emerge from all hardship and suffering

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unscathed but then you will also have a plus, yet always provided that you remain in contact with Me through love, that you don't let yourselves be tempted into thoughts of hatred and revenge but humbly let everything pass you by in the certainty that I know about it and will help you as soon as you turn to Me in prayer.... You have a father in heaven Who loves His children.... Trust in your father with complete faith and you will not be disappointed, for He always knows a way out, no matter how confusing it may seem.... for truly all things are possible to Me.... My adversary's activity also appears strongly, you must always remind yourselves of this.... He wants to get you under his control, he wants you to give up your faith in Me, to detach yourselves from Me and surrender to him through equally bad actions and unkindness.... Do not let yourselves be deceived, wait in patience and trust in My help.... Wherever you are met with hatred, repay it with love; wherever you are hostile, bless in My name, speak My name often and sincerely when you are in need, and you will be inwardly strengthened and have the strength to repay bad with good. In contact with Me, trusting in My help, you will be able to do everything, and My adversary's activity will remain unsuccessful, only pushing you ever more towards Me, Who is your father from eternity.... And after heartfelt prayer hand yourselves over to the beings of light who are only waiting for your call to them, who will now assist you on My behalf but may not do so until they are instructed by Me.... until you approach Me Myself for help.... They are happy to be allowed to help you, and where you yourselves feel too weak their work begins because they are with you to protect and help you as guides on your path through life.... You are never too weak to resist your enemies if only you first take the right path to Me, because then countless helpers will stand by your side but they are not allowed to intervene until they have received the order from Me.... Why then do you want to be timid? There are all kinds of means which will help you in times of need.... you only ever turn to your God with complete trust.... But what benefit your soul can derive from all the trials and sufferings that are imposed on you, that you cannot measure, but one day you will thank Me for the earthly path you had to cover for the sake of your perfection.... which earned you the close bond with Me, which was indeed a crusade for you but unimaginably beneficial if you covered it in My discipleship.... And never forget that no adversity is so great that I cannot remedy it.... One is always at your side and only waits for your call.... And His help will truly not fail to come....

Amen

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