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God Gives His Grace to the Humble

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You have to know the purpose of your earthly life if your progress as a human being is to be successful and you want to reach the goal, if you once again want to become what you had been in the beginning.... You came forth from Me as supremely perfect beings, you were created in My image, endowed with all divine attributes, full of light and strength, and you were in constant contact with Me as your God and Creator, so that you were continuously able to receive light and strength from Me and thus were also indescribably happy. But your perfect nature also included free will or you could not have been called divine living creations. Consequently this free will had to open up two possibilities for you: to remain as perfect as I had created you, or to relinquish your perfection and change your nature into the opposite.... Thus you were meant to prove your 'divinity' by keeping the direction of your will in line with Mine, so that it totally merged with My will although it was completely free.... In that case, however, you also had to be capable of behaving to the contrary.... You also had to be able to fall away from Me as a sign of free will, if this was opposed to Me and My will.

I required My 'created' living beings to make this decision of will in order to be able to grant them even greater delights.... I required this decision of will of My first created being, the spirit of light, whom My greater than great love externalised and who, as My image, was intended to create and work with and beside Me in the spiritual kingdom. He had come forth from Me in supreme perfection, he was My image.... Yet one thing set him apart from Me: he received his strength from Me, whereas I was the source of strength Myself.... He certainly recognised this, for he possessed absolute realisation.... And so he was confronted by the test of will which required him to acknowledge Me as the source of strength from Which he constantly received his power.... However, his will and My strength had brought countless beings into existence, all of whom were of highest perfection, endowed with all gifts and free will which demonstrated their divine nature. And the awareness of having been the creator of all these beings made this first-created spirit, the bearer of light, arrogant, and in his arrogance he rebelled against Me.

Hence he did not pass the test of will but he voluntarily caused a separation from Me which, admittedly, was impossible to happen, because all created spirits would have perished in view of the fact that they are unable to exist without Me and My flow of strength.... but the bearer of light.... Lucifer.... deliberately turned away from Me, and therefore fell into the abyss, drawing with him a large number of beings which likewise were supposed to make a decision and deserted Me.... This occurrence, which took place in the spiritual kingdom, forms the basis of the 'creation of the world', of the countless different kinds of creations which I brought into being as the 'path of return' for the spirits, in order to guide all fallen spirits back to their origin again, in order to guide them back to Me, because they can only be happy again when they are united with Me, whereas the distance from Me signifies a state of utter wretchedness. I Am now trying to make this information accessible to you humans, for you are these fallen spirits which are on the path of return to Me and are approaching the goal. You had changed your once perfect nature into the opposite and became imperfect....

Even as human beings you are still imperfect creatures, but you are able to perfect yourselves during your earthly life if only you fulfil My will, if you fit in with My law of divine order, if you live a life of love and completely change your nature into love again, as it was in the beginning.... Love reunites you with Me, but you have to accept it from Me voluntarily again. You must not resist it when My love wants to illuminate you once more; you have to do your utmost in order to fulfil your task in earthly life, which solely consists of directing your will towards Me, of surrendering to Me and striving towards Me with love.... Then profound knowledge will be revealed to you, the darkness within you will recede, you will achieve bright realisation, understand all correlations and leave the state of wretchedness, you will enter into union with Me and in this unity find the former bliss again which you once voluntarily relinquished but which belongs to every being that once originated from Me as a radiant image of Myself.... and which it irrevocably will become again one day, because this

has been and will remain the goal of My creation: to educate 'children' for Myself who can create and work with Me in supreme happiness....

Amen

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Arrogance and haughtiness

Arrogance.... Those who raise themselves into lordliness, will be made humble.... Feeling oneself superior to others

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October 21st 1938

Depending on how strong your will is, you will receive grace to a measure that can put you into some kind of inner peace, for your calling the Lord in agony and emergency will not die unheard. The weakness of your ghost and your inner discontent results from lacking of love. And thus, increased love alone will rebuild your old relation to your heavenly Father. And it will always be your own will to come to Him that will increase your love activities.... And so your soul will be cured from sickness and illness that has brought you into inner emergency.... So, be full of attention now, devote yourself to our influence and begin:

Those who raise themselves into lordliness, will be humiliated. And those who strive to shine before the world will once, in saddest loneliness, think back to their own lives on earth. It will be extremely important for you to go your own earthen way in modesty and to fully recognizing your own weakness, for that will be the only way to be led to heights. It is just that fighting against lordliness that will bring fruit for your life in eternity. For that pride and lordliness has been the reason for having fallen from God and for the fact that life on earth has been and will be the greatest danger for your soul. Whenever a human will hold his own personal "I" in such a high esteem, his fundamental base for a higher development will be lacking. And so, as to make a human child recognize how little it can fullbring out of itself and how empty and vain it is without God's help, it will have to endure many events which are immeasurably painful.

All arrogance and lordliness will dwindle and vanish, as soon as a human faces it's own death. Then, however, a human cannot take enough benefit out of that recognition anymore. For, the time that it was given by God's grace will have passed away. And it will not have succeeded in gaining any fruit for it's soul. human should always have thorough thoughts as to what any glamour and wealth, all terrestrial honour and secular prestige will be of worth to it, if you are suddenly forced to leave your earthly vale.... It is not before recognising it's own weakness that it will surpass yourself and receive the grace of the Lord.... What will a human be able to fullbring out of the power of its own.... Raising lordliness more and more, he will see his soul fall more and more into darkness. And so, then, darkness will destine his soul's distinction increasingly.... The first will be the last... that is what the Lord says. And those who will follow these words in their belief in God, will certainly think of a good one on earth....

Every talent is a gift of the Lord.... What the human is and what it has – it only owes that to God solely and must be thankful to God therefore. And thus, it cannot to the least claim that talent as it's own merit. It cannot give itself any honour therefore, either. And all sense of superiority will be a sign of a blind soul. As a consequence, the Light will not come to them, before they recognised how vain and invalid their earthen treasures are and before they give up striving for imperishable wealth. Giving up grabbing and demanding for everything. Keeping distance from glory and honour. Devoting itself deeply to the wonders of God's creation. It will not before then a man's inner eye will be opened; and only then will he recognise God's greatness and his own unworthiness.... He will ask for, and he will receive.... and, following this way, he will return to his Father to whom he once turned his back...
Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

He who humbles himself will be exalted. But anyone who allows himself to be honoured by his fellow human beings will truly have a smaller reward in the beyond, for he has already received his reward. You humans are only on earth because you are still imperfect, otherwise you would have already entered the kingdom of the blessed spirits, which requires the degree of perfection. But if you are imperfect, how can you then demand honour from your fellow human beings? How can you let yourselves be honoured, who could not yet exist before My eyes, if I suddenly call you away from this world?.... He who humbles himself will be exalted.... Consequently, an exaltation in My kingdom requires profound humility which you should not only demonstrate to Me but also to your fellow human beings, although this should not be understood as submissiveness and grovelling service. But you humans should never exalt yourselves above your fellow human beings. What distinguishes you in spiritual gifts, what you possess in talents, lively intellect or other abilities is not your merit but has been given to you by your creator and father according to your purpose on earth. Therefore, these gifts should not make you arrogant but only grateful to the one Who has endowed you so richly. But you should nevertheless remain aware of the fact that your soul is still unfinished and that it alone survives the body.... that all earthly gifts will therefore pass away just as you once passed away yourselves and that nothing will remain apart from your soul which gives you the right to be arrogant. Therefore it is not fitting on earth that a person should be shown excessive reverence, that people who are his brothers should bow down before him or lie at his feet in service. It is not fitting that a person should allow himself to be honoured and elevated to the status of a king if he has not been given such dominion. For even every earthly ruler should be regarded by his subjects as a loving, fatherly ruler if he wants to win their love and not just be feared. Then every subject will of its own accord pay him the honour that is due to him. But he, as earthly ruler, is set above people by My will. Yet even his arrogance is not a virtue but a weakness and a mistake before My eyes. You humans are all equal before Me, you should be like brothers to each other, you should serve each other in love, then you will move on earth like My true children and remain humble of heart.... For you should always imagine My walk on earth, how I walked amongst people with My disciples, to whom I stood by like a brother and friend and whom I also taught like a brother.... All power was truly at My disposal and I could create everything for Myself, earthly wealth and prestige before the world. I could have ruled like a king and claimed all honours for Myself; but I did not see the high, I only saw the wretched, the weak and bowed down to him; I knew no arrogance and did not seek honour and glory from men. I only gave love and also only demanded love from people. And whoever wants to follow Me should serve in love, but never want to rule in power. Only then can he be placed above great things in My kingdom when he has humbled himself on earth like Me....

Amen

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Spiritual arrogance....

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December 30th 1945

Spiritual arrogance prevents the human being from recognizing the truth. Everyone must bear this in mind, that only through profound humility can the human being attain that which, in the realization of his deficiency, desires knowledge.... who does not believe that he is already knowledgeable before he has sincerely asked for truth. The human being acquires knowledge through his intellectual activity, or he receives it from outside if it appeals to him, and he holds on to it. And this knowledge is usually enough for him if it agrees with his wishes and views. He shuts himself off from every presentation that does not correspond to his knowledge, always in the consciousness that he possesses the right knowledge.... He exalts himself above his fellow human beings who think differently and rejects everything offered to him from this side without taking a stand himself. And these people are difficult to guide into truth, for only the person humbly asks for it who believes himself to be ignorant and recognizes his inadequacy to penetrate spiritual knowledge through his own

strength. But God only gives His grace to this person, for He wants to be approached for it in humble prayer. The belief to be in the right knowledge prevents the human being from asking for it as long as he still walks in error. For the person who has penetrated the truth remains inwardly humble despite the richest knowledge, and his prayer constantly ascends to God for an increase in his knowledge. For he feels infinitely small in view of God's greatness, Who becomes ever more sublime to him the greater his knowledge is. And thus this person will also always be accessible to spiritual conversations, whereas the believer in knowledge quickly ends such conversations because he does not want to be instructed, instead he seeks to spread his knowledge himself, always emphasizing it in spiritual arrogance as his own body of thought which he deems unassailable. He even tries to instruct God's servants, His messengers, who bring him the truth, for he does not acknowledge the working of the spirit and tries to invalidate everything they oppose him with his intellectual thinking. He fights against the working of the spirit, he thinks himself more mature and wiser and also does not recognize God as the giver of truth, Who expresses Himself through His messengers.... He fights with human wisdom against divine wisdom and does not submit himself by asking God Himself for enlightenment of the spirit.... And therefore he can hardly attain truth as long as the spirit of arrogance dwells in him.... Only the realization of complete ignorance in the spiritual sphere can determine him to occupy himself mentally with questions, and only then can the truth reach him if he humbly requests it, for God gives His grace to the humble but He does not reveal Himself to the arrogant....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Spiritual arrogance.... humility - grace....

B.D. No. 3336

November 19th 1944

Spiritual arrogance prevents people from recognizing the truth, for the truth is given by God to those who think themselves small and lowly, who stand in deepest humility and can therefore be appreciated by His grace. However, as soon as a person believes himself to be knowledgeable without having received the instruction from God Himself, he exalts himself, for the knowledge of man is small.... Even if he receives the pure truth in school he will only recognize it as truth if God Himself can work in him through His spirit. But God's spirit only works in the humble person who asks for the truth because he feels poor in it.... But anyone who believes himself to be knowledgeable does not ask for it, and anyone who believes himself to possess the truth does not strive for it. And this spiritual arrogance is a great obstacle for him, for he will not be able to recognize the truth if it is offered to him. But people who believe themselves to be called as proclaimers of the divine word are mostly spiritually arrogant. For they have acquired knowledge in a scholastic way by using their intellect, and they now believe that they are able to instruct their fellow human beings according to this knowledge. They feel spiritually superior to them and have often not yet established the bond with God which guarantees them right knowledge, i.e. truthful knowledge. Consequently, they are not taught by God and therefore not called by Him to the mission they have set for themselves. But if a true servant of God gets in their way, a person who is taught by God and called by Him to work for Him, then he denies him any authorization, which he, however, claims for himself. He does not want to give away the intellectual wealth he has acquired through study, but this intellectual wealth makes him spiritually arrogant, he himself claims an office which must be offered to him by God if he is to be entitled to administer this office. He lacks the inner humility which he receives from spiritual activity, for only through the latter does the knowledge he has received in school become comprehensible to him, it only becomes true knowledge as soon as he recognizes it as truth. The humble person who feels poor in spirit need not fear that he will walk in error, for the spirit teaches him because it can become effective in him. For God gives His grace to the humble.... He favours him with rich knowledge, He makes him able to recognize the truth, He makes him His servant, His representative on earth.... thus He appoints him to work for Him. But the knowledge of the spiritually arrogant person will never fully satisfy his fellow human being.... it is offered just as it was offered to him.... scholastically and intellectually thought through but not received from the heart through the working of the spirit in the

human being. And therefore it cannot come alive either, it cannot awaken to life, but it is received as a word which only sets the intellect but not the heart into activity.... The spiritually arrogant person does not speak to the human being's heart, and therefore he will not have the success that a right servant of God has.... a person who is deeply humble and asks God for His grace....

Amen

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Criticism of the divine word proves spiritual arrogance....

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July 7th 1962

Into what spiritual arrogance do people descend who want to criticise My gifts of grace from above or believe themselves called to be able to judge them? Divine wisdom cannot be grasped intellectually, they can only appeal for the grace of right thinking which will also be granted to them because then they will already enter into contact with Me. But anyone who wants to judge with his intellect alone, who believes that he can mentally penetrate the truth and the outcome of it, is presumptuous and will always have to admit his inadequacy, and he will also have to realize that he is not entitled to such an examination either, because the spiritual realms are closed to him if he does not enter them in My company.... But people nevertheless presume such things and then pass a judgment which can never be right, because the human being lives in spiritual darkness as long as he has not yet striven for unification with Me, which, however, also requires profound humility and recognition of his own shortcomings, in which case the human being humbly turns to Me and appeals to Me for enlightenment of his thinking. Anyone who only lives his earthly life, who does not make an effort to put his inner life in order.... thus anyone who believes that he can fathom and justify everything with his human intellect is truly not called to judge a divine gift of grace, for both the process of transmission as well as the abundant flow of grace which flows to earth will be and remain incomprehensible to him, because the human being has lost all knowledge due to his former fall into the abyss and therefore it is still dark in him.... He first has to kindle a light within himself which brings about unselfish love, but then he also humbly recognizes his weakness of intellect and no longer enters the spiritual realms in order to fathom them by virtue of his intellect. And yet, many people arrogate to themselves a judgment who are not in the least qualified to do so.... And this is a sign of great spiritual arrogance.... And they will fall ever more into darkness until they turn to Me Myself and then can also be enlightened by Me if their desire for truth is serious. But then you will have to come to Me humbly, for I only grant My grace to the humble. And as soon as you are of arrogant spirit My adversary still controls you, who is full of arrogance and also wants to transfer it to you. And many people are so convinced of the sharpness of their intellect that they don't want to accept any instructions, and these will also never be able to be introduced to the pure truth, because truth can only be part of a humble person, for it originates from Me and only ever touches the hearts of those who devote themselves to Me in deepest love and humility.... But anyone who is arrogant also lacks love, for he is still completely in bondage to the one who is **without** love but who places himself above everything and who also does not want to acknowledge Me as his lord. Therefore beware of spiritual arrogance, after all, it makes you completely blind in spirit, and then you will never be able to receive and grasp My gifts of grace, for they will only be confused thoughts for you and not emit any light, because this is prevented by the adversary who wants to keep you in deepest darkness so as not to lose you....

Amen

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Rejection of the divine Word in spiritual arrogance....

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November 6th 1958

Anyone who rejects the Word of God in spiritual arrogance when it is offered to him through My servants on earth will be seriously accountable for it one day, since it is not spiritual inability to

be able to recognise something bright but it is a rejection due to dishonourable motives supported by My adversary's influence. 'Spiritual arrogance' excludes all scrutiny, spiritual arrogance is an obvious sign that the person is subject to dark influences, for spiritual arrogance is the distinctive mark of the one who opposes Me because he refuses to acknowledge Me. Spiritual arrogance of the first-fallen spirit resisted and rejected the light which permeated him, therefore utter darkness engulfed him. Hence the human being will remain in spiritual darkness when he arrogantly rejects the light again, when My grace wants to emanate it in order to provide a glimmer of enlightenment to his heart.... But the reason for refusal is important, for it can also be rejected due to other reasons which cannot be as condemned as this very arrogance of a human being.

And one can speak of spiritual arrogance when a person believes that he needs no further instructions, that he has sufficient spiritual education, when he overestimates his own knowledge and therefore believes that he does not need additional information. However, even then the human being should still be prepared to examine what he is offered. If he still maintains his will **with conviction** and rejects it again then his verdict will not be as severe, then he lacks judgment due to spiritual blindness.... If, however, he omits all scrutiny then the human being's blatant rejection will repel My hand of grace that I offer him and the responsibility will hit him hard one day, for one day he will realise the truth, and then it might be too late....

No one can be forcibly persuaded to accept My Word but everyone will sooner or later have the opportunity to seriously deal with questions of doubt, for I place such doubts into the hearts of those who are not yet on the right path. All people should, in fact, form an opinion about such questions, they would only derive benefit from it, for they will certainly receive clarification providing they genuinely desire it. But then it will show whether the person **seriously desires the truth**.... for it will indeed be offered to him. Spiritual arrogance, however, will instantly reject it because this is My **adversary's** will and his determination will be fulfilled by those of like spirit.

Arrogance caused the fall of the former being of light, and arrogance is therefore also his supporters' nature which unmistakably characterises them as his followers. And a big step has to be taken, the human being's nature has to seriously try to change itself.... the person has to step down from arrogance into humility and thus completely detach himself from My adversary and approach Me with utter humbleness.... Only then will a light shine into the person's heart, and only then will he be able to recognise the precious gift of grace which My Word represents to every person and his soul's salvation. Only then will he gratefully accept what the Father's love offers to His child.... Then he will hunger for food and drink yet also be constantly satisfied by My love....

Amen

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Spiritual superiority is not spiritual arrogance....

B.D. No. 7730

October 23rd 1960

Spiritual superiority should not be confused with spiritual arrogance.... If I guide a person into the truth, if he is taught by My Word in order to be a suitable teacher again for his fellow human beings, then he may also confidently endorse his knowledge because it originates from Me, and then he can also rest assured that he will have received the pure truth and that this truth has to be rated higher than human knowledge, which was merely intellectually acquired and which, without the working of My spirit, is no guarantee for truth. Hence, one can never speak of spiritual arrogance where it concerns advocating the truth from Me, which the person receives from Me directly. Then any restraint would be wrong if the opportunity presents itself to inform people of My spiritual knowledge. You just should not 'cast your pearls before swine', i.e., you should not speak where you clearly recognise My adversary's spirit, because the truth will not be recognised there as such and every conversation will be in vain. But anyone who is taught by My spirit shall also mention the **working** of My spirit and frankly and determinedly stand up for My Word. He will certainly be able to

do so, for as soon as he speaks on behalf of Me and My kingdom I Myself make use of him and speak through him, and then you really won't be able to say that an arrogant spirit speaks through him.

Once a person has been guided into truth by Me he will also be enlightened himself, he will recognise all correlations and able to speak about them. And if he is sure of the truth of his knowledge because he was taught 'through the spirit' then he will also be self-confident and able to refute wrong opinions or provide good clarifications, in which case he can't be called 'arrogant', rather, his spiritual superiority should be recognised and acknowledged; the truth he imparts must impress the listener and also give him the inner conviction that it is I Myself Who speaks to him through a human mouth. And since I know My light bearers' will I can also distribute the gifts of the spirit such that they will be valued.... For this reason I choose My own servants and give them the task to pass on the pure truth.... And anyone with good intentions will recognise the truth and gratefully accept it.... anyone with good intentions will be brought together with the bearers of truth so that he, too, shall be guided into truth, depending on his will. And you should always remember that I only give My grace unto the humble.... That an arrogantly spirited person would never ever be able to receive a gift of grace from Me because only a profoundly humble heart is receptive for it or you would have to discard everything said to you.... but after serious examination you won't be able to do that. Spiritual superiority is only the complete certainty of knowing the truth, and I expect this from My bearers of light, or they would be unable to confidently uphold the truth from Me towards their fellow human beings.... It is necessary for light to be brought to people who live in spiritual darkness ; it is necessary to illuminate the path of ascent for them, for you humans will not go forward on dark paths but you will continue to strive towards the abyss. For this reason I will repeatedly convey light to you, and blessed is he who accepts it.... blessed, who takes the path which will be shown to him in the light of truth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Spiritual pride and its danger....

B.D. No. 7803

January 21st 1961

Spiritual pride is the greatest evil for it requires the greatest strength to overcome it. And since the spiritually proud human being still completely belongs to the adversary he will never appeal to **God** for a gift of strength and will remain enchained until his heart has changed to become humble.... which generally requires more than **one** life on earth, hence necessitates a new banishment in matter. Spiritual pride is the inherited evil from the one who plunged into the abyss because of his arrogance. He will not even renounce his spiritual pride for eternities, therefore he will only take the path to the Father when he deems himself so small and low and weak that he will appeal for strength, which will then certainly be granted to him. And the same applies to his follower who remains in spiritual arrogance, who refuses to bow down to God's will, who therefore will not acknowledge a 'God' above himself either, who, as a human being, is so utterly convinced of his ego's value that he does not accept any spiritual instructions, that he does not think he needs the help that a higher Power can provide for him. Total unbelief and spiritual pride will always walk hand in hand, and because the human being does not want to acknowledge any God he will never be able to receive the flow of strength which enables him to free himself from this inherited evil, and his fellow human being will have no influence on him because he deems himself above everything that requires 'faith' and extends into spiritual spheres.

Addressing such people and imparting God's Word to them is rarely successful because they are constantly under the influence of God's adversary, who also wants to keep his followers away from God so as not to lessen his might and strength he assumes to possess in his adherents. Severe earthly and physical adversity must strike a spiritually arrogant person so that he takes notice of the feeling of weakness which might change his mind; he must realise that he is nothing and incapable of changing anything by virtue of his human nature, and this feeling of imperfection must persuade him to think. Then he will gradually relinquish his arrogance.... on account of which it is an incredibly significant

grace if a person is placed into such circumstances where he becomes aware of his weakness and imperfection and is able to draw his conclusions from it. However, he retains his free will at all times, hence the adversary, too, will always influence him and thus he will just as well be able to dispel the thoughts which surface in him. But the world of light will also struggle for his soul in order to save him from the fate of renewed banishment.... and even if they merely succeed in persuading the human being to recognise his utter inferiority before his death and to acknowledge a Power above him before he dies.... Then he can still be helped to progress in the beyond and he will not need to repeat the path through the whole creation.... Then he will have succeeded in liberating himself from the adversary's domination, although the soul will have a hard struggle in the kingdom of the beyond in order to reach the light, which often shone on him on earth but was not accepted. However, God takes mercy upon every soul and will not abandon it.... But the human being has free will and this alone determines the soul's fate when it departs from its mortal body....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Humility of heart

Humility - Arrogance.... Danger....

B.D. No. 4919
June 22nd 1950

I bestow My grace upon the humble, to the arrogant I deny it, for arrogance smothers love, whereas humility awakens it. And for this reason all My love belongs to the humble which showers him with grace beyond measure. Someone with heartfelt love for his fellow human being cannot be haughty to him but regard him as his brother and help him because of love; this is why the humble person will carry out deeds of neighbourly love, for which I will bless him and reward him in turn with My love and grace. An arrogant person's heart is hard and unfeeling, he does not serve but wants to dominate and will therefore be disregarded by Me, because this feeling, the need to dominate, was the reason for the past apostasy from Me which can only be atoned for through profound humility towards Me, hence humility also signifies returning to Me. The spiritual being had sunk very low due to arrogance, however, in the stage as a human being it has already ascended to a certain level but now it is in greatest danger of succumbing to arrogance again, of elevating himself, and this manifests itself in heartlessness towards his fellow human beings. The fact that the human being, due to arrogance, also deprives himself of all means to ascend further, that he thereby forfeits My grace, is the greatest danger to which I always draw your attention, so that you will not plunge into the abyss again of your own fault. Everything that is domineering still belongs to My adversary, who remains in utter opposition to Me and believes himself capable of overthrowing Me. Having once been the highest bearer of light he became My adversary because he elevated himself above Me.... he believed he was able to place himself **above** Me and plunged into the deepest abyss.

Arrogance is the first step into a bottomless fall.... humility, in contrast, is the ladder to higher spheres, the safest bridge to Me.... For the person who receives My grace will safely reach his goal, because My grace signifies help, My support and My guidance. Consider your past sin which separated you from Me, consider My greater than great love which wants to draw you back to Me; consider your weakness and imperfection and how very distant you are, then you will bow your head with utmost humility and longingly stretch your hands out to Me, and then I will take hold of you with My love and grace and provide you with everything you need in order to reduce your distance from Me, in order to return to Me from Whom you originated. But woe to you if you never become aware of your distance from Me, if you deem yourselves too exalted as to pray to Me with profound humility.... In that case you cannot receive grace, then you are still under the control of the one who made you fall, then you can never become free from the sin of your past arrogance, for without My grace you will never ever become blissfully happy....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Self-knowledge.... Psychological work.... Grace.... Humility....

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The human being is at greatest risk if he indulges in self-satisfaction, if he deems himself psychologically highly developed and does not know himself. For he lacks humility which he, however, will have to demonstrate to God if he wants to receive His grace in order to continue maturing. Only someone who deems himself small will strive to ascend, only someone who feels weak will appeal for strength, and if he humbly approaches the heavenly Father in prayer strength can be given to him.

The human being should constantly work at improving himself and he can only do so if he considers himself imperfect, if he is aware of his faults and weaknesses and tries to discard them. Every step towards perfection must be laboriously fought for, since fighting one's own faults and weaknesses requires fighting against oneself, against one's cravings, one's leaning towards the world, towards material possessions, against one's evil instincts which make it difficult for the soul to release the spirit.

And this battle is an easy one as long as the body still makes demands which impede his psychological maturity. But first of all the human being must recognise himself; he must know what God wants and to what extent his will is still in opposition to God's will; he must know that God requires a complete transformation into love, and he must contemplate what this change into love means.... that no evil thought should arise in the person and thus no evil deed may be carried out, that every movement of the human heart must be virtuous and gentle, that all bad habits should be fought against and that the human being must train himself to become gentle, peaceful, patient, compassionate and humble. He must constantly observe himself, and time and again he will find weaknesses and flaws if he takes his work of improving himself seriously.... he will not be satisfied with himself as long as he lives on earth, for he will not become so perfect on earth that he would have nothing to criticise about himself anymore. He must strive for perfection as long as he lives, and he will only do so as long as he is aware of his imperfection as a result of his stringent self-criticism and as long as he is absolutely determined to take the path of ascent.... And thus he has to remain profoundly humble and consider himself and his work small and even more sincerely request the gift of grace so that God's strength will flow to him and enable him to carry out the work of improving his soul, because God giveth grace to the humble....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Arrogance.... humility.... grace....

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I turn My love to the least of these, if he prays to Me for mercy... for his humility pleases Me, and everything that seems small I exalt.... And therefore everyone can and may come to Me, I will not deny Myself to anyone because I love you, you who are My living creations. But you must not exalt yourselves or you will lack grace. As long as you stay on earth you are imperfect and in need of My grace, My help and My love. And as soon as you are in need you must also feel small towards Me and testify to this in humble prayer. For I want to make you happy, I want to give you what you lack and thereby gain your love for Me. But you will never be able to love the giver from the heart if you feel exalted towards him. But true love knows no exaltation, and thus I want to be loved from a humble heart, in childlike submissiveness, in order to be able to consider you as a father, in order to be able to love you again like a father loves his children. Therefore you should always establish a childlike relationship with Me so that I can draw close to you with love, for as soon as you humbly ask Me in a childlike way you also give Me the right to look after you in fatherly care, and then I can provide you with everything you need for soul and body. And My grace will help you to ascend, for this is now abundantly at your disposal. Therefore, anyone who feels completely poor and weak will receive, for he opens himself through his prayer for grace and thus receives the grace which My love now provides him with in abundance. However, anyone with an arrogant spirit does not feel in need of help and his prayer is certainly external but it does not come from the heart, and I cannot approach him like a father because he has not yet established the childlike relationship with Me. And he will also hardly establish the right relationship with his fellow human being, he will also believe himself superior to him, he will not be to him like a brother to a brother but he will only demand because he deems himself greater than his fellow human beings. And this does not please Me, for love requires love, and true love knows no distinction, it does not exalt itself but also takes hold of the lowest in order to elevate it.... And thus I also love the lowliest with an intuition and help him to ascend, for the humble always finds grace before My eyes....

Humility....

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January 27th 1953

Approach God in all humility and He will lovingly draw close to you. Listen to the voice of your heart, don't become arrogant in spirit when His love becomes obvious to you but always remain humbly devoted to Him, then the measure of grace He pours out on you will be inexhaustible, then you will truly be His children who have found the path to the father's heart.... Humility must completely fill you, and even the greatest gift of love must not let you become arrogant, for it is only His greater than great love which bestows that gift upon you but not your worthiness. What is weak is lovingly regarded by God as soon as it recognizes its weakness and humbly withholds itself from eternal love.... Then it will truly be showered with an abundance of grace which will secure you a high ascent. And thus a simple explanation is given to you humans when and how God bestows His gifts of grace; information is given to you as to what alone is necessary in order to receive a richest measure of grace.... Humility is presented as the virtue which is looked upon by God with eyes of love, which moves Him to empty Himself, to distribute an abundance of grace which surely leads the human being to the aim, to the union of the child with the father.... Just as a child approaches the father in all humility, so the human being must also feel humble towards the eternal father. But where humility fades, God also withdraws His grace. Humility, however, demands nothing for itself; humility feels so infinitely small in the face of the divinity, which it certainly suspects but does not dare to address. True humility will only produce a slur, it will not be able to express itself with words, for it does not dare to address words to the highest being, Which can already destroy with a thought what It once created.... Humility is silent and only falls down before the face of God, pleading for His mercy.... Humility waits patiently until it is raised up by His benevolent hand. And where you humans recognize this humility, there the flow of grace also flows uninterruptedly into the heart, there God's presence is evident, there the connection from earth to heaven is created, there God inclines Himself to earth and fills the vessel with His grace which is held out to Him openly, the heart which humbly surrenders itself to God in the knowledge of its unworthiness and weakness.... (27.1.1953) For humility of heart is the soul's highest adornment, it opens, as it were, the gate to the spiritual kingdom, it opens the source of grace, for where humility is there is also love for God, Whom the soul acknowledges as a supra-holy being, Whom it hardly dares to look up to but Whom it strives towards, to Whom it would like to make itself entirely its own: The soul's humble devotion to its creator and father from eternity is the shortest path to Him, for a powerful wave of love and grace carries it over all obstacles to the father's heart, Who graciously draws it to Himself because a humble soul is well pleasing to Him. True humility of heart need not be outwardly recognizable, rather it often hides behind an impenetrable nature, for true humility does not apply to people but to the God and creator from eternity, true humility does not venture forth, it walks silently, true humility does not dare to come forward, it walks quiet, solitary paths in modesty and never comes forward, it is without any self-love but always endeavours to make its fellow human beings aware of God's greatness and holiness, because it itself feels how small and miserable the human being is in comparison to His holiness. And it will find grace in abundance.... for its whole being is an abhorrence of the former sin of apostasy from God, Whom it would never ever want to offend and Who therefore grasps its will, which is fully turned towards Him, and draws the soul to Himself in the most ardent merciful love....

Amen

My strength is made perfect in weakness But that does not mean that a person's faith may be weak, instead, it entirely concerns the humility of heart, so that a person recognises himself as weak and unworthy and acknowledges it before Me and that he appeals to Me for grace, which then will also flow to him in abundance. My spirit can only work in a genuinely humble person, for he will entirely hand himself over to Me, he does not request anything for himself but leaves it to Me to decide what I will give to him. And a truly humble person will indeed receive an abundance of blessings. He will make use of them and also be lovingly active of his own accord, because the side-effect of true humility is that it kindles heartfelt love for Me and his neighbour. A humble person has already released himself from My adversary's dominion whose fundamental characteristic is arrogance. Hence he will solely regard coming closer to **Me** as worth striving for and such desire will be supported on My part.... in other Words: the spiritual spark in the human being strives to unite with its eternal Father-Spirit, thus I can also pour out My spirit upon it. However, My spirit can never work where My adversary's characteristic of pride can still be found. For this would simultaneously mean My co-operation with him.... A person must have entered into humility before I can become effective in him.... But what is to be understood by true humility?....

True humility need not be visible to any person through external conduct, through facial expressions or outward behaviour towards his fellow human beings, I solely look upon the humility of heart, the inner admission of weakness and sinfulness, the inner acknowledgment of the being's unworthiness towards his God and Creator and thus also the admission of his guilt as a result of the past sin of apostasy. All beings had certainly once been in My image and, as their Creator, their radiant beauty gladdened Me But they did not remain as they had been.... their whole nature changed into the opposite and in this state they were no longer able to exist before My eyes. But in their delusion they even rebelled against Me, because they had adopted My adversary's nature, who was exceedingly proud. The return to Me is therefore not possible until the being has discarded its arrogance, until it has changed it into deepest humility, until it recognises its immense depravity and the vast distance from Me and subsequently stretches its hands longingly out to Me for mercy. Then I will truly not hesitate for long, I will take hold of its hands and draw the being close to Me, for in its humility it becomes My child, which the Father lovingly draws to His heart and then showers it with evidence of His love, with an abundance of blessings.... which He can also illuminate again with His spirit. Then the strength of the spirit will be able to manifest itself clearly, the person will demonstrate gifts which are seemingly supernatural but which are, in fact, only the being's original characteristics without which a perfect being is unthinkable: The person will be full of light and strength, that is, he will dispose of extraordinary knowledge as well as of abilities which a person otherwise does not possess. However, despite his obvious bond with God he will nevertheless remain profoundly humble, for humility is a divine characteristic which merely changed into the opposite as a result of the fall. And so you humans will also always have to strive for true humility if you want My spirit to become effective in you as well, for anyone who still harbours a spark of arrogance in him has not yet released himself from My adversary, and the latter will make a constant effort to keep him enchained. And the world offers him many opportunities for this, so that a person will seek increasingly more fame and honour and look down on everything that is small and lowly. But this is also definite proof of his adherence to the adversary, whom you humans should not ignore and beware of such inner attitudes, which are truly still far removed from true humility. Nevertheless, if you want Me Myself to be powerful in you, you must also become conscious of your weakness, for I only bestow My grace upon the humble....

Amen

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Submission to God's intention and devotion to God

Submitting the will to God's will....

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September 25th 1944

Whoever completely submits to God's will can no longer want anything other than what God wants. This complete submission of the will is a process which has nothing to do with lack of will or weakness of will but rather requires a strong will, a will which overcomes itself, which completely surrenders itself, which humbles itself and puts all its own desires behind. And such a surrender of one's own will requires love for God, which is therefore stronger than love for oneself, to which the human being sacrifices everything that otherwise seems desirable to him. And therefore the surrender of the will is already a sign of spiritual progress, of a special degree of maturity and also a sign that the human being has entered the path to perfection. For as soon as God's will takes hold of him he has to progress inexorably on the path of his spiritual development. The will devoted to God guarantees complete spiritual success, for God now guides the human being and truly the right path which leads to Him. Nevertheless, the human being's will itself remains active, only that the human being can be unconcerned to always want and do what is right. As soon as he has placed himself at God's fullest disposal, as soon as he asks Him to be allowed to use his weak strength for God-oriented activity, as soon as he hands himself over to His guidance daily and hourly, God's love also takes hold of him and guides and directs him.... his ways, his thoughts, his words and his works. For God only requires people to relinquish their own will because it had previously turned away from God and had His adversary as its aim. If the human being is now willing to hand himself over to God he will have recognized the earthly purpose and his life on earth will only be in accordance with God's will, he will mature to the highest perfection the deeper and more intimate his devotion to God is. For this reason a person who has subordinated his will to God can also live his life calmly and carefree, for he will then always carry out what corresponds to God's will, even if it seems as if this is disadvantageous for the human being on earth. As soon as the human being has expressed his love for God by applying for spiritual work, God will never leave him unattended, for He draws His children, who see their father in Him, to Himself with all the strength of His love, and His means are truly successful if the human will no longer opposes Him. And thus the desire to belong to God must arise in the innermost heart. The human being must devote himself to Him in deepest humility, he must feel love for God and acknowledge Him as the mighty creator of heaven and earth, as the most loving father of His living creations, and as a child he must hand himself over to the father. He must be willing to accept everything from His father's hand as a gift of grace, be it joy or suffering; he must always endeavour to shape himself according to divine will and remain in intimate contact with Him through prayer.... Then his will will no longer rebel against God's will, then he will have completely subordinated it to divine will, and then his earthly life will be successful for his soul because he will no longer walk alone but with God, and because his path can then never ever lead astray. And therefore the subordination of the will to God's will is the first demand God makes, which can never remain unfulfilled if the human being wants to mature in his soul.... For as long as his will is still opposed to God he neither accepts grace nor takes recourse to prayer, and then he can never be permeated by God's strength which secures his spiritual ascent. And therefore selfish love must first be overcome before the human being is able to muster the strength of will in order to subordinate himself to divine will.

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

And I will put My will into your heart if you strive to fulfil My will. Then you need only let your inner urge and will determine you and it will be right how you think, speak and act. My love is with everyone who strives to come close to Me, and guide him on the right path.... My care applies to him at every hour, and thus every day can be lived safely, it will always contribute towards the soul's perfection, and earthly life will not have been lived in vain, for the will which applies to Me is a guarantee that I will take care of the human being and lead him to perfection. You should all know that you need not do without My care, you should know that nobody can get lost who believes in Me in earthly life and wants Me to accept him, that he is united with Me. Every thought that applies to Me is proof of his faith in Me and a desire of his soul for its creator and father from eternity. Every thought which departs from the earthly world, which is directed into **My** kingdom, also proves the soul's will which strives towards its original state again because it is aware of its origin and wants to return to it again. And I know every thought and truly promote this will like a loving father.... I let the soul feel My love in order to increase its desire for Me and thereby also strengthen My strength of love. I take care of every person who has once turned his will towards Me, who has recognized Me as a loving God and father from eternity.... who believes in Me.... For this person will also feel love for Me, even if this initially takes a back seat to the deepest humility, because the human being recognizes his own inadequacy and unworthiness.... And humility is the human being's dearest confession to Me, for it is the opposite of the original sin, of the arrogance which once caused the being to fall. The human being recognizes Me as the highest and most perfect being, Whom he does not feel worthy to love, and therefore all My love belongs to him.... Therefore only ever direct your thoughts into the spiritual kingdom, let them take the path to Me and I will know that your will is meant for Me.... And then I will be able to take hold of you, and I will truly no longer leave you out. It only concerns your will in this earthly existence, for at the beginning of your embodiment as a human being this will is still in bondage to the one who caused your fall into the abyss. And you shall change your will, away from him and towards Me.... Therefore you can also believe that I have already seized you if you want Me to look after you, that you will find grace with Me if you consciously turn your will towards Me, if you want to be and remain My own.... Then your fate will truly be sealed, I will no longer let you fall back, I will draw you to Myself and will not rest until you have found your way home to your father's house, until you have found union with Me, your God and father of eternity, Whose love applies to you and will apply to you because you are His children, whom He has now won for eternity....

Amen

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Total devotion to God....

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Just always entrust yourselves to Me and so make Me your guide, your constant companion, who directs you and determines you to all thinking and doing. And truly, your earth life will be beneficial for yourselves and also for your fellow human beings. Because then My will will always have an effect in you, because you subordinate your will to Mine. That is why the complete devotion to Me is also the surest guarantee that you reach your perfection, because then all resistance in you is broken; voluntarily you acknowledge Me again, and nothing now stands in the way of the union, because a complete devotion to Me is not to be thought without love towards Me and because love in you will now also not remain inactive, because your earth change will now be an effect in love. The complete devotion to Me cannot take place as long as self-love still prevails in you, because then you still allow yourselves to be valid, and your nature will show arrogance, while the devotion to Me is an act of humility and your self-love has already changed to unselfish neighbourly love. You will also only ever hand yourselves over to Me when you have complete trust in Me, when you have already recognized Me as a being Which is **love, wisdom** and **strength** in Itself. Then you will enter into the relationship of a child to the father of your own accord.... You re-establish the original relationship,

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

Amen

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Serving charity

"To the humble, God gives His grace...."

B.D. No. 7308

March 14th 1959

The will to serve is entering into humility, it is the beginning of victory in the battle against arrogance, which still characterizes man as a child of satan and which he should therefore fight with all his strength. Arrogance wants to rule, it places itself high above everything standing next to it; the arrogant person wants to subjugate everything and force it under his service, the arrogant person is brutal and unloving, he has all the characteristics of God's adversary which are obviously evident, and therefore he is on the path to ruin if he does not change and seriously takes action against the arrogant spirit. And he will do so as soon as the will arises in him to serve.... Serving his fellow human being is truly liberating, for then he escapes from the adversary and enters another sphere, for humility leads him to God, through humility he comes close to God and receives blessings in abundance, according to His promise: "Only to the humble do I bestow My grace...." Humility will always prove itself in a serving will to help, the human being enters a completely different stage of development when he lives in humility, when he fights all arrogance, when he begins to recognize himself and becomes aware of his weakness of will and faults which take away all arrogance and place him in the consciousness of deepest lowliness. And accordingly he will also imagine himself to be far away from God, he will raise his eyes to Him in true humility and appeal to Him for His mercy.... But this will not be a game, not an external form but profound inner humility which therefore also makes him worthy of God's grace so that he will be strengthened in his intention to work on himself in order to remedy the shortcoming and to become more worthy of God's love and grace, which a humble person longs for and requests from the bottom of his heart. The humble person has already accomplished the turning away from the adversary, for humility is a divine quality, a degree of perfection which always presupposes the turning away from the adversary, even though the person then still has to work very hard on himself in order to become worthy of God's constant presence. But the serving love which now fills a humble person soon transforms his whole being into love, and a truly humble person soon comes so close to the father's heart that he unites with the eternal love and thus also attains perfection. As long as the human being still lacks true humility his process of maturing is not yet finished either, for only true humility draws the father to His child with certainty, which proves God's childship through true humility.... And as long as there is still a spark of arrogance in the human being, the path to this unification is still long, for God's adversary is still involved, and the battle against him has to be waged with all will and firm resolution, and it can also be waged as soon as the human being achieves helpful neighbourly love, which will then also earn him victory over himself. Only once should the human being go into himself and reflect on his faults and weaknesses, on his vices and bad habits.... And he will get away from his arrogance quite considerably if he is only honest with himself.... But this critical self-examination can be the turning point for him, because as soon as he recognizes himself and is of good will, he will turn to God in humility and ask Him for grace and mercy.... which he can then also be quite sure of, because "God gives His grace to the humble"....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Fight or serve.... arrogance.... humility....

B.D. No. 2923

October 13th 1943

In order to reach maturity the human being has to overcome resistance because his ascent is only possible if he fights or serves. The apostasy from God took place in self-conceit, in the wrong

assumption of being so powerful that the being could renounce God, that it was also in full possession of power without Him. And thus the spiritual being wanted to rule alongside God in order to place itself above God by increasing its own strength. And now it has to take the path backwards.... in order to be able to reign with God it must first recognize its lack of strength and now wrestle and ask for the strength it lacks, it must serve God in deepest humility and the beingness which is associated with it.... It must fight or serve, thus overcome itself, it must emerge from its arrogance into humility and now strive for the strength it once possessed and proved itself unworthy of. It must therefore provide proof of its worthiness and bear witness to this through struggle and service. Then the spiritual develops to the height.... But if the feeling of dominance is too strongly developed in the human being, then he must fight against it, he must therefore wage a battle against himself. And this is considerably more difficult. He should also practice humility towards his neighbor, he must shed the arrogance he has shown towards God by turning to his fellow human beings in serving love. These are also God's creatures, and they should be treated as human beings before God and not be regarded as subordinate to him, but as equals. And since man is a ruler, he must overcome himself if he wants to fulfill this requirement. He must serve where he wanted to rule; he must wrestle where he thought he could rule. Only in this way can he develop to the heights, for his nature will bring him many resistances, which will enable him to mature. And he will not have overcome himself until he gives up his former arrogance, until he stands small and humble before God and desires to be united with Him....

amen

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Arrogance....

B.D. No. 5341

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Do not exalt yourselves above your fellow human beings but serve them.... Only then will you practice true discipleship of Jesus, only then will love be active in you which eliminates all arrogance, which teaches you to regard your fellow human beings as brothers and which compensates for every difference in rank or status, which only exists in the world but is not tolerated in My kingdom. Servant love will trigger true happiness in you, in servant neighbourly love you are true followers of Jesus, the human being on earth, Who exemplified the right life to you, Who truly possessed light and strength and power in all abundance because He had received Me Himself into His heart, and Who nevertheless made no use of this strength by ruling and allowing Himself to be served by His fellow human beings.... He served His brothers in deepest love and humility; and this elevated Him to ruler over worlds and countless creations, for **I Myself** took His external form and filled Him with light and strength. Arrogance is a characteristic of one who has fallen into the deepest depths out of arrogance and lust for power. And if you humans are arrogant you willingly lend your ear to him and let yourselves be seduced by him, you accept his characteristics, his vices and are in bondage to him. Do not place yourselves above your fellow human beings, who are in truth your brothers, because you all have only one father and as His children should love and serve each other out of love for Me. Arrogance will easily cause your downfall, for anyone with an arrogant spirit will very soon no longer recognize Me, Who am eternal love, because there is no love in him. For true love is one with humility but not with arrogance. Serving in humility always testifies to profound love for Me, which is expressed in serving neighbourly love. And you will truly gain far more if you serve with humility than if you rule with arrogance. For you can only gain earthly power through arrogance, yet spiritually you will gain nothing, indeed, you will only lose the little you possess. For arrogance is My adversary's share, thus it only strengthens his kingdom, and it is not difficult to guess what this means for you humans. But My kingdom is not of this world, therefore serving neighbourly love can certainly result in an apparent earthly loss of goods, of reputation and power, yet it acquires spiritual values which are everlasting and will one day be credited to the soul in My kingdom, which now stands far above those who ruled on earth and oppressed their fellow human beings in light and fullness of strength. He who exalts himself will be humbled.... Remember these words and don't believe that what you create for yourselves on earth through arrogance will remain with you.... which

you, so to speak, acquire unjustly. For the one who wants to rule takes.... he takes what is not his due, he appropriates a right and abuses his power.... Servant love, on the other hand, gives unceasingly; in words and deeds it gives itself to those who are in need and who need its help. Servant love is true humility and therefore pleasing to Me, servant love is true following Jesus, which leads safely to Me, to the father from eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Fighting or helping....

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Don't forget that you will have to fight or be of service.... Yet the battle should not be against your fellow human being, against those who are weak and defenceless, nor should one tackle the other in order to defeat him for the sake of worldly success. The battle should be against yourselves, against faults and bad habits, vices and cravings.... This battle is not easy and requires all your strength; yet if you are victorious in this battle you will have achieved a marvellous success.... However, you can also choose a different path in order to attain this success.... the path of helpful neighbourly love. As soon as you are helping you are likewise overcoming yourself, for you voluntarily change your nature. You acquire the strength you need in order to discard all faults and bad habits through your actions of love and receive an abundant measure of grace.... if you **serve** with love.... In that case you will have overcome arrogance first; you will have become humble and can subsequently receive an unlimited amount of blessings.... You no longer need to wage battle against yourselves once you serve with love. Being of service with love is merely a different **form** of battle against oneself yet it likewise succeeds in becoming victorious over everything degrading, over all cravings, over heartlessness.

A person's change of character takes place either through fighting or helping, however, helping is far easier than fighting, and anyone who is always a helpful brother to his fellow human beings will meet with far less opposition than someone whose goal consists of systematic self-denial, for his fellow human beings will not offer him the patience and love which the former gains through his conduct with other people. This is why it says: fighting **or** helping.... because a helpful person will be spared the difficult inner battles which the other person often has to endure. A battle with the weapons of love is always promising, and truly, someone who helps with humility is the stronger, for he reaches his goal faster, because he will always receive grace and strength in abundance.... which someone who fights will in fact have to appeal for as well or he will be defeated in his battle against himself. It will also be conveyed to him by God after his prayer so that he can achieve his transformation of character, yet it will only have been completed when he also helps with love, when, after a tough battle, his selfish love has become selfless neighbourly love.... and then he will also receive strength and grace through loving activity....

Amen

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Ask in humility of heart

Praying with humility....

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T rue prayer requires true humility, only then will it be pleasing to Me, for humility towards Me is also proof of love for Me, because love will never want to dominate but only ever be of help.... Anyone who therefore appeals to Me with a feeling of love in his heart will also be able to humbly approach Me and I will respond to his love and grant Him My grace.... However, anyone lacking true humility merely sends a fearful call to Me, Whom he certainly acknowledges in his heart but Whom he does not love because he has not become love himself and, because he does not love his neighbour, cannot receive love and grace from Me either. This is also often the reason why prayers remain unanswered, for I request humility of heart since it is the evidence of love for Me. Humility of heart excludes every arrogant thought, it excludes heartless actions, for love and humility go together and are not in opposition to each other. This is why a humble heart is well-pleasing to Me and which I will provide with grace and love in abundance. Profound humility, however, does not show itself in a person's external demeanour, for this is at all times abhorred by Me.... Humility towards Me only manifests itself in prayer and humility towards another person in helpful neighbourly love. External gestures, however, often feign humility while the heart does not feel it. I, however, look at the soul's motivation.... I won't let Myself be deceived by appearances, and therefore the sign of My grace will only rarely be found where an outward appearance of humility is given, where fellow human beings are intended to recognise such in gestures, in attitudes or humbly sounding words....

I only pay attention to the humility of heart and these are the people I consider, although outwardly they assert themselves and don't display any kind of subservience. But anyone who actively engages himself in helpful neighbourly love will not elevate himself, he will always remain a servant of the Lord, for he complies with My commandment, he lives up to what his Lord requested of him, he subordinates himself to My will without having been forced to do so. And if he thus prays to Me his request will likewise be that of a servant to his Lord or that of a child to its Father, to Whom it subordinates itself in love and profoundly humbly entrusts its worries to Him.... it will not demand but request, which is a sign of humility, the acknowledgement of the One Who should grant its prayer.... and its request will not remain unheard.... Pray correctly and your wishes shall always be granted.... request but don't demand.... remain deeply humble in your heart so that My grace can flow into you and know that I will never require an external gesture, that external gestures are never pleasing to Me because they easily become a cover for those who are not profoundly truthful, who want to deceive and whose hearts feel different than it seems. Therefore take no notice of them or copy them, but be of loving service to your neighbour and you will be graced by true humility of heart which will find My pleasure and which I will be able to reward with grace in abundance....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Prayer for strength and grace....

B.D. No. 5805

November 14th 1953

Do not miss, to ask for grace and strength, because such a prayer proves your will for spiritual perfection.... It is the admission of your weakness and imperfection, because you ask for that, what you lack, but what is available to you unrestricted. But I can not supply you the force of grace against your will, to make you not unfree and thus to prevent any completion. As well as you are conscious of that, that you do not reach the height without My help, as well as you recognize Me so as

your Lord and God, Whom all is possible, and now you remember your child's relationship to Me, for that, that you ask Me, as Father, for help, now the presuppositions are given too, which assure you graces in excess.... And then you climb to height irrefutably. You are not able to do anything on your own, and you are powerless through your own fault, because of your past apostasy from Me.... But My love for you is so deep, that I pass over your guilt, that I want to turn gifts of grace to you without your contribution, which however necessitate acceptance of willing hearts.... And you show your acceptance by your prayers for grace and strength, and now you can receive unmeasured. Well I send you gifts of grace without your prayer too, but they can only become effective to you, if you open yourselves, if you do not turn away from Me, so I come towards to you, in which kind it may be. Because your whole life on earth is a chain of proofs of My love, of events, guidances and hints to Me, which all would have to be regarded as graces and which then have an effect on you successfully, if you let yourselves impress by them, if you recognize My hand therein, which is spread over each of you and wants to capture you, so you only turn your eyes to Me and so seize My hand, too, that pulls you to the height. And you do this surely, if ever you only long for My grace, because then I can endow you and will endow you, so that you reach your aim infallibly. Therefore do not miss, to recommend you to Me and My grace, everything you begin, that it is to bless you.... Let Me be your beginning and your end, your constant adviser and companion, let Me be your God and Father, Who is powerful and wise and full of love to you and therefore always will give you, what you ask for with humility....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Prayer for strength and grace.... Pride.... Humility....

B.D. No. 8589

August 18th 1963

Be mindful of the fact that you can always request My blessing, for yourselves as well as for your fellow human beings and all souls in the spiritual kingdom.... Your plea for a gift of grace is always an act of humility if you request it for yourselves, for you thereby acknowledge your weakness and in this weakness ask Me to strengthen you. And a person feeling weak will always approach Me with humility, and I bestow My grace upon the humble.... And if you request grace for other people, for another human being or for souls in the beyond, then it is an act of selfless love, for you want to help those who are weak in spirit, you request strength for these equally weak souls and then, for the sake of your love, I can give them strength. But it is always a spiritual request that you ask of Me, and truly, it will also always be granted to you. And you will only ever ask Me with a humble heart, you admit your weakness and know that strength and grace can only come from Me, and thus you confess your imperfection and desire to become perfect by requesting My support....

And if you now consider that you once deserted Me because you deemed yourselves strong and didn't believe you needed Me and My strength any longer, then you will also understand that you had voluntarily deprived yourselves of your perfection.... But you are embodied on earth as a human being for the purpose of returning to Me, and this return has to take place in reverse order to the apostasy from Me.... You had been arrogant and believed yourselves to have abundant strength.... Now, however, you have to recognise and confess your weakness with profound humility by appealing to Me for a gift of strength....

Since you once turned away from Me of your own free will you have to appeal to Me for grace, for a gift you don't deserve, which you had arrogantly thrown away yourselves.... But believe Me that I will very gladly grant such an appeal for strength and grace, for I Myself want you to attain perfection and be able to join Me again in order to receive blessings which only the unity with Me can provide.... Just your admission of unworthiness and weakness motivates Me already to bestow a wealth of gifts upon you.... Therefore you can ask Me time and again for a gift of strength and grace.... It is a spiritual request which I will grant without fail, for My happiness consists of constantly providing My living creations with the strength of My love to enable their progress and to come ever closer to Me. For you

won't be able to do so by yourselves as long as you are not exceptionally kind-hearted and thereby acquire strength for yourselves.

But a prayer in spirit and in truth for a gift of grace and strength is an absolute guarantee for its receipt, for time and again I stress: I bestow My grace on the humble, for only a humble heart will ask Me for it. And time and again I assure you that this request will be granted, since you, after all, thereby admit your wish to come close to Me, and thus you already pass your test of will on earth: your voluntary turning towards Me from Whom you once turned away in arrogance and imperiousness.... However, anyone who asks is neither arrogant nor imperious, as he submits himself to Me, and due to his humility I can now also give to him abundantly, and truly, no-one will go without if he approaches Me with this plea, which I will very gladly listen to and also grant....

Once this thought of requesting strength and grace from Me comes alive in you, then you will also acknowledge Me as your God and Creator Who wants to be your Father, you are already in contact with Me, which is always demonstrated by a heartfelt prayer, irrespective of what you ask for.... But strength and grace are spiritual possessions which I will never withhold from a praying person, because they prove his humility, and I will always bestow My grace upon the humble, as I have promised....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Gifts of God's grace

Will determines the grant of grace.... grace....

B.D. No. 5595

February 6th 1953

It is not My will which determines your spiritual state, both on earth as well as in the beyond, but solely your will. Not one person will be left out of My grace, not one person can say that he has never received support from Me, yet his will determines whether and to what extent he makes use of My grants of grace. People who strive spiritually, who are in realization, only reached their spiritual level because they made use of My allocation of grace, it was solely their will which offered Me no resistance and which was willing to take hold of My hand when it reached out to them in merciful love.... And all people could do the same, My hand reaches out to all people in many ways in order to pull them up from a low spiritual state to the height.... Yet I cannot place them against their will into a state which is the fate of those who are at My will. I cannot and will not place them into constrained situations, because an ascent development in constraint does not signify a right maturing of the soul, because every constrained state is contrary to My law of eternal order. Yet I can provide people with graces unmeasured.... And only the acceptance of My grace will bring about an improvement in the human being's spiritual state. Nor should a person ever believe that I give preferentially to My creatures.... everyone receives as much and as often as he desires.... But anyone who never desires grace, who rejects the grace offered to him, also remains incapable of all spiritual striving, and all spiritual knowledge is denied to him. And again, his will alone is also decisive as to whether the human being performs works of love.... This, too, is decisive, because love already provides him with abundant blessings, for I am already so close to a loving person that the will of rejection is no longer present, and then he makes use of all blessings, i.e. he finds every means of help I provide him with beneficial and no longer resists it. It is the will which **impels** the human being to love or **prevents** him from working with love, and thus the will also determines the supply of grace, because all resistance has to be given up in order to be touched by the flow of grace. Every person can mature if he wants to, because he is always supplied with strength if he is willing to utilize this strength correctly. And what is easy for one person can cost another a great deal of effort, but only ever because his resistance is even greater and this is solely determined by the human being's will. But I would never demand a transformation of people's nature in earthly life if this were impossible, nor do I demand anything so difficult that it would be difficult to fulfil.... I only demand the abandonment of resistance, which is therefore determined by the will. But once resistance has been relinquished everything else is easy, because now My grace flows continuously and makes everything possible which was impossible before. For grace is everything My merciful love uses to help you.... Every day you still live on earth is grace, every indication as to how you can use your vitality correctly is grace, every assistance offered to you through My word is grace, because My word imparts the knowledge of My will and your task in life to you and through this knowledge you can live a correct way of life and thus attain maturity of soul. My love gives you grace without measure but it does not force your will, and therefore you can indeed become blessed but also remain in wretchedness for an infinitely long time until you change your will after all, until you give up your resistance and desire Me and My love....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Whoever desires My grace will partake of it, and the measure of My grace is unlimited, because I love people and want to help them attain beatitude. But without grace no human being can become blessed.... Therefore you should use all means which serve to attain grace.... you should pray for the granting of grace, you should request all help from Me, you should also acquire grace yourselves through a life of love, you should always live pleasingly to Me on earth in order to thereby be candidates for the treasure of grace which is available to all of you but which also has to be consciously requested or it would remain ineffective in you.... You should call upon Jesus Christ, the divine redeemer, Who is, so to speak, the treasurer of the graces which He Himself acquired for you on the cross. You should be aware of your weakness and request help so that you will reach the height, which you will never be able to do on your own. I love My creatures and want them to live but not to fall prey to death. But life requires strength, and since it concerns the life of the soul it must therefore be supplied with strength or it will perish and sink into spiritual death. But strength can only come from where it originates, from Me, the eternal source of light and strength. Consequently, you have to turn to Me and appeal for strength or acquire it through loving activity, since you thereby unite with Me and thus directly receive strength from Me, Who is eternal love. And I distribute it, I give to everyone who asks, because his request is the condition which secures endless influx for him. I give you strength directly or indirectly....

But the most effective gift of grace, the gift from which you can directly draw strength, is My word, the outpouring of My strength of love and thus the surest means to reach ascent. I have bestowed My blessing upon this word, and everyone who accepts it experiences the wonderful effect of My word on himself. You humans all need a lot of strength and it is a special grace that I convey My word to you even without your will to accept it.... yet it can only become effective on you when you are aware of your state of weakness and seek and hope for help in the acceptance of My word.... Then the word will have become a source of strength for you. The word is an extraordinary gift of grace to you because it contains extraordinary strength which can be received by anyone who listens attentively when it is offered to him and eagerly moves it in his heart. My word is the connection between Me and you humans; I descend to you because you cannot come up to Me from your strength alone, for the path to Me is infinitely long as you are still weak. But where you are supported by My strength of love you will effortlessly reach your aim. But anyone who spurns My grace and therefore also rejects everything that comes from above as a visible sign of his unbelief cannot become blissfully happy, for in his weakness he cannot rise from the ground onto which My adversary threw him when he denied Me. And it is a denial of Me if My word is not acknowledged as originating from Me either, if the human being in his arrogance does not bow down before his creator, if he does not take hold of His merciful hand, if he believes he does not need His help and therefore cannot receive grace and strength either. Then he remains weak and unable to walk the path upwards, then he is heavily burdened with the sin of arrogance which presses him to the ground. And then he cannot be helped because he does not want to be helped.... For without My grace no one can become blessed....

Amen

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God's grace and mercy....B.D. No. 7877
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Trust in My grace and mercy and carry your burden of sin under My cross.... I have assured you of My forgiveness, no matter how much you have sinned.... I will not cast you out, for My love is so great that I Myself redeemed every debt for you because I do not want to lose you.... But you must recognize and confess your sins, you must feel guilty yourselves and **strive** to become free of them. Then My love can take hold of you and shine upon you again, because then your resistance, which you have offered Me for eternities and which has cancelled every effect of love, will also be broken.

And only when you feel small and sinful do you humbly come to Me and ask Me to accept you again. Then you will voluntarily return to Me, you will have reached your aim for the purpose of which you stay on earth. Thus it is My grace and mercy which brings you back again.... (23.4.1961), for My infinite love cannot and will not let go of you because you are living creations of My love. And My love has given you utmost freedom because love does not tolerate coercion. The fact that you abused your freedom did not diminish My love. But since you rejected love and it could no longer become effective, My grace and mercy took its place. Mercy did not let you fall into endlessness and grace helped you.... i.e., I used means which helped you to ascend again as long as you were unable to undertake an ascent to Me of your own accord.... In your will to defend yourselves you did not deserve help, consequently they were graces which I bestowed upon you against your will because I took pity on your fate.... And you will be dependent on these graces until you have found your way back to Me of your own free will, where My love can shine upon you again and you will feel bliss again as you once did. Your wretchedness in the state of far distance from Me is self-inflicted, and it cannot be changed **against** your will.... But the fact **that** this will changes can be brought about by the supply of grace. And the fact that I bestow an abundance of grace upon you is caused by My profound mercy for the fallen being which has placed itself in a position where it has lost its spiritual bliss, where it is bound in lightlessness and weakness by My adversary but to whom it had handed itself over. For since My love for you has not diminished I cannot turn away from you indifferently and leave you to the adversary.... but My aim is to place you into the state of bliss again, and I therefore grant you constant help.... My love becomes active elsewhere because you rejected it.... For it does not give up on you, and thus I also truly know how it achieves its aim.... And again and again it will point you to Jesus Christ, in Whom I Myself accomplished the act of salvation for you.... again and again the divine work of mercy will be presented to you, which will grant you abundant grace if only you are willing to accept it...., for I will not let you go, even if you remain in defiance of Me for eternities.... My grace and mercy follows you, and My love courts you until it has won you over completely....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Grace of the act of Salvation: fortified will....

B.D. No. 8418

February 21st 1963

Time and again you need advice, My admonitions and warnings, My instructions, in order to lead that kind of life which results in such maturity of soul that you will be able to enter the kingdom of light. And I will not stop conveying these instructions to you through My Word, I will help you in every way and also steer your destiny of life such that your will can turn around and enter into My will so that you will constantly ascend in your spiritual development. Yet living up to My commandments of love for God and your neighbour always remains paramount.... for then your own thinking will be right and you will always take the right path.... the path to the cross.... It will not be possible for you to completely enter into My will by your own efforts, because your will is weak since it is still determined by My adversary as long as you are not released from him, as long as you are still enslaved by him.... And this fetter can only be severed by Jesus Christ, Who died for your freedom on the cross and thereby also acquired for you the blessings of a reinforced will. Through His crucifixion He redeemed the immense guilt, the consequence of which is your bound and weak will.... If you are therefore released from this guilt the weakness of will is surmounted too, and through Jesus' redemption you also possess the strength to live your way of life according to My will. Your entire earthly life is at a standstill as long as you have not found **the One** Who will deliver you from the adversary's power, as long as you don't acknowledge **Him** as the Redeemer of the world, as the Son of God, in Whom I Myself became a human being, and appeal to Him for help, for with this call you acknowledge **Me Myself** again, to Whom you once denied your acknowledgment and thereby fell into the abyss, into your wretched state. Without Jesus Christ you will never be able to return to Me, without Him your earthly life is futile, for as long as your original sin is not removed from you, you

will remain distant from Me, and neither can you be happy, you remain weak and unenlightened beings whose state is painful, because you once originated from Me in light and strength and freedom and lost light, strength and freedom because of your past apostasy from Me....

As human beings you should express your will again by striving towards Me and your original state, and this will only be possible if your willpower gets strengthened through Jesus Christ's redemption, if you turn to Him with an appeal for forgiveness of your sin, if you want that He also shed blood for you.... You don't know how extremely significant your acknowledgment of Jesus and His act of Salvation is for you, for you don't realise that by calling upon Jesus Christ you call upon Me Myself and you thereby already testify to your will to return to Me, for Jesus and I are One. In Jesus the Eternal Deity manifested Itself for you, My living creations, so that you are able to behold Me since I, as a whole-of- infinity-permeating spirit, could not be visible to you and therefore so completely permeated a form that My created beings were subsequently able to behold Me face to face.... You will never be able to understand this mystery, yet you shall know that you cannot bypass Jesus Christ and understand that time and again I will inform you through My Word that this human manifestation of Mine in Jesus is the greatest evidence of love that your God and Father has given to His living creations, and that faith in 'God' can never exclude faith in 'Jesus' because I can only be conceivable to you in Jesus. And since I expect your acknowledgement of Me in your earthly life, since this acknowledgement is the purpose and goal of your entire earthly progress generally, you must acknowledge Jesus, Who is the embodied Deity Himself and Who redeemed your original sin in order to facilitate your return to Him.... For this reason nothing is more important than to inform people of this and to admonish them to love, so that they will become enlightened and subsequently also fulfil the purpose of their earthly life.... And in order to make this knowledge in all truth accessible to people I convey My Word to earth directly, for truth is the light which shines into your hearts and which will also accomplish your regeneration into your original nature, for only through truth will you learn to recognise and love Me, only truth will illuminate the path which leads to the cross, and you will find redemption from sin and death....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Rejecting the gift of God's grace.... darkness....

B.D. No. 4956

August 25th 1950

God's grace must not be rejected.... Consider these words and then you will understand that people have to go through suffering and misery in order to reach the aim by another path, which they could effortlessly achieve by using My grace. I struggle for every soul, I don't want it to get lost and that is why I meet it again and again with My grace; I want to help it to reach the aim because I know that it is too weak on its own to seriously strive towards the aim of redeeming itself. Hence, where it lacks the strength to do so My love will bestow grace upon it without measure, and it need only surrender to the effect of My grace without resistance, it need only allow itself to be drawn by My love and thus make use of the gift of grace.... And it will be saved for eternity. Yet in their blindness people do not recognize My love and therefore also reject My grace. But I nevertheless have mercy on them and take their state of darkness into account, for I don't condemn people, only they don't free themselves from satan's shackles, which are equal to condemnation because they signify complete remoteness from God. I have mercy on blind and ignorant people and therefore step into their path again and again. They certainly reject Me and My gift of grace but they lack the knowledge of what they are doing, and therefore I do not reject them but woo them on and on. But anyone who rejects My grace but has recognized it as grace sins against My love and cannot expect mercy. I will indeed approach him again and again but it will be far more difficult for him to recognize Me than before, because I will try to soften his heart with painful means and he will only be able to recognize Me with difficulty in such means. Suffering, too, is a gift of grace because it is meant to lead the human being to Me if he cannot find the path on his own or does not want to take it. And thus you will also understand that a precious gift will not be offered twice by Me to the person who rejects it and yet had

the knowledge, thus knows its value very well. He will have to answer for the gift of grace he rejected. But he will also walk in darkness because the light I offered him has been extinguished through his own fault and now the darkness is far deeper than before. I guide the light from heaven down to earth, and whoever is touched by its ray can illuminate his inner being and chase away the spiritual darkness. It is an immeasurable gift of grace which I distribute on earth, and My wisdom can truly recognize it who can be the guardian of this light. Yet it is never My will that the human being absorbs this divine light and thereby creates brightness for himself... Yet the fact that he can recognize it as light from the heavens if he wants to recognize it is the effect of this gift of grace which appears in every person who seriously strives towards Me and thus uses all means My love offers him. And thus ignorance cannot be used as an excuse when the human being has to answer for his rightly or wrongly used will. Instead, the soul's resistance to My love and mercy will become obvious and thus also its affiliation to My adversary, who also influences the human being from below and impels him to reject My gift of grace. The human being is free, he is neither forced from above nor from below where the spiritual development of the soul is concerned. And thus a gift of grace will never be forced upon him again if he does not stretch out his hands longingly for it, yet whether it will ever be offered to him again on earth is doubtful, for only a repentant soul which sincerely asks Me for it can be touched by the radiation of light again. Yet anyone who once rejects My grace will fall into deepest darkness and shun all light, because the prince of darkness will pull him down and he will surrender to his power and strength without resistance....

Amen

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Admonition to humility....

B.D. No. 7678

August 20th 1960

Recognize your weaknesses and try to counteract them by humbly submitting yourselves to Me and asking for My grace, for help in spiritual adversity. For I will be close to the least if he.... as the least of one.... serves his fellow human being and helps him to his soul's salvation. The great will not always be the chosen ones but only true humility will secure a person's calling, and therefore only a few people are chosen, although many are called to it.... i.e. many people only needed to find their way into true humility in order to then also be chosen by Me. But all people still have too much need for recognition, they want to stand out from their fellow human beings, they want to be noticed and thus, as it were, to stand out, and this already impairs true humility which results in the receipt of unmeasured grace. But I leave every person his will, only you should learn to recognize what is advantageous and what is evil for you. As long as a person deems himself small and unworthy he will speak to Me in spirit and in truth if he seeks prayer contact with Me. And then My spirit can also flow into him, then I can bestow graces upon him without restriction. But if a person is noticed by his fellow human beings due to his ability to hear My voice within himself, his humility can easily change and give way to complacency, which is always a danger for the human being. And therefore you should always examine yourselves as to what moves you to communicate to your fellow human beings, you should know that every self-satisfied thought can grant My adversary shelter and that you then prevent Me Myself from dwelling within you and addressing you.... And you should be critical of yourselves.... if you want to serve Me in truth. For wherever you stay you must always pray to Me in your 'quiet chamber' and appeal to Me for My spirit. And can you withdraw into your closet when you are in the midst of the world? When you are surrounded by people who are not all of the same mind and often only expect sensations? You should not forget for a moment that I hear the voice of a child who turns to Me in thought and also answer it.... but that I remain mute when an unfaithful feeling reveals the complacency of a person who indeed prays to Me but not in spirit and in truth.... First purify yourselves from this feeling and you will appear small and humble before Me and not try to attract the attention of the world around you. And thus you can believe that I am indeed among you when two or three are gathered in My name.... but that you have no guarantee of My presence where complacency, arrogance or spiritual arrogance deny Me presence and the door is now open to the

adversary, who will indeed also present himself in the garment of light of an angel but will not give you words of truth and life.... humility of heart is the best test, for I give My grace to the humble.... And you all have to test yourselves as to whether you have shaped yourselves into the right humility when you ask Me for My word. Then you will also be able to be certain of My working, then you will be addressed by Me and receive strength and light according to your request....

Amen

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Danger of arrogance....

B.D. No. 8281

September 24th 1962

Anyone who takes My Word 'You are all sinners....' to heart, will also remain profoundly humble, he will not become arrogant nor judge harshly, for the knowledge of not yet being perfect himself will always make him bear in mind that he is a weak individual who needs My strength and support, and with a humble heart he will come to Me and appeal to Me for both.... In contrast, the character of someone sure of himself and his worth will betray pride, he will raise himself above his fellow human beings, and this arrogance will show itself in contempt of the other person, in unkind judgment and in the opinion of having superior knowledge and therefore no need of further instructions, be they of an earthly or spiritual nature.... the arrogant person will always believe himself to have attained the degree which entitles him to look down on his fellow human beings.

And arrogance is truly part of My adversary which made him fall into the deepest abyss, for he exalted himself above Me, his God and Creator, and he drew a vast host of created beings along with him into the depth. Much of this arrogant spirit still adheres to these fallen beings when they have to carry out their last test of will as human beings. Arrogance is a rather worrying sign of imperfection which the person then has to fight against in earthly life until he has attained profound humility towards Me, and then he will no longer show off to his fellow human beings either but will have full understanding of their failings, because he will recognise his own shortcomings himself.

But the right relationship with Me requires profound humility, and as soon as the human being recognises himself as sinful and admits to it, he will also take refuge in Jesus Christ and appeal to Him to deliver him from it.... Humility will make him call to Him from the bottom of his heart and he will find mercy before His eyes.... for 'I bestow My grace upon the humble....' And no one can deem himself to be perfect for as long as he lives on earth.... He can only possess a higher degree of awareness, but precisely this will make him consistently more humble, because he recognises the greatness of his God and Creator and the infinite love this God and Creator bestows upon His living creations, which will certainly make the living creation indescribably happy but it will not make it condescending.

Arrogance is still an indication of insufficient knowledge, for the adversary tries to obscure the light, the adversary still has a share in the human being who is assured of himself and his worth.... You all still have to fight very much against this evil, for time and again My adversary will breathe a sense of loftiness into you, time and again he will know how to find a weak spot where he is able to awaken self-deceit in you. And therefore you all should be on your guard and try to nip every sense of arrogance in the bud, for you should always remember that your Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ has taken the path of most profound humility, precisely in order to atone for your fall caused by pride.... You should bear His torments and suffering in mind which this atonement demanded of Him.... And you should know that your path across earth is the **result** of this fall into the abyss caused by **pride**.

The return to Me can only take place on the path of humility, and the earthly path should lead you to the realisation that you are weak, helpless beings who require My loving support in order to ascend again, and who only ever have to ask Me for My assistance if they want to travel the earthly path successfully. But the person whose spirit is still arrogant is still distant from Me and thus will hardly find Me. For true love, which includes his neighbour, cannot develop in him correctly since in his

arrogance he will stay away from the person to whom he should give his love. And since the human being can only mature through a life of love the arrogant person will not make any spiritual progress but remain on the same level, if he does not sink even lower because My adversary still keeps him captive.

Therefore fight against this evil and exercise strict self-criticism, then you will discover faults which will make you feel small, and you will come down from the throne you have erected for yourselves by incorrectly assessing your worth.... Humility alone will make you mature, then you will receive blessings in abundance from Me, I will take care of you Myself, for you come closer to Me when you are humble, and your prayer to Me will be heart-felt and devoted, and I will grant your request and draw you to Me as My children, for then you finally have separated yourselves from My adversary, who became My adversary because he exalted himself over the One from Whose strength he had emerged....

Amen

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