

Word of God

Jesus Says.... "Be Active In Love!"

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"He who receives the least of My brothers receives Me...."

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Immerse yourselves in My word and you will always clearly recognize what you lack, for I Myself approach you in My word and inform you of My will. If you are then active according to My will it will become a certainty in you that you will develop upwards, for you mature in realization.... And thus you must live according to My word, you must not merely be listeners of what My grace and love from above offers you. You must live out My word and all My promises will also come true for you. But one of My promises is: He who receives the least of My brethren receives Me.... Thus I value his service of love to his neighbour extremely highly, I value it as if it was meant for Me Myself, and My reward will be accordingly. For to be accepted by Me, to be provided by Me with everything the human being needs, is truly the greatest gift in return which can be offered to you, and thus this promise includes everything in itself, it is extremely comforting for poor, oppressed and weak people if only they always act like brothers towards their fellow human beings, if they help where their help

is requested spiritually or physically. I will never abandon a person who helps his fellow human being in his adversity, he will always be able to be certain of My help and I will truly take care of him in every way. For he has become a doer of My word, he has made My will the guiding principle of his actions and thoughts, he has entered into My will, and consequently he can entrust every worry to Me.... I will take them from him because he has accepted Me.... And if only you always immerse yourselves in My word then earthly life will also become easy for you, for again and again it depends on your will as to how far it aligns itself with Mine. And My word informs you of this will of Mine.... However, My word not only contains My demand on you but it also informs you of the effect of following My will. And since this knowledge is imparted to you, a rich treasure is at your disposal which you only need to lift, for earthly and spiritually you are now in My care and you no longer have any reason to be anxious or to worry, whatever their nature may be. I stand by your side as father, as brother, as friend, as constant helper, and My help is your surest guarantee that you will survive the battle of life and also mature spiritually, for with Me and My strength you are able to do anything. Therefore immerse yourselves often and vividly in My word, accept it and live accordingly, and every promise will come true for you, for My word is and remains eternal truth.

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The immeasurable love of Jesus....

B.D. No. 7962

August 9th 1961

When I walked across the earth I, as a human being, recognized humanity's great adversity because love was powerful in Me and thereby there was also brightest light in Me about the cause of the adversity, about the state people were in and also that they were bound by a power which was evil and wanted to plunge people into ruin.... The love within Me gave Me this realization, and the love within Me decided to make a sacrifice for humanity which was languishing in deepest adversity.... By virtue of My love I decided to engage in an open battle with the adversary, as a **human being** I wanted to prove to him that My love was a strength by means of which I could defeat him. I wanted to use My love against his hatred.... And this greater than great love of Mine was to redeem people from his power.... I knew about the cause of human existence, about the beings' past apostasy from God, because the love within Me gave Me this realization. And thus I also knew that only 'love' could bring them salvation from their state of adversity.... And thus My efforts as the 'human being Jesus' were first of all to present the divine teaching of love to My fellow human beings and to encourage them to live a life of love so that they could acquire strength to resist My adversary.... And I exemplified a life of love to them and then crowned this life of love with My death on the cross.... I offered a sacrifice of love to the father for My fellow human beings and through this sacrifice bought people's souls free from their dungeon master.... I paid the debt with My life.... Only love was able to make such a sacrifice, and love was in Me.... The father Himself, the eternal love, filled Me, the eternal love Himself thus redeemed the guilt which the spiritual had loaded upon itself when it fell, when it followed the adversary into the depth.... The former fall into the abyss, the separation from God, had only been possible because the beings had renounced love, because they did not accept the father's illumination of love.... People had to become love again, and because they no longer had the strength to do so I acquired this willpower for them through My death on the cross and redeemed them from their weakened state.... And now they were able to free themselves from the adversary's power, for they now received strength from Me as the divine redeemer, because they were now also able to live a life of love, because **after** My act of salvation they were now able to receive the illumination of love again, which constantly flows from Me as the eternal love to all beings which open themselves to receive it.... As a human being I recognized the great need of My fellow human beings.... I also knew this as an angelic spirit emanating from the father and offered Myself to descend to earth and bring the children back to the father again.... I offered Myself to serve eternal love as a human shell so that "love" could accomplish the work of redemption.... But I first also took the path as a **human being** across this earth, for a **human being's** free will should declare itself ready for this work of mercy,

because a human being had to take unspeakable suffering upon Himself as atonement, since 'God' cannot suffer but a great sacrifice of atonement was necessary for the sake of justice in order to redeem the great original sin. But I came to earth with a heart full of love, and My life on earth was an unceasing activity of love, for love was the strength which people, however, lacked, which is why I preached the divine teaching of love and repeatedly admonished people to follow Me.... Yet until I had accomplished the act of salvation the adversary's power was still too great and the human being was weakened to the utmost.... For this reason a saviour had to come Who liberated them from his power, for this reason 'love' had to accomplish a work through which the adversary was defeated.... A person's love had to resist him and thus win the battle against him, for the adversary was no match for **love**, and thus he had to let go of the souls which gave themselves to divine love, which acknowledged Me and My act of salvation, which thus voluntarily wanted to return to Me and entered My flow of love again.... And this work of salvation has been accomplished, and thus every person can free himself from the adversary's power who claims the blessings of the act of salvation, who acknowledges Me and My act of salvation, who asks Me for forgiveness of guilt and for strengthening of his will of love.... For he will be able to follow Me, he will be able to lead a way of life like Mine, and the love he now practices will impart strength to him so that he successfully covers his earthly path.... that he only strives towards Me Myself as the eternal love and that he finds unity with Me and returns to his father's house, from which he once distanced himself of his own free will and therefore also has to accomplish the return of his own free will. Yet this return can only take place through love, and therefore I also preached love when I lived on earth and sent My disciples out to proclaim the divine teaching of love to all peoples of the earth.... For only love sets you free from the power of the one who is devoid of all love and therefore My adversary, which he will also remain until My act of salvation is finally completed.... until all spiritual beings have returned to Me and there can then eternally be no more death....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Following Jesus.... Living a life of love....

B.D. No. 5927

April 12th 1954

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

Only love bridges the gulf, only love is the path to the Father's heart, and only love is the strength which lets you take the ascending path that requires strength and effort. Anyone who refuses to take the path of love will never be able to lift himself out of the abyss, and My hand cannot take hold of him to pull him up either, for he would never take hold of it as long as he is without love.... He has to follow Me of his own free will, for I do not exert any coercion if a person still resists Me. Love tolerates no compulsion yet it redeems those who are held captive.... I can only instruct you humans

and strongly admonish you to practise neighbourly love, showing that you want to be able to emulate Me, so that I can help you because you have the will to follow Me. This is why you should always bear My way of life in mind and make every effort to be like Me, and then you will surely experience My help, for anyone who keeps his eyes on Me will also receive the strength to take the path of following Jesus.... and he will indeed reach the goal of being united with Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Proof of love of God: love for the neighbour....

B.D. No. 8084

January 21st 1962

You should prove your love for Me through unselfish love for your neighbour.... Whatever you do to the least of My brothers, you have done to Me. Love for God without love for your neighbour is therefore not possible, for feelings which you then feign for yourselves cannot be judged by Me as 'love', because love will always express itself in **works** which serve the well-being of the neighbour in need. Love **without** works is likewise impossible, for love is strength and strength always wants to be active. And therefore you will always have the yardstick for your love: whether it impels you to work, whether your will is stimulated to do **works** of love. You should seriously give account of this, and you should never pass by your fellow human being's need.... you should only ever seek to alleviate hardship, to give pleasure, to comfort and to help, for you will always recognize hardship around you.... And in particular you should take care of people who are in spiritual hardship. Admittedly, such help is not often accepted, for very few people are open to help for their soul. Nevertheless, again and again you should try to distribute spiritual food and drink wherever possible. Only then will you prove your love for Me when you take care of your fellow human being's spiritual and earthly hardship, who is also My living creation whose soul I want to win. And only such love, which expresses itself in **works**, will earn you a **living faith**, which I require in order to grant you eternal beatitude.... "He who believes in Me will be blessed...." But what do you mean by faith which is to earn you this beatitude? I am not satisfied with **words** by which you want to confirm a "faith".... I first require **loving activity**, evidence of your love for Me through unselfish neighbourly love. For only this can give birth to a **living faith** which alone is of value before Me. And as long as your love for your neighbour is still small, as long as you don't behave like a brother towards him, as long as you lack works of love, you should not feel too certain that you will become blessed through 'faith' alone.... For then your faith is only a form.... you just don't contradict it, but you are still far from being alive. And will you then ever awaken the spirit in you to life, which can only come to life through loving activity?.... You are constantly demanded to **work** with love, yet you only rarely comply with this demand and therefore only living faith can rarely be found. How serious will this error be in the beyond one day, that you believe you don't need **works**?.... Yet only 'works' follow you, and you can only show a few of them because there was too little strength of love in you which would have been active in works.... Your beatitude will correspond to your **degree of love**, because only love results in true faith.... But faith **without** love is dead and will therefore never lead to beatitude. And you should not confuse 'love' with 'feelings' which can easily arise in a person but which nevertheless do not cause him to perform **works** of love for his neighbour.... And you will truly be offered many opportunities to be lovingly active, and you should never close yourselves off to the requests of your fellow human beings who are in need. You should sincerely want to help them and then you will also be able to do so, because love enlightens your spirit and also shows you the right ways and means, be it earthly or spiritual hardship which you then try to remedy. But don't rely on words which are dead as long as you don't give them life through loving activity.... You will never attain the right understanding of the words which the scriptures contain if you do not awaken the spirit within yourselves through loving activity.... And therefore "works" are demanded of you.... for "whatever you do to the least of My brethren, that you have done to Me...."

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

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

Amen

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Strengthening of faith through love work....B.D. No. 5371
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You strengthen yourselves enormously in your faith if you live a life of love and are always intent on serving Me and your neighbour. Whatever you undertake, you should always be driven by the will to help, love should always determine you and inspire you to think, speak and act. Then you will enter into closest contact with Me, and the result of this is a firm and unshakeable faith which fills your whole being, a faith which gives you inner peace and security, that you are under My protection, that you, as your father's children, are never abandoned and lonely, that therefore nothing can happen to you but what I deem good for you. Love must be deepened in you so that your faith will become stronger. You must help your fellow human being and want to make him happy, you must alleviate suffering and reduce hardship, you must want to support him with advice and action and divest yourselves of what he lacks if the hardship is thereby reduced. You must support him spiritually, help

his soul to believe, give him a good example through loving actions, you must instruct him and take care of him if he is weak in faith and does not recognize Me correctly.... You must do everything you want to be done for you in the same adversity. And you yourselves will have the greatest blessing, for you will thereby kindle a light within yourselves which will then shine upon all those around you. You will be able to prove the strength of a strong faith to your fellow human beings, you will be able to achieve great things as a result of love and the faith arising from it. Then there will be neither lack of strength nor fear, neither worries nor anxious questions.... You will feel safe in Me because I must be where love is and My closeness will give you peace and security.... Don't let up in your activity of love, give and make happy, and then let yourselves be made happy by Me, Who gives you everything and fails you nothing if you only believe....

Amen

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Active in love signs of God's presence....

B.D. No. 6687

November 10th 1956

The inner urge to be active in love is the surest sign that I Myself am present to you, for 'love' impels you and I Myself am love.... And I will constantly impel you to be active in love if you allow My presence within you, if you first unite with Me in prayer and thereby call Me to you.... And then you cannot but feel love, for you will be illuminated by My strength of love, you will be constantly urged by Me Myself to work with love. What a delicious assurance it is for you to know Me Myself present to you.... And therefore you will now also understand that unkindness also means being distant from God, that I cannot be where love has grown cold amongst people and that therefore little hardship is alleviated because people lack this inner urge to be lovingly active. And yet, this activity of love is the purpose of your earthly existence, for it means the transformation of your being or reshaping into what you were in the beginning. Every day of your earthly life is lived in vain which does not bring you one step closer to Me through love, for the purpose of earthly life is the approach to Me, the complete union with Me, which can only take place through love. And anyone who has kindled love within himself, who has kindled it into bright embers, can say with certainty that he has found Me, for where love is I Myself must be, because I am love, and where I Myself am present it is also possible to speak of the return to Me, which is the purpose and aim of earthly life. What bliss could people prepare for themselves already on earth where it is possible for them to completely unite with their God and creator, their father of eternity, through love? You only need to ask Me to come to you, to accept you.... and truly, this request would not remain unfulfilled for it is the purpose of life.... it is the conscious change of will towards Me from Whom you once turned away.... And as soon as you express this will to Me through your prayer, I take hold of you.... Your call attracts Me and lets Me be present to you, because this call also only comes from a loving heart.... And if My illumination of love touches your heart because it no longer offers any resistance, your heart will also ignite and then you will feel inwardly urged to be active in love, for then I Myself can be in you and My activity will always be love. And therefore the loving human being will also have inner peace, for it is I Myself Who smoothes all paths, Who always stands by your side, Who now takes care of you, to Whom you can safely hand yourselves over and in Whom you can trust that He will guide you safely and unharmed through earthly life.... You humans can all ignite the spark of love I have placed in you and let it flare up into a bright flame. And from that moment on you will all feel that I Myself am present to you, and then you can also be free from every anxious worry, for then you will have found the father and you will also walk the rest of your earthly path by the father's hand. But no human being can expect to be able to win Me Myself without prayer and without loving activity, for I keep Myself away from those who don't remember Me and whose actions only ever betray unkindness, for he is still full of opposition to Me, his nature has not yet changed, he is still a follower of My adversary who is devoid of all love.... But everyone has the opportunity to recognize Me and to change his nature into love, for I Myself step into every person's path, although I am not recognized by him, but I do not lack admonitions and warnings, I also illuminate the hearts of those people.... to

kindle the spark of love in them with My warmth of love. But everyone must also allow the effect of love in his free will, he must give up his resistance against Me. Then I will also come to him and will not let up inwardly stimulating him into loving activity until he completely gives himself to Me and I have won him for ever....

Amen

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Working of love.... using of God's gift of power.... "He who abides in love...."

B.D. No. 4629

May 4th 1949

Again and again love must be preached to you without which you are and remain powerless. Loving activity puts you in possession of strength, but this does not mean the vitality which every person possesses even if he does not observe the commandment of love. But this vitality enables him to work with love, so that he can therefore also easily gain possession of spiritual strength with which he then succeeds in the soul's ascent development. For this reason love should also be preached to people, because everyone is capable of performing works of neighbourly love if only he wants to. And he should use this in order to secure something for himself for the time after his death, when his vitality is withdrawn, whereas the spiritual strength, which he has thus acquired through loving activity, remains with him and he can use it to work in the spiritual kingdom on his own perfection and on the souls which are still under him in their development. Fulfil the commandment of love.... This admonition cannot sound urgently enough to you, for you are lukewarm and indifferent and don't attach much importance to My commandments. But you don't realize that every act of neighbourly love results in an approach to Me, that this is, as it were, inherent in a work of love, that if you love you draw Me to yourselves, otherwise you would consciously strive for an approach to Me and gain an unspeakable amount for your soul, for eternity. To work with love is already to make use of My gift of strength which is granted to you if the will awakens in you to carry out a work of neighbourly love.... Therefore, working with love is already a joint activity with Me, and if you imagine that I am always present to you when you are lovingly active then the desire for Me and the awareness of My nearness must already impel you to constantly work together with Me.... You can achieve nothing without love, nothing is of value before My eyes without love, and if you achieve everything on earth and are without love in your heart you need not take pleasure in it, for it is worthless for eternity, it is of no use for the development of your soul, and poor and empty you will enter the spiritual kingdom.... No works of love will follow you, and one day you will bitterly regret this.... The loving human being, however, can be poor on earth, earthly goods and earthly happiness can remain denied to him, yet his soul can rejoice and exult because it has found union with Me, because I am constantly close to it and every work of love proves My presence: "He who abides in love abides in Me and I in him...." Without love there is no union with Me, only love unites. The loving human being aligns his nature with My fundamental nature, which is love in itself; he will be able to work with greater strength on earth and in the beyond because love is strength which emanates from Me and enables ever new deeds of love. Use the strength of life and be active in love.... Again and again I call this admonition to you, for only love redeems you, it sets you free from the adversary's shackles and earns you unity with Me, Who is eternal love Myself....

Amen

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Acquiring spiritual power through love work....

B.D. No. 7107

April 30th 1958

You are still wearing your earthly garment, and this means that you possess vitality which you can use for the salvation of your soul, which gives you the opportunity to carry out works of love. But once you have taken off this earthly garment it also means a lack of strength if you have not already acquired spiritual strength on earth which alone is of value in the kingdom of the beyond.

Therefore you can no longer be active according to your will because you lack the strength for it. And therefore you are in a state of death, although your soul cannot pass away. The strength given to you for earthly life is a grace which all of you humans do not make enough use of or which you use wrongly, i.e. you only use it for the benefit of your body which, however, is transient. Every day is a gift of grace for you of which you should be aware, for the very next day can put an end to your life, and then it will become apparent how you have used the gift of grace, how much your **soul** has gained and whether you are in possession of spiritual strength when you enter the kingdom of the beyond. The human being certainly appreciates earthly life and does everything to make it pleasant for himself. And it would be easy for him to acquire **spiritual** strength if he would only carry out deeds of unselfish love. He himself can choose between life and death.... he can create eternal life for himself, and he also knows that he fears the death of the body.... so he prefers 'life' to himself.... And life means being able to be constantly active in **light** and **strength**. And so the state of death must consist in the opposite: in darkness and powerlessness, to be powerless to create and work.... But there is no passing away, and thus the soul will be aware of its dead state and it will cause it unspeakable agony. But the human being can avert this agonizing state from himself or his soul during earthly life if only he listens to what he is taught through the word of God.... if he fulfils God's commandments of love.... He is not without knowledge of God's will, he is pointed to it by His servants and he is also driven by inner feelings to work in selfless love.... But he is not forced to do so. And thus it is up to him how he uses his vitality, but his will will also have an irrevocable effect in the kingdom of the beyond, whether it was right or wrongly directed in earthly life. But as long as you humans are still on earth you will also be offered the opportunity to be active in selfless love, and now you will also understand why there is adversity amongst people, physical and spiritual adversity, for you can always intervene to help, and every work of love will be doubly blessed.... Your fellow human beings will thank you for it and you yourselves will truly benefit even more. For your soul derives a profit from every labour of love.... But anyone who passes by his fellow human being's adversity, who does not help even though he can, will remain doubly burdened, for one day he will bitterly regret every sin of omission, even if times can pass before he comes to the realization that he lived his earthly life in vain and will never be able to make up for what he missed on this earth. With gratitude you should regard every day as a gift, for as long as you live you can also practice

love and acquire spiritual goods for your soul. As long as you live you can still change your way of life, and you should always remember that one day you will have to give account of whether and how you use the gift of grace, how you have used your life energy, whether you ignite love within you and only ever carry out unselfish works of love or whether only self-love has determined your earthly existence.... For then you will not enter into life but your soul will still have to remain in the state of death for endless times.... but through your own fault....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Loving activity means transformation of being....

B.D. No. 6846

June 7th 1957

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

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

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

"What you do to the least of My brothers...."

B.D. No. 5886

February 24th 1954

Whatever you do to the least of My brothers, you have done to Me. Every day and every hour you are given the opportunity to do good, to say a kind word, to helpfully assist your neighbour with advice and deeds and thus to alleviate his hardship, which need not only consist of earthly needs but also requires spiritual help through comforting encouragement or guidance on the right path which leads out of spiritual and also earthly hardship. You should only not harden your heart and turn away your eyes when you see hardship; you should not become indifferent and believe that you have done enough once you have given help.... You should always and constantly practice love, then you will know within yourselves the blissful feeling of a giver who is blessed by Me.... who receives from Me again in the same measure as he gives out, and truly, gifts which make him far more happy than the earthly possessions he renounces.... For you give to **Me** as you distribute to your neighbour, you give **Me** the love which your neighbour receives from you. You can only prove your love for Me by showing love to your neighbour. You cannot measure the great wealth you accumulate through unselfish love, yet one day you will be happy to recognize the truth of My word and admit that it was truly not difficult to acquire spiritual treasures on earth.... And I want to create this happiness for you and therefore constantly admonish you to work with love.... As soon as you always remember that I Myself come before you as a suppliant when a needy person asks you for a gift, as soon as you remember that I know about every gift which is offered with love and look at you with blessing eyes

in return, then your love for your neighbour will grow, because love always awakens reciprocated love and carries strength and blessings within itself. Whatever you do to the least of My brothers you have done to Me.... You are all My children, and if the children love each other they give the father the greatest happiness, because only love can cause true bliss and because love leads you all to perfection, which can never be achieved without love. Be grateful as long as you have the opportunity to help and advise, for you still possess the strength of life to do so but you will lack it if one day you recognize your neglect and want to make up for it.... Use your time on earth to work with love so that you will enter the kingdom of the beyond with strength and be able to work there with the treasures you have acquired through loving activity, so that you will not be weak and helpless and bitterly regret what you neglected to do on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Work of love towards enemies....

B.D. No. 0605

October 6th 1938

Let it be your concern to do good also to your enemies, and take heed that every work of love, no matter how small, is blessed threefold.... It helps you to remove the sting of enmity.... it helps you to grace yourselves, and it reawakens counter-love in those to whom you do good. And you thereby make a sacrifice of self-conquest. You have time and leisure enough to prepare yourselves for such an act of love for your neighbor, wherever you are in enmity with him. It may be difficult for you at first, but gradually the inner voice will make it easier for you. It will speak to you well and will not be silent until you have carried out the work of love....

And the only danger then is that you do not realize what an unspeakably beneficial effect such a work of love has, if the adversary does not want to admit that your love benefits him.... then you are easily discouraged and inclined to refrain from further works of love.... and do not believe how erroneous this view is. You do not recognize the spiritual blessing so clearly, but for the soul it is of unnameable value, and any lukewarmness of which you are guilty, you will one day bitterly regret. In the spiritual world, work is constantly being done to shape people into peace-loving beings, to bridge enmity and to transform hatred and unkindness towards each other into love and kindness.

As valuable as the work for each other is, it is unspeakably damaging when people stand opposed to each other in hatred and enmity. This destroys all spiritual fellowship between people, and souls who turn away from each other always in an effort to harm each other get so deeply entangled in the nets of the adversary that it becomes more and more difficult for them to free themselves from them and this is only possible through mutually performed works of love. Striving upward with enmity in the heart is not easily possible, first it must be eradicated.... man must try to remove all hatred and resentment from the heart and then establish a good relationship in the same measure.

Then all assistance will be granted to them, and for the time of their earthly life, they are ensured of the help of the good spiritual forces, which protect them from renewed hostilities and thus also the soul from setbacks in its work on itself. Therefore, always observe this commandment to love your enemies and do good to them, so you will gain immeasurably in spiritual treasures for eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Alida Pretorius

Works of charity.... without love.... in compulsion....

B.D. No. 0985

June 28th 1939

Caring for the general welfare should be left to those who have been assigned too narrow a sphere of activity for the duration of their earthly life. The lord has wisely given everyone the task they are able to fulfil. And everyone has the opportunity to work for the greater good. One person has more, another less opportunity to take the burdens of his neighbour on his shoulders.... and the more

he endeavours to do so, the greater blessing he can expect for himself and the more the power of love will be strengthened in him and the will to love will be aroused. Only by serving will a person be able to reach the heights.... distribute in love to his neighbour what is at his own disposal and stand up for the need of man so that it may be alleviated and remedied.... but always driven by love for fellow human beings.... And this will result in rich blessings and man himself will never need to live in want if he always gives of what he has.... He should also never anxiously consider whether the gifts could diminish his possessions.... whoever gives much will receive far more, for the lord likewise shares His gifts undiminished from the one who endeavours to alleviate the need of his fellow human being out of love for Him. For "whatever you do to the least of My brothers, you have done to Me." And now consider how much nobler a person acts who shares his possessions with the poor than someone who lives in well-organized circumstances but demands all the gifts he wants to distribute from the general public. Well-organized charity is like a weak oil lamp.... it does not fulfil its purpose.... It shines only insignificantly and spreads no light.... And so such works of neighbourly love, which however lack **love**, will have no redeeming effect.... Gifts are indeed offered to people, but the heart does not speak.... The giver does not sacrifice, but is forced to give his tribute, and so the power of love is not conveyed to the receiver. As it were, what is given to the other is taken from the one. An action is mechanized and made into a thoughtless fulfilment of duty, which should be born in the love of the heart and awaken love.... And these works are dead works before God.... He cannot look at what is born under compulsion and can never be an active labour of love. It is the most marvellous thing in life to share one's goods with the one who is likewise a creature of God.... to share every gift that the father in heaven has sent to man in His love.... to share of his own free will because his heart drives him to do so. But what is made a human being's task on earth is worthless. The human being certainly fulfils this task, but only because he has to, not of his own accord, and such works of neighbourly love cannot be valued by the heavenly father, Who only looks at the heart and the degree of love in which the gifts are offered....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

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

B.D. No. 1504

July 5th 1940

Every undisturbed hour should be used to work for the benefit of the human race.... Spiritual wellbeing should take precedence over earthly interests, because there is no time to lose. The demon likewise makes use of every opportunity to spiritually damage the human race, and so the opposing power must constantly be at work in order to prevent his actions; good spiritual forces must unite in their work against this power, and thus neither indifference nor carelessness may arise, which would only serve the adversary's purpose. For then he will only intensify his activity, he will also weaken people's determination and wear them out if they do not diligently work against him.... What's more, it is a transgression against the commandment of neighbourly love if people slacken in the battle for the salvation of souls which are in need of help. It should be your greatest concern to help those who are approaching their spiritual downfall. Don't leave them in their spiritual darkness and turn away from them indifferently, for they need your help. They are weak and no longer able to release themselves from the power of the opponent. In their dark and lightless surroundings they do not recognise their soul's adversity and therefore do not desire light. Even so, you should make an effort to kindle a small light and bring these poor souls a tiny glimmer of it, so that they will take notice and pay attention to your activity. You should leave no stone unturned in changing their indifference of spiritual knowledge into interest; you should show their thoughts the right path, you should educate them and beseech them to remember their soul and to understand the meaning of life; you should try to persuade them to have faith in Jesus Christ and explain that a life of love on earth is far more beneficial than only to live for selfish love, for the fulfilment of earthly wishes. You should not withhold anything from them which made you find the path of ascent; you should acquaint them with the teaching of Jesus Christ and the fact that they can only ascend through kind-hearted service. You

should do everything possible which can guide these souls out of the spiritual night into the light of day. Then you will be kind-heartedly active in the truest sense of the word. This is the most unselfish neighbourly love because it only applies to a fellow human being's salvation of soul. This task requires infinite love and patience, for it is very difficult to persuade the beings in darkness to accept the Word of God; they will staunchly resist it, because the opponent himself is your strongest adversary and incites people's will into most powerful resistance. Nevertheless, a person's love can be victorious if these souls are tirelessly and patiently fought for with these very means of love.... Not the external person but the soul needs to be paid attention to, which is in a pitiful state and can no longer muster the strength to release itself from the opponent's shackles. Hence the love of an enlightened person, that is, someone who knows the truth, will recognise the adversity of such souls and not slacken in his effort for them. He will try to help them through heartfelt prayer, he will present this soul's hardship to the Father in Heaven and appeal to Him for strength to accomplish the redemptive work, if his own strength is not sufficient and the person's will begins to tire before the soul has been won over for eternal life. Therefore you should constantly be active with love, and give all your love to your fellow human beings' souls which suffer adversity. Don't let yourselves be depressed by failures but always desire the strength from God, then you will be able to solve the most difficult tasks, you will snatch the souls from the opponent and lead them to the heavenly Father, and these souls will be grateful to you for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

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

B.D. No. 3915

October 26th 1946

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

someone poorer will not have to fear any hardship himself, for God shares with him and His gift is truly a thousand times more valuable.... He who gives with a loving heart will awaken love in return, and you do not know what that means, that love will increase in itself. Yet you snatch from satan what he already believes to possess, you restore to life what was dead, you direct strength where it is lacking and thereby exercise the greatest mercy on the soul of his fellow human being, who is now also capable and willing to love and does good for the sake of good. And if you understand this, you will also understand the great earthly adversity, you will see it as God's sending and endure it with surrender into His will, you will try to control it through loving activity and, as it were, also be active in redemption in the last days, for only love is the remedy, only love gives you freedom, strength and light....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

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

B.D. No. 4105

August 14th 1947

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

commandment which must be fulfilled on earth as well as in the beyond in order to unite with the eternal Love and to attain eternal bliss....

Amen

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Stimulating an unbeliever to love work....

B.D. No. 5787

October 12th 1953

The unbeliever cannot be given spiritual knowledge because he rejects everything that cannot be proven but only demands faith. But he can be stimulated to work with love, because he can only attain faith on the path of love. An unbeliever's heart need not be hardened so that he will therefore very well perform works of neighbourly love if he is made aware of his fellow human being's adversity, if he is encouraged by a well-meaning fellow human being to contribute towards the alleviation of this adversity.... if an appeal is made to his compassion, to his willingness to help and his earthly situation which makes it possible for him to help.... It is the greatest merit of a person who lives in love himself to spur his fellow human being into loving activity, for this can then also result in faith which, **without** love, is nevertheless only a dead faith and thus not much more valuable than unbelief. As long as a person passes by his fellow human being's adversity he can also be regarded as unbelieving, even though he calls himself believing. Only when a person's will to give breaks through, when he seeks to make his fellow human being happy or to avert suffering from him.... when he wants to help.... he is also able to listen to knowledge offered to him and to take a stand on it, and only then is it possible to revive in him a belief in a spiritual kingdom which exists outside the earthly kingdom....

Therefore it is a futile labour of love to try to convince an unbelieving person intellectually, that is, to present spiritual knowledge to him and persuade him to accept it, because a person without love is not capable of doing so. On the other hand, the divine teaching of love can be presented to him and its effect made credible if such a life of love is exemplified to him and his heart is also appealed to to participate in alleviating his fellow human being's hardship.... if he is first encouraged to give away his abundance until he then finds happiness himself in doing good.... And then he is also already won, then his resistance to spiritual knowledge becomes less and less, he is shaken in his unbelief.... he begins to think about his life and more willingly accepts what requires faith.... he will learn to believe because he has now become capable of it through love....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Poverty does not prevent activity of love....

B.D. No. 6365

September 26th 1955

Even the poorest of the poor can acquire the kingdom of heaven.... For it is possible for every human being to fulfil My will.... My will is unselfish activity of love.... And no matter how poor the person is in respect of earthly goods, he can still practise neighbourly love because it does not merely consist of giving material goods. Even the most underprivileged person can ignite the flame of love within himself, precisely because of his poverty he is able to assess the situation of a fellow human being's hardship, and the sincere will to help alone is love which strives to become active. Love is not measured by the material value of what it gives, it is the degree of love which is decisive, and then even the smallest gift can be extremely highly valued.... But a heart full of love can also communicate itself to people in other ways and always for their benefit, because it awakens mutual love.... Every kind word, every interest in his fellow human being's fate, every kind glance or active help can penetrate a hardened heart and soften it.... The other person can be more touched by it than material help can achieve since precisely the giver's poverty convinces him of his genuine love which then will also be reciprocated, and a ray of love has ignited.... And if a person living in poverty still passes on even the little he owns then he will acquire substantial treasures for eternity.... But he will

also receive material help, and his poverty will also provide him with the greatest blessing, because his longing for material possessions will die down the more helpful he is towards his fellow human being, and thus he will much sooner learn to overcome matter than a person who lives in the midst of earthly wealth.

Heartfelt love does not depend on the quantity of earthly possessions. Love is a feeling within a person's heart which constantly wants to be active and will also always find some kind of occupation. If only in the fact that a person will take care of his fellow human being, that he will not indifferently pass him by, that he will make him aware of dangers or help him find the right path.... The human being is able to express his love in every way and his love will always be felt with gratitude and awaken love in return.... Therefore no person will be able to say that he was prevented from loving activity as a result of poverty.... Love has nothing whatsoever to do with material wealth, for even the most underprivileged person can implore Me from the bottom of his loving heart to take care of and help his unhappy neighbour because he himself is incapable of doing so.... But a prayer like that first requires love in the person's heart, and only then will it be effective.... For I will see his good will and for the sake of his love I Am gladly willing to help.... Unselfish love could relieve so much hardship; yet it is lacking in humanity and everyone just thinks of himself and ignores his fellow human being's adversity.... People who offset their earthly poverty will acquire great treasures which they will be allowed to take along into the kingdom of the beyond as everlasting possessions.... They will be wealthy over there because they also considered the poor even though they did not live in abundance themselves....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Fulfilment of humanly decreed commandments will not replace actions of love....

B.D. No. 6813

April 23rd 1957

You humans have to understand that there is no substitute for loving actions, that you will not be able to acquire eternal bliss by other means as long as you ignore My commandments of love, as long as you do not act with unselfish love for your neighbour. Whatever else is recommended to you, apart from this active love, as being beneficial or promising happiness, is worthless and will not lead you one step forward in your perfection. And you will be offered much that will supposedly result in happiness.... Thus you often disregard the only helpful means to bliss. I required nothing else from you humans apart from complying with My commandments of love.... I gave you no other commandments but those which only ever necessitate your love for your neighbour, I only preached those guiding principles which intended to improve the relationship between yourselves and your fellow human beings, because I wanted to kindle the love in you which you were lacking and which had caused your wretched situation. And thus My continued concern simply relates to increasing your willingness to love, because the ability to love is inherent in all of you but your will to put it into practice is extremely poor. Consequently, only a person who, like Me, will simply preach love can be My true representative on earth, because he alone will show people the right path which leads to Me, to blissfulness.

However, you should not believe that you can replace your deeds of love with other actions or customs; you should not believe that I will be content with the compliance of commandments which were not decreed by Me and whose implementation without love is completely worthless. You won't receive any 'blessings' for it because I will not take notice of such actions and customs and neither will it save souls, because these are just human promises which I will never be able to sanction. Only love will save you from regressing into the abyss, only love will guide you into perfection, and love will always express itself with actions, because love will urge a person from within to work in divine order.

But you humans are seized by a certain amount of indifference regarding My commandments of love because you were led into thinking wrongly.... Because you were urged to comply with

ecclesiastical commandments which people added to My commandments as their own work.... You now fearfully attempt to meet these ecclesiastical commandments, but rarely or never pay attention to My requirements yet nevertheless believe to live a just and Christian life. This is a serious error which was also brought into the world by My adversary.... Because your only purpose of earthly life is to kindle love and let it flare into the brightest light because this denotes the unification with Me from Whom you once separated. However, only love will be able to achieve this unification, and not the means which were given to you as 'commandments' for the attainment of eternal life, such as formal prayers, indulgences, actions and the conferring of blessings which are known as 'sacraments', which must only be regarded as ceremonies and formalities and will not provide you with any spiritual success, neither on earth nor in the kingdom of the beyond.

My adversary tried to prevent what the compliance with My commandments of love will achieve by distracting people's attention from them with external formalities and false teachings and presenting his arrangements as their priority.... Because he knew that he would find many victims, because love required people to make an effort and they are not gladly willing to make sacrifices. Thus time and again love has to be emphasized to be the first and most important, time and again I have to remind people of My commandments of love for God and other people, time and again I have to instruct them that everything else is useless without love and that actions of love cannot be replaced by anything else.... But this teaching is not taken seriously, people prefer to follow those humanly added commandments more readily because My adversary still has great influence over such people and is trying to prevent their return to Me by all means. Nevertheless, My teaching of love, which I preached on earth, is known to people and everyone with genuine aspiration will also recognise it as a priority and not be content with pointless outward appearances, with everything that did not originate from Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Salvation only through Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. 7034

February 5th 1958

You would never be free without Jesus Christ's act of Salvation.... These words have to be said to you time and again, and you must know that you are not free, that My adversary is still holding you in bondage. Being human you are not fully aware of his bondage because you don't know any other existence, because an existence in freedom, light and strength is completely alien to you. But such an existence was yours in the beginning, you were once free and were able to work in light and strength, and you were in a state of unlimited bliss. However, as a human being you cannot remember this state and may or may not believe it when you are informed of it. If you do not believe it, you will not try to escape from this lack of freedom either, because it is necessary to believe in the divine Saviour Jesus Christ so that you can call on His help. Yet all human beings should desire this state of freedom in light and strength, because everyone can surely see that he is not happy in his earthly existence as a human being, that he lacks the strength to accomplish whatever he wants, and that he is also lacking in enlightenment, supreme wisdom, and limitless knowledge....

The human being is an imperfect living being as long as he is separated on earth from his divine Father-Spirit. This separation was once caused by the being itself through its attachment to My adversary, who was the first to separate himself from Me with rebellious intent. And now My adversary keeps the being in captivity, it cannot free itself anymore. The being has to be helped because by itself it is too weak to separate itself from him. And this help solely rests in Jesus Christ....If you humans want to become free, which you are able to achieve in earthly life, then you have to call on Jesus Christ for help. You have to acknowledge Him as the victor over the adversary, you have to acknowledge Him as the earthly vessel which was used by Me in order to fight against My adversary. This was only possible in an earthly robe, in the form of a human being, Who was as weak as you and who required divine strength to enable His victory over the opponent. And this

strength was love.... My fundamental substance.... hence the act of Salvation was accomplished by love, by Myself....

And just as the human being had received the strength from Me, Who had permeated Him, you too have to ask Me for the gift of strength, which the man Jesus had acquired for you through His crucifixion. You can only attain this strength through Jesus Christ, with other words, you have to ask Me in Jesus to give you the strength again which you had rejected in the past. But you cannot receive this gift without acknowledging the act of Salvation, because only in doing so can you find forgiveness for the appalling past sin of apostasy from Me. For the sacrifice on the cross was the redemption of this immense guilt.... This is not difficult to understand for anyone of good will, but the unwilling person cannot grasp and understand the correlations.... And yet he should not be entirely dismissive of this problem, instead he should humbly confess his lack of knowledge and his inability to understand it correctly.... He should want to receive truthful clarification and understanding.... he should take the constant reminders to heart that no one can become blessed without Jesus Christ. And he should wholeheartedly desire to be freed from his constrained state while he is still on earth. For every human being becomes aware of the fact that he is not free, no human being feels absolutely happy on earth and every human being is subject to states of weakness.... because every person is burdened with the original sin which can only be redeemed by the divine Saviour Jesus Christ....

Amen

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Compulsory work.... only works of love are rated....

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Only that which was done of one's own free will has eternal value, as soon as it concerns works which are to be valued as works of love. The human being should not ask for reward or retribution when he performs a work of neighbourly love, nor should he merely fulfil a duty and believe that such service will be valued just as much as a deed performed by free will which exceeds the measure of the fulfilment of duty.... Only that which love accomplishes can be valued before God, and true love is always selfless and without calculation. And such works therefore have eternal value, for they have an effect on eternity, they give the soul the maturity which determines its degree of beatitude, and thus they determine the soul's fate after the death of the body. People's earthly life, however, is mostly filled with demands or dutiful work **which** they like to believe fulfils their purpose of earthly life but are not aware of the fact that it is not about the nature of their activity on earth but about the degree of love in which everything that fills people's lives is carried out. Admittedly, a part of self-love is also necessary in order to meet the demands of the body, because the human being also has duties towards his body, thus he has also been granted a part of self-love on the part of eternal love. Nevertheless, not only self-love may determine a person's every action, but only work which has been carried out entirely without calculation, where only love which wants to give and make happy was the impetus, and which therefore also achieves imperishable spiritual values, which is the soul's wealth when it departs from earth, has an eternal value. Every activity which is carried out dutifully can indeed also be a blessing if it is done willingly and selflessly, which is precisely why every work must be based on love if it is to have a beneficial effect on the human soul and its fate in eternity. For what is done for the earth also passes away with the death of the body, which alone was the beneficiary of that activity which was determined by self-love. Therefore, it is not indifferent how the human being approaches his earthly activity.... He can do his 'duty' and yet not gain a blessing for his soul; but he can also fulfil every duty with inner joy and love, he can consciously serve his fellow human being and do so gladly and joyfully.... then it is not only 'duty work' but at the same time activity of love, for the impetus originates from his free will, and free will alone determines whether selfish love is pushed back and unselfish love comes to the fore. Every human being's work on earth can fulfil its serving purpose if it is not consciously done on behalf of God's adversary, i.e. an effect which harms people is quite clearly recognizable.... Then no blessing can ever rest on the performer who indulges in such activity which is obviously done on the impetus of the adversary from God. And

this activity will indeed also have an eternal value but in a negative way.... it will also affect the human being's soul, and the soul will have to suffer again for an infinitely long time, for the human being was only motivated by selfish reasons to indulge in this activity, and he has to answer for it. But every human being can feel the urge within himself to perform unselfish works of love. And if it is not possible within the scope of his fulfilment of duty, then he can do it in **addition**, and this will have a particularly beneficial effect in that he will soon also be allowed to fulfil his duty in a 'serving' way, for the human being's will alone determines his direction, and the right-willing person will also be given the opportunity by God to use his will correctly: to 'serve in love'.....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Love one another....

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One law applies to all of you, that you shall love one another and thereby also prove your common bond with Me. And even if you are bothered by the thought that you have no inner bond with your fellow human being whom you should love, you shall nevertheless remember his soul which is still subject to the constraint of the body, and you shall know that the soul belongs to Me even if its will is still **opposing** Me. For you are all My children and therefore shall consider your fellow human being as your brother and strive towards the Father together. Love shall unite you, then you will demonstrate that you are children of the same Father. And this love shall stop you from every suspicion or judgment of your neighbour, love shall help you bear his every weakness and fault; you should only ever bear in mind that his soul can still have a low degree of maturity and the human being therefore behaves as he does, even if you dislike it. You should not pass harsh judgments for then you will also motivate Me to judge you in the same way, for not one of you is without fault, not one of you has as yet reached a degree of maturity which excludes imperfections and weaknesses, and yet I endure you with greater than great love and patience and don't pass harsh judgments upon you. And therefore I gave you the commandment: love your neighbour as yourselves.... If you fulfil this commandment of neighbourly love then you will spread a merciful veil across his faults and weaknesses, and you will only ever try to help him and only ever awaken mutual love in him if you let him feel your love.

With these Word I address all those of you who are still inclined to expose your neighbour's faults, for thereby you demonstrate your own lack of love which subsequently gives you no right to judge your neighbour. And by doing so you become sinful yourselves, for you contravene the commandment of love.... Therefore, if you want to be My children you must also make an effort to fulfil the Father's will, which only ever wants you to love one other or else you belong to My adversary, who is devoid of all love and always tries to influence you into **opposing** the law of love. And do you **love** your brother if you are angry with him? If you emphasise his flaws and weaknesses, if you judge him harshly? You must learn to endure his weakness and help him.... Then you will carry out My will, and then your conduct will also result in blessings, you will gain him as your friend, he will take your example to heart and will want to emulate you, and his inner being will be full of love for you as well, for love awakens love in response, and then you will also prove that you are the children of the same Father, Whose nature is pure love. And then My love will embrace you ever more closely and your hearts will become increasingly more willing to love, so that they will pass this love on to the next person and then you will indeed be My true children, as it is My will....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

I have given you a commandment to love one another.... And this also means that you should patiently bear the other person's weaknesses, that you should help him in every adversity of body and soul. For the weak need the strong for support, and therefore your intercession should also be for the weak so that he receives strength to walk according to My will.... Therefore you should also take care of your fellow human being's spiritual hardship by giving him strength through good thoughts and prayer, which he needs for his spiritual progress. Anyone who has the grace to directly receive the bread of heaven, the water of life, from Me should first give it to the weak person, for then he will also directly impart the strength to him which will beneficially touch his soul. Then the weakness will also give way, he will become strong in spirit, he will constantly demand to receive food and drink from Me, and you will have accomplished the greatest work of love for your neighbour, which will have an effect for all eternity.... Only love will ever achieve this, the will to help people in every adversity.... And then you will also prove your love for Me, for you know that every soul is dear to Me, that I want to win it for Myself and that I bless everyone who helps Me to win a soul.... Thus I value the work for Me and My kingdom particularly highly because souls which once separated from Me are brought to Me again as a result.... And the work for Me and My kingdom consists of supplying people with My word, of remedying the spiritual hardship they are in by supplying them with My word, of supplying strength to the souls because they are weak and need strength. However, this work for Me and My kingdom will only ever be carried out by people who have a heart willing to love, otherwise their fellow human beings' adversity would not touch them.... Therefore, no person who voluntarily works in the vineyard can be denied love either.... unless he seeks worldly reward, honour and glory and earthly goods. But these labourers are not in My service, they still serve the world and the one who is master of this world.... My servants, however, are called and chosen by Me Myself, and thus as long as they selflessly serve Me they are driven by the love within themselves which is meant for Me and their fellow human beings. And since people's spiritual hardship is evident they fully commit themselves to bringing them help which consists of spreading My word into the world, of proclaiming My gospel to people, which I Myself commissioned them to do. Thus they serve Me and their neighbour and thereby prove their love for Me and their neighbour.... But I also know what you humans need who are still weak.... I know what kind of nourishment gives you strength and what My servants therefore have to offer you so that you become healthy, so that your soul matures and takes the path back to Me from Whom it once originated.... And therefore I Myself convey the right nourishment to earth, and it is blessed with My strength. I come to you **Myself** in the word, I offer Myself to you as nourishment.... for **I am the word**.... And you shall receive Me Myself into your hearts, and then you will truly lack nothing, you will lose all weakness, you will receive strength in abundance, and you will effortlessly cover your pilgrimage on earth with the success that after the death of your body you will enter the kingdom of the beyond in light and strength.... For this is truly accomplished by My word, which I Myself convey to you from on high.... And you, My servants on earth, live out love when you help your neighbour in spiritual need.... when you bring them My word. You then also demonstrate love for Me, for you then bring My children back to Me who were separated from Me for a long time....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Action-love.... good example....

B.D. No. 8343

November 30th 1962

You shall proclaim My teaching on earth, which only teaches (demands) love love for Me and for your neighbour.... And thus you must also live a life of love yourselves, otherwise you will not find faith with your fellow human beings if you yourselves act differently than you preach.... But if you give them a good example they will also try to live a life of love in accordance with it, and then they will also experience the effect of a life of love on themselves.... The blessing will not fail to

materialise then either, and they will be allowed to constantly receive much in the way of light and strength, in wisdom and spiritual strength supply.... But first they have to let love flare up within themselves, and you should help them to do so through your teachings and your own life of love.... Very often the words are quoted: Love God above all else and your neighbour as yourself.... But they always remain just words, these commandments of love are not lived out, and therefore only a few know about the blessing that a right life of love entails. Love is the divine, which glows in the human being as the tiniest spark and has to be made to flare up by the human being himself.... Love is light and strength in itself, and thus a loving person must emerge from the state of darkness and weakness.... And this must be recognizable by rich knowledge and strong faith.... The human being must come to recognize the truth and also be allowed to connect with Me as the eternal love through his life of love and thus also receive strength, the influx of which results in **every** connection with Me. However, the person who is satisfied with empty words, who does not live out love and thus sets a leading example for his fellow human beings, will not be able to achieve any of this. For a good example is often more successful than words can achieve. And if you humans keep telling yourselves that every form is worthless before Me, then you will also make an effort to live a right life of love, and the blessing will not fail to materialise, you will be happy about the effect yourselves, for since you now enter a state of realisation the meaning of your earthly life will also become clear to you and you will now live consciously.... The love within you will become ever stronger, because strength constantly flows to you from Me which you use again for loving activity. But what is meant by true love? You should regard all your fellow human beings as brothers who all have the same father and for whose return the father longs.... You should help these brothers in every need and danger, you should try to make them happy, give them joy, distribute gifts they need; you should protect them from all harm.... you should do everything you wish for **the one** you love with all your heart, for this love is within you and only needs to be kindled.... You should also know that every person is in danger of getting lost who does not find the path to Me, and therefore you should help him onto the right path, you should illuminate his path with a bright light which shines brightly for you again through loving activity and which you should let shine out into the darkness of night so that your brothers will also recognize the path which leads back to the father... You should think of your neighbour more than of yourselves, for truly, I Myself will then know how to protect **you** if you lovingly take care of your neighbour who is too weak to help himself. Nor will you ever need to fear that you will have to live in want yourselves because you first thought of your neighbour who was in need.... For as you measure out, so will it be measured out to you, and thus you also banish your own need when you take care of your neighbour.... And you can believe it, your fellow human beings will also take an example from such a life of love, and then their spiritual state will also be brightened.... they will be accessible to the truth and also be able to understand everything they are told about their destiny on earth, for love will break through all shells, people's hearts will become light, they can now also be instructed about all spiritual correlations, about their beginning and their final goal.... They will understand and want to share their knowledge with their fellow human beings again, because they themselves are delighted by the knowledge and now love impels them to also let others participate in the light which enlightens their hearts. For the right proclamation of My teaching of love also includes a love of action, it includes a way of life in unselfish neighbourly love which will also cause fellow human beings to fulfil the commandments of love for God and neighbour....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Working together in love in the end time....

B.D. No. 3343

November 24th 1944

My own will have to unite closely if they don't want to become weak and discouraged in the last days. They must lift each other up and encourage each other, they must unitedly appeal for My help and faithfully expect it, they must make use of every opportunity to listen to My word, to practice love and to hold an inner dialogue with Me, so that they will always be able to go about their daily

work strengthened and meet the demands of the world, insofar as they cannot be circumvented. For the time will be hard for everyone, and anyone who does not draw strength from Me, who does not let the strength of My word take effect on him, will find it unbearable and push him to the ground. But I always have the giver of strength ready for My own.... My word, which is offered to you from the heavens.... Whoever has this will also be able to endure this time, he will not pay attention to the tribulation and will not feel the hardship so tangibly, he will always be led out again, for I Myself will spread My hands over him so that no harm will come to him.... I Myself will lead him by the hand so that his foot will not stumble, and I Myself will lift him up and comfort him with My word if he is despondent and his heart wants to tremble. And therefore My word will be the only source of strength, and you must come together for My word, you must let Me speak to you at all times, in adversity and tribulation, in anguish and distress, you must listen to My voice and do what I ask of you.... Always and constantly give love, for hardship can only be alleviated through loving actions. For then you will draw Me to yourselves and with Me you will overcome everything.... And if you also oppose your enemies with love you will also be able to achieve spiritual success, for where you give love you win the hearts and thus weaken the adversary's power. And you will have many opportunities to do so because adversity puts all people in a position to ask for help. Then you will have to prove yourselves, you will have to set a good example for each other and practice love practically, and I will give you the opportunity to be helpfully active so that you spur on your fellow human beings and educate them to love. And every circle shall know that it is protected by Me, which unites in spiritual striving, which is willing to serve Me and eagerly accepts My word.... I will always be in the midst of people who have Me as their aim, I will obviously come to their aid in adversity, I will lead the individuals to each other so that they can serve Me together, I will grant them all protection so that they will never need to fear, for the adversity will never be greater than He Who lets it come upon humanity.... Anyone who acknowledges Me as lord and creator of heaven and earth need only lift his thoughts to Me with faith and trust and I will not disappoint him.... His faith is also a guarantee for My help, his faith calls for My presence and his faith reveals My fatherly love.... he will not call upon Me in vain, he will find an answer in every adversity.... And therefore approach the coming time undaunted, let Me rule and don't be afraid, for My love and omnipotence will end the time and lead you, My faithful, through to eternal bliss, and you will thank Me and praise Me that you were allowed to live through this time of grace, for it will bring increased blessings to those who remain faithful to Me.... a paradise on earth and a blissful life one day in eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Measures against love work....

B.D. No. 3389

January 2nd 1945

The world will make demands on you which you will never be able to fulfil if you respect God's commandments. You should indeed be subject to the worldly authorities, yet if you are openly demanded to act against His divine will, that you thus disregard the commandment of neighbourly love and sin through unkind actions, then you should acknowledge God alone as your authority so that you will not let your soul perish for the sake of earthly advantage. And therefore you should firmly memorize God's will, you should know why you have to fulfil it and what consequences you will receive if you act against His will. You should know how extremely necessary the activity of love on earth is and that only love alone can redeem you.... furthermore, you should know how unstable earthly goods are and what an unfavourable exchange you enter into if you sacrifice your salvation for the sake of these goods. You will be hard pressed and it will not be easy to resist the world's demands, yet you will be able to do so as soon as you appeal to God for strength and join God the more the world wants to separate you from Him. For this alone is the purpose of its plans and measures, that the christian teaching of love is eliminated and thus God Himself is alienated from people, Who can only be found through love. People know nothing of the power of love or they would try to acquire it. They only know self-love and seek to increase their possessions at the expense of their neighbour. And thus

they pay no attention to the commandment of neighbourly love, and they demand the same from fellow human beings instead of inspiring them to love. And they will severely harass people who make God's commandments their guiding principle because the latter are not in harmony with the commandments of the worldly authorities. And then they shall seriously examine to what extent the will of God is recognizable in the requirements of the worldly authorities.... What is harmful to the neighbour must never be done if it can be avoided, i.e. if the person is not incapable of defending himself through coercive measures. And the body should take suffering and tribulation upon itself if it can thereby avert a sinful act. For his soul will thank him one day by assisting him in his later upward development. Moreover, the body's adversity is not long-lasting, but the soul will have to atone in the beyond if it does not observe the commandment of neighbourly love on earth and, for the sake of earthly advantage, submits to the world's desire which demands unkindness from people. For if this rules, then the devil rules people and you must not submit to him. You must resist him even if you are severely harassed and have to fear for your physical life, for by doing so you will save your soul from destruction and through your example also that of your fellow human beings if you practice love, even if the world wants to prevent you from doing so....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Right understanding requires working in love....

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You should take every opportunity to point out to your fellow human beings their task in life on earth: to shape themselves into love.... You should always preach love and therefore be proclaimers of My teaching of love wherever this opportunity is offered to you. This is the task of those who offer themselves to Me for service, and I will bless them if they take this task seriously and awaken their fellow human beings' sense of responsibility, if they encourage them to think about themselves. Wherever love is practiced there will also be an understanding of the times in which humanity lives.... Without love activity, however, people lack this understanding, and therefore they also don't take any indications seriously which announce the near end.... Hence it is of no use to you to only mention the 'near end' if you don't simultaneously admonish people to **work** with **love**, for the latter is even more **important** than the knowledge about the end.... Love is the surest antidote in the coming time when adversity and misery will befall all people; love is the lifeline when humanity is in danger of sinking.... Where love is practiced fear fades away, because people strengthen themselves inwardly through the working of love and because they are united with Me through love, Who will always be their protection in every adversity.... Therefore, if you want to be of service to Me you must always point your fellow human beings to My commandment of love; you must teach them that their earthly life is and will remain an idle existence if they don't engage in unselfish neighbourly love, and that they can only gain strength through a life of love in the time of adversity they are facing.... Only a few will believe you, only a few will listen to you without resistance and consider your words, and you can also inform them of what is coming, for they will not close their minds, they will consider it possible and mentally prepare themselves for it.... **Knowledge** alone, however, will not help them, even though it should be offered to everyone.... because you yourselves cannot judge whether and to what extent your fellow human being is in love.... Therefore you should always admonish people to work with love, love should always be preached by those who want to be servants to Me on earth.... For unkindness is the greatest evil which causes people to walk in deepest spiritual darkness.... An unkind person will rarely be touched by your sermon of love, yet even his ear shall hear it if his heart is closed.... You should try to bring Me close to everyone as the 'eternal love', you should enlighten everyone that they can turn to the father in greatest adversity, Who is love Himself and wants to help everyone who calls upon Him.... You should not miss any opportunity to talk to your fellow human beings about divine-spiritual matters.... Again and again you should try to direct his thoughts to what he constantly passes by.... If your thoughts are constantly filled with My teaching of love then you cannot help but share yourselves with everyone who crosses your path, and then you will also be good

representatives of My teaching of love and My name. And therefore you must always make an effort to live a life of love yourselves in order to thereby give the spirit within you the opportunity to express itself.... And this will impel you to speak wherever an opportunity presents itself. Your spirit will guide your thinking correctly and let you find the right words with which to address your fellow human beings and which will not fail to make an impression.... But you should not be lukewarm and do half the work, for your work is urgent in the last days before the end.... Love must always and constantly be preached so that people awaken and become introspective, so that they reflect on themselves when they follow you and your life. And therefore you should exemplify love to them, and your example will be more effective than words which you don't prove yourselves through deeds.... Preach love and live out My teaching of love yourselves, and your work for Me and My kingdom will always be blessed....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

"Create and work while it is still day...."

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❗❗ Create and work while it is still day, for the night is coming when you can no longer work...." How close you are to the onset of night, it is the last minutes of the day when you are alive, and you are not aware of the seriousness of it, you are lukewarm in your soul's work and live as if you still have a long time ahead of you. You are mistaken.... night will soon fall and envelop the whole earth in deepest darkness, and you could still achieve an unspeakable amount if you wanted to use the last minutes and seriously prepare yourselves for life after death. You should only think of your souls and pay no more attention to what concerns the body. For only the soul remains, nothing remains for you of earthly goods, of the material world. You already have one foot on the other side, but what will the kingdom be like which will receive your soul? Is it the kingdom of light or that of darkness? Is it day or night for your soul? Where there is light, there is life, but the night is dreadful. And therefore I warn you urgently and speak to you again and again to draw your attention to the great responsibility you bear towards your soul. Don't bring it into an unspeakable adversity which you can still easily avert if you change, disregard everything earthly and only think of fulfilling My will and living a life in accordance with My commandments.... stand by your neighbour in every earthly and spiritual adversity, intervene helpfully where your help is required and always and constantly accept My word which informs you of My will and imparts strength to you to live the life as it is My will. Create and work while it is still day.... it will soon draw to a close and an endless long night will follow from which I want to protect you because I love you.... Listen to the words of My love and take them seriously, so that you will escape the night and a day will dawn for you which will last forever....

Amen

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