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# Jesus Christ's Work Of Redemption

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### A knowledge is needed to understand the work of redemption....

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In order to be able to grasp the full truth, which concerns the work of redemption of Jesus Christ, the knowledge must also be imparted to you about primeval beginning and final aim of all beingness once created by Me. Because only one explains the other. And only few men are able to receive this knowledge and to understand it because for this the change of their nature to love is necessary. The more now love disappears among men, the more rarely also the knowledge about it will be able to be accepted and grasped by a man. And this results in humanity no longer being able to grasp the significance of the act of salvation and its reasoning and therefore no longer believing it.... it has the result that a body of thought displaced that knowledge, and what has now still survived is, in the best case, the knowledge that once a human being walked the earth Who led an exemplary way of life and inspired fellow human beings to follow His example. Irrefutably (irrevocably) man would now again come to that deep knowledge about the meaning of the work of redemption of Jesus when he would

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really be a right follower of Jesus, when he would make an effort to lead his life like Jesus in completely unselfish neighbourly love, because such a walk of life would guarantee him a bright inner light, and he would be introduced through his spirit from the inside into fullest truth. This working of the spirit therefore guarantees brightest knowledge, but due to people's lack of love it has become impossible, and this results in the fact that precisely about Jesus and His actual mission all knowledge has been lost to people, that for them Jesus is just a 'human being', albeit standing in high perfection.... They admit that He has reached the highest possible perfection on this earth, which all other people should strive for as well. People know nothing about the deeper connections which have to be associated with the spirits' apostasy from Me. And so therefore also nothing about Jesus' actual mission to redeem people from the guilt of the former apostasy. They also know nothing about the plan of the deification of all beings, which I have created. And they can also only understand all this in a certain degree of love, because love is the light, which enlightens their hearts and gives them full enlightenment about their being, about the beginning and aim of every man. It is therefore no wonder that Jesus' act of salvation is either unknown to people or unbelievable, since they cannot muster any understanding for it due to their low degree of love, and this degree of love will constantly decrease and therefore very few people will strive for redemption through Jesus and the path to the cross will be an incomprehensible concept for the majority.... an empty word.... has become. People would also never have needed to be instructed about it in a direct way, as it now happens through the supply of My word from above, for an unselfish life of love would have ordered and enlightened their thinking, the truth would have arisen in the human being himself, and all spiritual correlations would have arisen clearly and full of light before their eyes. The truth, which every human being's spiritual spark contains within himself, would also have come to man's awareness, and everyone would have directed his path to Jesus Christ of his own accord in order to request the redemption of his original sin from Him.... But mankind now stands shortly before the end exactly because of its loveless state. And therefore it is also explainable that all knowledge has got lost to it, that spiritual knowledge has sunk down and men themselves do nothing anymore to again kindle the light in themselves. And thus they have also lost all knowledge about the reason and significance of Jesus Christ's act of salvation, and the 'path to the cross' is no longer justified in any way if people merely take the 'man Jesus' as a model for their way of life.... Then, as a result of their original sin, they are completely weakened in will and without redemption from their original sin, they are no longer able to walk after Jesus.... You must understand that during your life on earth a constant struggle against all temptations is demanded of you, that in order to reach perfection and to "follow Jesus".... you need a lot of strength and a strong will, otherwise the aim is unattainable for you.... But as a result of your original sin you are of such weakened will that you would never ever be able to fulfil your earthly task of maturing your soul, precisely because of this weakness of will, and that My adversary would never release you.... You must therefore first be redeemed from this original sin, you must have asked and obtained forgiveness for it, then you will also receive the graces of the work of redemption.... a strengthened will.... and you will succeed in your plan, you will be able to attain perfection, which, however, is completely impossible without redemption.... And that is why I enlighten you men in the time of the end very especially about what preceded your being as man. I instruct you about everything so that it becomes understandable to you why you must acknowledge Jesus Christ as redeemer, why you are not allowed to eliminate Him, if you want to fulfil your purpose of earth life and reach the last aim, the union with Me, which is completely impossible without redemption through Jesus Christ. And who makes an effort to lead a life of love, who listens to My word and lets the power of My word have an effect on him, who fulfils My will, which I announce to him through My word.... who is therefore doer and not just listener of My word, he will truly also be able to understand everything, and he will not doubt, because he is inwardly enlightened by a light and because every question is solved for him, which still moves him. And that is why I can only ever encourage people to live a life of unselfish neighbourly love.... Then full clarity will soon be given to him, and then he will also know about the meaning of redemption through Jesus Christ, and he will strive for it in all seriousness to reach life, which lasts forever....

Amen

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# The guilt of being

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

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

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

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

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

Amen

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#### Hereditary sin....

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Questions, which you would like to have answered, will have to arise in you time and again, then I can enlighten you as soon as you contact Me in heartfelt prayer and listen to what I say to you.... by regarding your emerging thoughts as My reply, if you are not addressed by Me **directly** through the voice of the spirit. Your desire and appeal to Me will ensure your correct thinking.... yet without Me you will not recognise the truth, without Me your endeavour for enlightenment will be futile, since

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without Me you will only have **misguided** thoughts which the powers from below will be able to convey to you.... precisely because you evade Me, Who is the provider of truth.... And thus listen to the following:

As long as you are not perfect you can only receive explanations in a descriptive manner.... You would never be able to understand the infinite profundity of divine wisdom, you would never understand the reasons for My reign and activity, since your imperfection also means inadequate power of perception, and thus you are unable to find an explanation by virtue of your intelligence.... but you will be able to receive it in a flash as soon as you are permeated by the light of My love in the spiritual kingdom. On earth you will need to receive descriptive clarification, the processes that took place in My creation can only be described to you in line with your ability of comprehension.... And thus the spiritual processes in the hearts of the first people can only be intelligibly explained to you along the lines of earthly processes which, however, are but a faint comparison.... simply because you are still weak in spirit yourselves.... You humans are constrained by laws of nature because total freedom, which you forfeited through your past apostasy, first has to be regained by you during your earthly life.... For that reason I imposed a limit on the first human beings' will because I first wanted them to realise that they were subject to a Power and that they should voluntarily submit to this Power.... in order to then have their final freedom bestowed onto them. In the past they refused to acknowledge Me, which was the first sin, their opposition to Me from Whom they had originated.... Only voluntary acknowledgment could cancel this sin again. And I wanted to obtain this acknowledgment of Myself when I brought the whole of creation into being. As a result, the first human beings were endowed such that they **could** in fact recognise Me but were not compelled to do so.... And therefore free will had to make a choice which, again, should be tested against 'temptation'....

People had to see something they desired, while a prohibition and an enticement at the same time had to prompt them into a decision of will.... but, understandably, the enticement had to be linked to a promise, which they were then supposed to resist.... The prohibition and the enticement ensued from two sides.... since they involved the return of the fallen spirits to Me and their stay with My adversary, i.e., My created spirits achievement of their goal or their fall into the abyss again.... Consequently, the people had to have the desire within themselves and be offered the opportunity to satisfy this desire.... or to overcome it for the sake of a far higher goal: for eternal bliss with Me, which surpassed this earthly fulfilment of desire a thousand fold. Since regaining the deserted spiritual beings was a battle between Me and My adversary he also had to have the opportunity to influence these beings' will.... only that he feigned illusive values and illusive happiness so that people should forfeit true happiness and a blissful life in eternity.... I knew of this temptation and therefore gave the first people a commandment with a simultaneous warning of eternal death.... This warning should have sufficed in stifling every desire in the people in order not to die.... And My adversary convinced them of the contrary.... he promised them life.... But they recognised Me as the supreme Power and yet followed the lie.... and thereby brought death into the world.... But what was it that made their desire so powerful that they succumbed to it?....

They lived a blissful life in paradise, they were masters over all created things; everything was subject to their will and they felt happy in full possession of strength and power. And as long as this love was intended for Me and the partner there was no danger either that the test of will would fail.

But My adversary knew how to turn this love in the wrong direction.... He reversed it into selfish love by making false promises to them and thus kindling their desire to obtain happiness for **themselves**.... Their love became craving, selfish and low, and thereby they once again handed themselves over to the power of the one from whom they should and could have delivered themselves had they valued My **commandment** more than their desire.

You humans ought to understand.... that the time for Me to bless the first human couple had not yet come.... **Therefore** they became sinful.... for nothing is sinful that fits in with My plan of creation, nothing can be a sin that happens in lawful order.... and **the process of procreation** can never be

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**against** the order ordained by God. Yet the satisfaction of the senses without the will to bring forth life is no act of divine love, but it is selfish love kindled by My adversary which draws the human being down and totally submits him to his control.... The first human beings had fallen victim to this **wrong** love, and this **wrong love** was the sin, which in turn related to the original sin of arrogance.... which did not want to give itself but possess everything, which was the inheritance of its maker.... but which has nothing in common with divine love....

Divine love rests as a spark in your hearts and can ignite itself into brightest radiance. But My adversary's goal was and is to reverse this love, and he has succeeded in doing so. What was pure and divine became soiled and changed into a love of self, which no longer merits the concept of 'love' and can only be called lust, selfishness and love of self, and which is also capable of doing whatever My adversary wants you to do.... And thus the act of procreation became a means for My adversary to turn countless souls towards him, which would never have been possible had it taken place with My blessing.... where the divine love of giving and bestowing happiness should find its culmination in the emergence of a new life.... Hence the original sin consisted of the abandonment of pure divine love for the sake of impure selfish love....

The divine spark in the human being was extinguished through satanic influence and replaced by a fire which destroyed everything that was noble and pure.... The senses became aroused and were driven into utmost greed, which in no way corresponded to My act of creation.... yet for the sake of My adversary's and My created beings' freedom of will it was not prevented.... since it is still up to the will of each individual person to resist this temptation by Satan.... The original sin was therefore not the act of procreation but the voluntarily ignited wrong and sinful love induced by Satan.... A happiness giving act of creation in the divine sense was reduced to a game of unclean spirits.... My adversary was permitted to take part in an act where I Myself wanted to be present in people with My blessing in order to increase the pure, divine love in them, so that it should also flow into the then begotten beings. And thus a new human generation would have arisen which would have found its way back to Me in increasingly brighter light without suffering and pain, which would soon have liberated itself through love, because it had to recognise Me Myself where love shines forth.... The first human beings **could** have passed this test of will.... but since I was struggling with My adversary for the human souls I could not prevent him from using means which would ensure his victory. For it involved My created beings' return in completely free will.... which, however, had failed and resulted in a fate for the whole human race from which it could not free itself anymore.... Until a human being in pure divine love achieved the act.... which redeemed all of humanity and opened the path of ascent again.... For love is victorious and will not rest until even the last fallen being has found the way back to Me....

Amen

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# What would have happened if Adam had not failed?....

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Every spiritual question you ask Me will be answered by Me. But first of all you ought to know that it was not My will that you should experience such an extremely difficult earthly life. The time you spent with a constrained will.... in the law of compulsion.... would truly have sufficed Me, for this time was so appallingly long that it should have been enough for you to unite with Me again.... but I had to demand the last test of will of you as self-aware beings.... as human beings. You were only meant to give yourselves to Me voluntarily, and thereby you would have cancelled the immense sin of the past apostasy from Me.... You were meant to prove your love for Me, since you had previously resisted My illumination of love....

For this reason the first human beings were created well, they were devoted to Me in love, for I had provided them with everything, I gave the earth to them as their own, I subordinated everything to them, they recognised Me as their God and Creator.... they were surrounded by magnificent works of

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My creative power.... they could take pleasure in them.... everything was only done so that they could sing their praises and give thanks to Me.... so that they could offer Me burning love, and they themselves harboured no evil thoughts either.... Yet I also had to endow the first people with free will, since they had emerged from Me as original spirits, which are unthinkable without free will. And since they had once turned away from Me and voluntarily followed My adversary into the abyss, he had the same right to influence the first people, because they had to use their will to make the decision again whether to follow Me or him.... And they failed this test of will, which they could have passed easily, and thereby they reawakened all evil instincts which they had already overcome before their embodiment as human beings.... After that, the first parents passed their characteristics on to the following generations and it became ever more difficult for them to free themselves from the adversary's bondage.

However, if the first people had passed their test of will, which would not have been too difficult, I would have been satisfied with the infinitely long path they had travelled beforehand.... Successive human beings would have equally voluntarily given their love to Me, and then they would have lived on earth simply to take pleasure in its creations.... They would only have exerted a good influence on all creations so that they, too, could embody themselves as human beings. Earthly life would then have been a preliminary stage of eternal life, the opponent's power would have been broken, because the first human beings would have given themselves to Me entirely consciously and thereby would have excluded the adversary completely, who then could no longer use his power and soon would have given himself to My love as well.... Thus, the first people were only required to voluntarily accept My illumination again and the original sin would have been abolished, for only love was able to atone for this sin.... But then the sin was repeated.... and what previously had only applied to the constrained spiritual world in the creation now befell all of humanity....

What the first people could have achieved with ease had they orientated their will correctly now became infinitely difficult because all satanic attributes became entrenched in people and required immense strength to fight, which could no longer be mustered by people's will. Hence the act of Salvation by Jesus Christ, the spirit of light, became necessary, Who volunteered when He realised that the first people had failed, Who offered, voluntarily.... due to love.... to suffer and die on the cross in order to atone this now twice committed sin. I certainly knew from the start that this second fall into sin would take place but I did not want people to take such a painful path yet I could not enslave people's will either. And since I know that I will regain all beings again one day.... since a thousand years are but a day for Me.... since it concerns eternal life in beatitude.... what you will also recognise one day.... you need not doubt that one day you will be free from those agonies, but then you, in utmost perfection, will also enjoy the glories which will make up for all past suffering and which cannot be compared to earthly concepts.

You should always know that I did not determine the unspeakable suffering which people thus caused for themselves since the fall into sin by the first human beings, that I truly gave the first human couple (the first human beings) every opportunity to make his/their free decision of will an easy one.... that I only gave him/them an easy commandment which he/they could have fulfilled.... if his/their love had been strong enough to decide to give himself/themselves to Me.... but that this heartfelt love would then also have seized all successive people so that they, too, would have been able to resist My adversary's every temptation. But the second fall happened and burdened all following people again until the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ descended to earth in order to openly fight My adversary. For he misused his power by driving people into ever further heartlessness, weakening their will consistently, so that they were no longer able to liberate themselves without the act of Salvation but descended ever deeper into darkness. And I put a limit to this activity Myself.... I sent My Son to earth to save the people who wanted to be saved.

For, again, free will has to be willing to accept the blessings of the act of Salvation, because even this rescue mission cannot be done in opposition to people's will.... At first, passing through the earthly creations should have sufficed as the only test of will for the human being, since the agony in the state of compulsion had already matured every soul enough that it could easily have resisted the

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temptations, but the fall of the first people gave the opponent renewed power over all souls which he exploited in a frightening manner. It was precisely for this reason why an original spirit was chosen as the first human being, who possessed all the necessary qualities to resist the adversary, but his decision could not be forced. His thoughts and actions had to remain completely independent, but then My adversary took care to turn this will towards himself which thus resulted in the new fall, whereby the sin of the spirits' apostasy from Me was repeated. Yet this right could not be denied to My adversary, because the past fall occurred in free will and they followed him into the abyss....

Thus you cannot say that I wanted the repeated fall in order to put you into a state of immense suffering again, however, I could not prevent it, because it also took place in free will and one day this free will shall surely choose Me again. You are certain to emerge from this pitiful state eventually, because My love Itself had redeemed you when it embodied Itself in the man Jesus in order to fight your enemy and to take all souls which want to return to Me into their Father's house, into their true home, which they once left voluntarily. For My love belongs to you as before and all suffering will have come to an end as soon as you want to be free from the one who still keeps you in bondage, as soon as you long for Me again and thus give Me the right to take possession of you once more in order to never let go of you again....

Amen

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#### End time prophesies and admonitions....

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s yet the period of Salvation is not concluded, a short period of time is still separating you Ahumans from the final work of destruction on this earth.... And all of you could still become blessed if only you would recognise and acknowledge Me Myself in Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, the spiritual state you are in when the end of this earth, or even the end of your earthly life, comes upon you depends on this.... For the end you are granted will come suddenly and unexpectedly. And yet, no human being need be unprepared, for every person will still be told often enough what is in store for all of you, he just will not want to believe it. What is about to happen to you will ring in every person's ears again and again, for all coming worldly events are also indications and signs of a near end. And likewise all people will also hear My voice resound from above, for this event will not remain hidden from any person and can still be a last warning for everyone that the end can happen just as suddenly to them as it will happen to those who fall prey to the natural disaster. It will only be a little while longer, yet it will soon pass by.... But then the end will come without fail along with the Judgment which will decide the fate of every single soul. If only you humans would just acquaint yourselves with this idea that you create your own future fate, and if only you would believe Me that you can still attain your goal with ease providing you still make use of the short time, providing you entrust yourselves to Me and appeal for My guidance.... But you don't listen to My warnings and admonitions, you remain indifferent, and you allow the disaster to confront you without protecting yourselves from it or averting it.... For you do not believe.... You don't believe My Words and I Am unable to inform you of the coming events in any other way than through My Word, in view of the fact that you must find the path to Me of your own volition and therefore you may not be given more obvious proof....

And the wheel of time keeps turning relentlessly.... Countless people will still be recalled by Me and this, too, should arouse people from their sluggish, routine life that is like a sleep from which they will be rudely awakened one day but then have no more time to prepare themselves for the end. The sleepers don't want to forgo their rest and slowly slip into a sleep of death, for their souls can only look forward to death because they don't appreciate life enough in order to acquire eternal life for themselves. People distance themselves ever further from Me Whom they should, after all, strive towards, and they think of their divine Redeemer even less, His act of Salvation is totally ignored, and thus My adversary, who can only be overcome by the One in Whom I embodied Myself for the sake of

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sinful humankind, is in control of people.... But without Him the end will also be terrible for people, for they will be hopelessly at the mercy of their destiny, they will be unable to find redemption because they reject the Redeemer Himself.... because they don't take the path to Me Who alone can help them. Again and again I approach people in Jesus Christ, again and again will people be told about His Gospel, they will repeatedly be invited to profess Jesus Christ and to adopt His divine teaching of love, and the approaching end will also be repeatedly mentioned. But it will be left to them to profess Him and to accept His blessings. But without Jesus Christ they will be unable to survive this end and neither can they be admitted to the kingdom of light if they are recalled earlier without having found Him.... All the same, the end will come without fail. However, it would not have to be feared, it would not have to be dreadful if faith in My Word impelled people to diligently work at improving their soul, for then a person would establish the connection with Me in Jesus Christ and the blessings of the act of Salvation would be utilised and assuredly also lead to maturity, so that he would not have to fear the end and the Judgment....

#### Amen

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# The work of redemption: Atonement of guilt by Jesus Christ

#### Work of redemption.... ransom.... free will....

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brought help to the enslaved souls in their distress, for they felt the bondage and were unable to I free themselves from it on their own.... They were imprisoned by a master who was strong and brutal, who lacked all love and therefore put his servants in hard fetters which they were unable to loosen without help. I brought this help to the people because I, as lord, also had the power to loosen the chains. However, I first had to defeat him, I had to confront him, I first had to acquire the right to liberate his property, for you humans were his property because you had surrendered yourselves to him through your will.... Your adversity was self-inflicted but humanity endured Me because I loved My creatures despite their voluntary turning away from Me.... And so I faced My adversary for battle.... and I defeated him with the weapon of love.... I offered him a great ransom.... I voluntarily let Myself be crucified, I gave My life on the cross to prove to him that My love was capable of anything for you men, to bring you salvation.... I let His servants and executioners perform their despicable deeds on Me unhindered.... My love for you humans was so profound that I took all suffering and pain upon Myself to deliver you from it.... My adversary and his followers were allowed to practice on Me what you had earned through your apostasy from Me and what he constantly wanted to practice on you if I did not release you from his power.... I therefore paid the guilt of sin for you, I gave Myself into his hands so that he went wild on Me, even though I was not his own. And he had to release you in return because I made atonement for you. I confronted him... but I only waged the battle with the weapon of love. However, I broke his power which he could now no longer prove on you because you became free from his power through My act of salvation. He can only still rule unrestrictedly where I and My act of salvation are not recognized.... For these voluntarily remain under his control and are now also at his mercy until they also call for Me to help them in their adversity. I have paid the ransom for all souls, thus no soul can be kept in the abyss by My adversary which desires to ascend, which is willing to let itself be redeemed by Me, which acknowledges Me as its lord and therefore also wants to belong to Me.... Yet against its will I cannot release it from My adversary, for then he will have a claim on this soul because it inwardly professes him. The soul's will determines whether it will also benefit from My act of salvation, whether it will partake of the blessings of the act of salvation which are available to it without measure but which cannot be bestowed upon it against its will.... I certainly descend into the abyss and bring salvation to the souls of the deep.... yet I don't force any soul to follow Me, but I also loosen the heaviest chains if the soul appeals to Me for it, if it is willing to follow Me, if it wants to escape My adversary's power.... I give everyone the freedom they desire, for I died on the cross for all people, because all people are My creations whom I love from the beginning....

Amen

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### Atonement of guilt through Jesus Christ....

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Taking humanity's suffering upon Myself was indescribably difficult.... There was not one bad deed which did not have to have an effect on people, and you would have had to suffer immeasurably if you yourselves had had to remove every sin weighing heavily on you. The sin of the former rebellion against God was so immense by itself that you would have been unable to atone for it, neither in your constrained nor in the human state.... For this reason I took all your guilt upon

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Myself, I collected the result of every evil deed and burdened My human body with it, which then atoned for your guilt by suffering an extremely painful death on the cross.... I was moved by My love to help you.... And all the spirits of light, all first created entities who remained loyal to Me, were filled by the same love for you.... Love, however, will never let anything go astray, love will not leave anything in darkness, distress and agony.... Love offered Itself for the deliverance, for the redemption of the immense guilt.... Love Itself descended to earth in an entity filled with light and love.... But the forthcoming events on earth had to take place in a human form; Love had to take on a human garment, I had to embody Myself in the flesh and therefore took abode in the human being Jesus, Who was nevertheless so pure and without sin that I was able to manifest Myself in Him.... And this human being Jesus made

Amends for your guilt, Jesus the man took humanity's enormous burden of sin upon his shoulders and walked with it to the cross....

Even if the inhuman suffering were described to you many times, you would be unable to comprehend its profundity because your nature's imperfection would prevent it.... His suffering was incomparably severe, and He knew of this well in advance since He was filled by My spirit, because I Myself had taken abode in Him. Consequently He knew everything, He knew about His mission as well as His crucifixion. His soul trembled and shook because He was a human being, and although the Divinity He had achieved due to His love certainly gave Him strength, it did not diminish the extent of suffering.... A human being walked to the cross Who wanted to suffer on behalf of His fellow human beings in order to help them. Because this human being knew about the immense suffering of those who were held captive in the abyss by My adversary.... Jesus knew that a sacrifice had to be made in order to purchase the souls from this opponent.... He knew that the immense guilt of sin had to be atoned for to satisfy the Father's justice, Who could not admit any child burdened by guilt into the parental home.... He wanted to return My children to Me, He wanted to pay the purchase price for the souls.... And since the guilt was enormous, the sacrifice also had to be exceptionally momentous....

And for this reason Jesus the man knowingly accepted the suffering, for this reason He allowed what was done to Him and what no other human being except Him could have endured.... He consciously walked the path to the cross and suffered indescribable torment which ultimately ended with a most painful death on the cross.... You humans are still unable to appreciate the magnitude of this act of compassion but you should always remember that He was completely innocent and suffered on behalf of you, who could never have returned to the Father from the abyss without His act of Salvation.... I Myself was within Jesus the human being, He was full of love because He could never have done this task without it. However, I had to remain silent during the most painful hours of His path of suffering because a human being had to suffer and die, since the Divinity within Him could not suffer, but according to divine justice the Divinity within Him could not redeem any guilt without atonement either.... One day you will be able to understand the full depth of what is still inconceivable to you, and then you, too, will be able to participate in this greatest act of mercy. Due to His human existence Jesus the man lived in your realm and His soul, having descended from the kingdom of light, suffered terribly because it had looked into the deepest darkness and was besieged by the forces of hell.... Thus Jesus the human being not only suffered physically but endured the most intense torments of soul which increased His suffering a thousand fold.... However, He brought you humans salvation from sin and death....

Amen

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#### God Himself accomplished the work of redemption....

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hen My human cover was to shelter the eternal deity, the hardship on earth had become so great that only God Himself could bring help to people, and this in such a way that He entered earth as a human being in order to wage a battle against the one who was to blame for the wretched

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state in which people found themselves.... And that man had to have all natural prerequisites, a soul from above had to embody itself in Him so that the eternal divinity found a stay in it without consuming this man with Its fullness of light and power. Because It had to work in a sphere, which corresponded to Its original nature; It could only stay in a vessel, which was sinless, but which on the other hand also had the ability to be able to suffer, because an enormous sin guilt had to be paid off to redeem mankind. And thus God Himself accomplished the act of salvation, for He was love Itself, Which now sheltered Itself in Me as the human shell and thus I walked the difficult path of the cross in order to help My fallen brothers.... There was only one solution, that an angel-spirit.... an unfallen being.... offered to take the earthly path in a human shell, that this angel spirit accomplished a work of greatest love, that He offered space to the eternal love Which now completely filled Him, so that love Itself made the sacrifice, that love Itself took the immense guilt upon Itself in order to make atonement for God's righteousness, which only God Himself as the eternal love could make, because otherwise it could not be eternally redeemed by sinful humanity itself. So as a human being I waged a battle against the one who held you captive.... I waged this battle with the weapon of love, against which My adversary is powerless.... I taught love, lived a life of love for people, proved to them the power of love and crowned this work with My death on the cross, which I innocently suffered and died on the cross in excruciating pain.... Only love could accomplish such a work, which therefore was in Me and gave Me as man the power for immeasurable suffering, but I suffered for My fallen brothers, I wanted to open the kingdom of light for them and also bring redemption from their guilt to those who had already departed before My death on the cross. Because a gate was closed to all of them, which I only opened through My work of redemption. But since love completely filled Me as man, since I so to speak became love myself, therefore only love was in Me, so I could also say of Myself that God was in Me, that I Myself had received the divinity and consequently every man, who saw Me, had to see the father, because I and the father became one. He became man, and I became God.... and will remain so until all eternity. Because God is love, and this filled the nature of the man Jesus completely, and since I wanted to be a visible God for men, I chose the cover of the man Jesus for this, which let itself be completely radiated through by Me and I now became a visible God in Him for every soul of light. For once the beings fell away from Me because they were not able to see Me, who in My original power and My original light could never be seen by the beings, which had come out of Me. But I have taken My creatures' desire into account.... I have become a visible God for you in Jesus, Whom you can now see face to face....

Amen

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# The influence of the enemy to the people

#### Spiritual low impact of unredeemed sin debt....

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The burden of sin weighs humanity down.... It is not that people feel this burden physically, but that their souls are downcast, which manifests itself in low-mindedness, in godless lifestyles, in unbelief and world hunger.... in completely materialistic thinking and striving. Hence the spiritual low on earth is the effect, the sign of the still unpunished guilt, it is the consequence of a life without Jesus Christ, for people have not yet found their redemption and their souls still carry the immense burden of their sin themselves and are depressed by it so that they cannot lift themselves up without help. Thus God's adversary still has full power over these people and expresses himself by driving them to act contrary to God, by withholding all knowledge from them and only ever being concerned about keeping them outside divine order.... There could not be so much misery in the world if this adversary were not able to cause so much harm, yet people themselves allow him his disastrous activity, they are in bondage to him, for they are still entangled in the sin which handed them over to him when they fell away from God and followed his adversary. They will not let themselves be freed from this great sin by the one Who has the power to also loosen their chains, by Jesus Christ, Who died on the cross for the sake of this great guilt of sin, Who redeemed it for all those who believe in Him and place themselves under His cross.... But people do not believe in Him and are therefore unredeemed and thus in the power of the enemy of their souls. And this is the great spiritual adversity in which the whole of humanity finds itself except for the few who have found Jesus Christ and also found redemption from sin and death through Him.... The earth is meant to serve the fallen spiritual to mature. And on this earth God Himself came into the world in the man Jesus to help people free themselves from their bondage. And all people could redeem themselves completely if only they would turn to Him, to Jesus Christ, and acknowledge Him as their liberator and ask for His help.... But only a few believe in Him, in His mission and in their redemption.... They are still so deeply in sin that their lord can easily prevent them from turning to another for help because He ensures that the knowledge of this helper is withheld from them. But God in His love grants this knowledge to all people, and truly, all could make use of it and dare to try to release themselves from the adversary's bondage.... For the time being they could only want to be released from their burden which weighs them down, then they would truly already be helped.... Instead, his influence becomes ever stronger, for people also reject the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the divine redeemer, as misguidance without once taking a closer look at it. And they cannot be forcibly brought to believe in it.... But neither can they find salvation without faith in Him. And this explains the spiritual low which causes God to put an end to His adversary's activity.... For people who have sunk to the depths would be irredeemably lost if they were not wrested from the adversary and reintegrated into the process of development which leads them up from the depths again, even if it takes an infinitely long time. The graces of Jesus Christ's act of salvation remained unused by the people of this time, and therefore their stay on earth is no longer long.... And satan's activity, which tries to prevent people from finding Jesus Christ, must also be stopped. But he will not keep the soul even though he believes to be its master forever.... For as soon as humanity has reached a certain spiritual low, God's love will take care of it by allowing a new earth to arise through His will and His might, and the spiritual substance which failed as a human being will take up residence in it again in a just order.... And again it will have to go through the course of development until it will be confronted again to confess Jesus Christ and let Him redeem it.... For only He can redeem the guilt of sin which burdens every being, and only He can give it freedom and redeem it from satan's bondage....

Amen

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#### Truthful education about Jesus and redemptive work....

ou will still often have to deal with error because the raging of My opponent will become more and more obvious who can only confuse the thoughts of men through error and lie and therefore will also omit nothing what helps him to do it. Again and again he will attack truth and so want to undermine My work with you, but what he will not succeed because I have strong supports on earth, which do not so easily become unsteady because they are supported by Me Myself. And their strength already consists of the fact that they are able to recognize every error and therefore will also take action against it.... A knowing person cannot be deceived so easily and a knowing person now has the task to also give enlightenment to fellow human beings as far as this is possible.... And it will be the adversary's attempt to keep people ignorant of the value and importance of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.... Because what they do not recognize as important, that they also do not strive for. And if the adversary only succeeds in portraying Jesus as a person who transgressed against the authority of the state and was therefore condemned to death, then people will not feel prompted to take the path to Him, to the cross, for they lack knowledge of His act of salvation, of His merciful love, and this is the adversary's endeavour.... To first refute this opinion to people requires a certain courage as an orator, for people only rarely want to engage in such conversations because they have a defence against Jesus as a result of the adversary's influence, to portray Jesus as a rebellious person.... That is why from My side the work of redemption of Jesus Christ is always emphasized; it comes to the fore because completely different connections lay the basis of this work of mercy and these are to be explained to fellowmen if possible to grasp his significant mission. And this is My counter work that I direct pure truth to earth, otherwise men would already long ago be in fullest ignorance about Jesus Christ and the significance of His work of redemption. Then this knowledge will be offered to you truthfully, then you will understand it and accept it, but if only that representation is supplied to you, then you will easily be inclined to consider Him as a secondary figure, but not as Him, in Whom I Myself became man, in Whom I as God have united Myself with Him. Jesus' deity is denied by the adversary's side but it is the most important problem which is to be solved for you, because you are to recognize and acknowledge Me Myself in Jesus.... And therefore I will reveal Myself again and again to a person who consciously allows these revelations, so that again and again the exact knowledge about the act of salvation and God's incarnation will be conveyed to people who willingly accept the knowledge, who are willing to follow Jesus and who want to turn to Me Myself in Jesus and unite with Me for eternity.... Anyone who has taken note of who Jesus is and what motivated His earthly progress will truly not walk this path of earthly life in vain, he will consciously strive towards the final aim, the final unification of his soul with Me, Who embodied Myself in Jesus on earth.... That is why this knowledge is of such great importance and the spreading of it is always an action against My adversary, who is **more** interested in nothing than to leave people in ignorance about it or to give them erroneous explanations about the man Jesus.... If Jesus is only portrayed as a man who has transgressed against the authority of the state, then this portrayal is intended to pass Him over as unimportant, and the purpose of earth life is missed.... But also an enlightenment corresponding to truth contributes little to perfection on earth when it is received indifferently, without living faith.... when a man does not seek to draw the benefit for the soul out of truth.... when men do not seriously think about what the work of redemption of Jesus Christ means.... And also this indifference, the form faith, is a work of My adversary to prevent that men earnestly seek Me, that they earnestly go the way to the cross to find redemption from their guilt, which was the cause of their existence as man.... And the adversary will do everything to prevent the redemption through Jesus Christ if the human being's will does not seriously strive for its perfection, so that I can mentally convey the truth about Jesus and His act of salvation to him, which he will then also use for his own and his fellow human beings' salvation. The will of man alone is decisive.... And the adversary seeks to subjugate this will to himself, and only Jesus can prevent him from doing so.... But that is why He and His work of redemption must be recognized and a truthful enlightenment must also be sent to man, which then will

cause him to strive further and also let him reach his aim, because now his will always experiences more strengthening than grace of the work of redemption of Jesus Christ.... And so it will remain a constant fight between light and darkness, constantly My adversary will seek to condense the darkness, but constantly I will also let the light shine and send truthful enlightenment to men, and who gratefully receives My gift, he will also escape the power of My adversary and reach his aim on earth....

Amen

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# Forgiveness of sins by Jesus Christ

# Did Jesus Christ redeem all people, or are all people redeemed?....

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People read the Word but they do not understand its meaning, and thus misguided teachings due to false interpretations are given by those who want to serve Me, if they do not sincerely unite with Me and first ask for an explanation and, when they receive it, accept it without resistance. People single-mindedly adhere to My Word that I have delivered mankind from sin by My crucifixion.... But they do not comprehend the essence of the Word, they do not comprehend the significance of the act of Salvation. Consequently they do not understand what the human being has to do himself in order to join the flock of those who have been delivered from their guilt of sin by My blood.

I have died for all human beings.... providing they want to accept My act of Salvation.... I have not imposed any restrictions, but people set limitations when they do not acknowledge My act of Salvation. And these people exclude themselves from the circle of those for whom I have died on the cross. Consequently, only the sins of those can be forgiven who allow themselves to be saved through their faith in Me and My death on the cross, whereas the sins of those who reject Me and My act of Salvation are not forgiven, because they do not allow themselves to be purified by My blood, and because they do not want to belong to those for whom I have died. Once again human free will is decisive, and I abide by this free will. If people's guilt of sin were forgiven without faith in Me and My act of love, then the human being would be placed into a state of freedom against his own will.... But this is in opposition to My order because it counteracts My justice as well as My love, since the person will not use this state to bond with Me nor will he ever regret his sin....

My Word is truth, and no untruth can ever be found in the fact that I have died for all human beings, that I have redeemed all people from their sins.... But their free will has to decide whether they want to be redeemed, whether they want to accept My work of love, because I do not determine the will.... Therefore all of humanity could be free of sin if it believed in My act of Salvation, just as it is and will remain in deepest darkness and subject to their sins if it rejects Me as Redeemer of humanity. And for this reason most of humanity now lives in sin, it is without forgiveness because it no longer acknowledges Me, and thus My act of Salvation has become ineffective for humanity.

Hence the 'forgiveness of sin' should not be misunderstood, it is not applicable to those who are completely apart from Me; not that I Am pushing them away, instead they are distancing themselves from Me, they are fleeing from Me, Who is approaching them and constantly asks for their souls. I provide them with a gift of grace which liberates them from their sin and their guilt, but if they reject this it has no effect on them because they belong to those who are fighting on behalf of My adversary and who are therefore still controlled by him until they allow themselves to be saved by Me.... And thus it is wrong to describe My act of Salvation in a way which suggests that all people are beneficiaries of that which their free will could certainly acquire; but which free will can also throw away by rejecting it and by being totally without faith. Only the person who accepts My gift of grace will also become free of his sins, because I have carried his guilt for him, I have suffered for him and accepted the crucifixion.

Although I have died for everyone, not everyone accepts Me.... I took everyone's guilt upon My shoulders, but not everyone feels guilty and therefore does not place their burden upon Me. And thus they will also be unable to purge their guilt, since it is too immense to do so themselves, because now they are also adding the guilt of rejecting My love.... But how can they hope for the forgiveness of their sins? How can people believe that they can become free of all guilt without their own contribution, without their own will?....

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My love's sacrifice for you, the purification of all sin through My blood is an incomprehensibly significant blessing for you humans. But you must also want to receive My love, you should not reject it, otherwise it cannot take effect on you, otherwise I cannot redeem the guilt of sin, otherwise your sins will stay with you until you change your mind and acknowledge Me as your divine Saviour, Who died on the cross to redeem you....

Amen

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#### There is no redemption of guilt without Jesus Christ....

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o person will succeed in detaching himself from My adversary by his own strength, everyone will need My support because he himself is powerless without the supply of strength from Me, but he can only receive it if he wants it himself, thus consciously requests it from Me. This is why it is so important in earthly life that the human being consciously confesses Me in Jesus Christ, this is why he must be required to take a stand himself on the problem of salvation, on God's human manifestation in Jesus, as well as on the divine redeemer Jesus Christ Himself.... For once he has to mentally decide for or against Him if he wants his earthly life to bring him the success for which he received it. And therefore he is repeatedly addressed by Me, every person is led to the cross, i.e. the cross is held before his eyes, and the impression this cross makes on him is decisive for his further fate in eternity. It is held up to many people, they look up and away from it again, because it does not touch them, and an opportunity to confess has passed.... But the cross will haunt him until his death, again and again it will flash before him in various forms, and he himself will also often have to walk a cross walk which, however, will only be of use to him when it leads him to the cross of Christ, for there the decision of his life will fall. And very many people believe that it is enough to believe in Me as 'God and creator', and the divine redeemer Jesus Christ has not yet become a decisive concept for them.... But then he himself will never be released from My adversary's bondage, for he has not yet made atonement for his original sin and will never be able to do so if he does not appeal to Jesus Christ for the redemption of his guilt. The human being has to take this path irrevocably, for only this path leads back to Me again, from Whom he once voluntarily distanced himself.... And if he believes that he can also reach the aim of his life without acknowledging Jesus Christ, if he believes that he has fulfilled his earthly task with only earthly activity, he will one day arrive in the kingdom of the beyond in bitter poverty, burdened by guilt and without strength, and even then he will not be released from his guilt until he has called to Jesus Christ for redemption.... He cannot become free without Him, he cannot return to Me without having acknowledged Him, for He and I are one.... in the shell of the man Jesus I Myself was, and I Myself redeemed you humans from sin and death, I Myself redeemed the guilt for you. And whoever acknowledges Him also acknowledges Me and will be accepted into My kingdom.... But anyone who passes Him by also passes Me by, and his fate will be darkness and torment for endless times again, until one day he will decide to call upon Jesus Christ so that his guilt can then also be forgiven....

Amen

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# Recognition and admission of guilt....

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t is also of crucial importance for you humans that you recognise and profess your guilt in order to

Lecome free from it through Jesus Christ, the divine Redeemer, Who died for it on your behalf on the cross.... For the admission of the fact that you had become guilty must precede the will of allowing yourselves to be redeemed, because then you will consciously strive for returning to your Father's house. Sooner or later you will have to realise that you once sinned against God Himself and then also seriously desire to become released from this immense guilt, which forms the basis of your existence

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as human beings on earth. And if you then consciously carry this guilt under the cross, it will also be forgiven as well as all guilt you accumulated on earth when you were still without knowledge of the divine Redeemer's significance for the human race. However, a mere avowal with your mouth is not enough, mere conventional faith in Him is not sufficient, you must be completely conscious of what Jesus, the human being, had done for you, that He suffered and died on your behalf, on behalf of your guilt of sin, in order to offer the sacrifice of atonement to God, without which you would have been unable to enter the kingdom of light. Only then will it be a living faith and this alone is valued by God, your Father of eternity.... For only then will you also recognise your past guilt, and you will admit to your own fault and appeal for forgiveness.... This alone is the task you ought to fulfil on earth but which you will only accomplish when love has taken possession of you, for an entirely heartless person does not entertain such thoughts. He is unable to believe and thus his life is a standstill, he does not live up to the actual purpose of changing himself again into what he had been in the beginning, for he will enter the kingdom of the beyond burdened by his original sin and cannot be released from it until he finds Jesus Christ, Who will certainly approach Him over there but He will leave it up to his freedom of will as to whether or not he will accept Him....

For this reason you are constantly given a light in regards to this, yet only rarely can open hearts and ears be found which are grateful for this light, the majority of people are unaware of any wrongdoing, they don't investigate the reason for their existence and live their lives indifferently, only desiring that which pleases their earthly body. They neither think deeply nor do they live a life of love of their own accord, otherwise they would gradually come to the right realisation.... And time flies.... It is getting ever shorter, for the end is close at hand.... God Himself can only make a small and disappearing proportion aware of the significance of the act of Salvation, for it is precisely the act of Salvation which is disputed almost everywhere in the world, and even where it is emphasised it is merely a matter of conventional faith which leaves much to be desired, where a redemption through Him is indeed **spoken** of but barely being made use of by consciously realising and confessing guilt, but only this can result in redemption. People don't know that they need to use their own will, they think that they need only profess with their mouth in order to receive forgiveness of sin, but this cannot be valued by God.... instead, the human being must completely consciously and of his own free will hand himself over to the divine Redeemer.... Only then can the act of Salvation take effect on him. However, as long people only accept the information with their ears without involvement of their heart, they cannot count on the redemption of their original sin. Consequently, the work of those who try to exert a living influence on their fellow human beings, by mainly admonishing them to love in order to enable their understanding of the great act of Salvation, will always be blessed. And all those capable of a living faith will be redeemed from their guilt, for love gives light which will shine ever more brightly because they had found redemption from their immense guilt. Yet all people must be clear of the fact that there is no path to God without Jesus Christ, since only One was able to redeem this immense guilt but He also wants to be consciously called upon for forgiveness in order to distribute unlimited bliss, for God and Jesus Christ are one.... The great secret precisely rests in the fact that you acknowledge God again in Jesus Christ, Whom you once denied your acknowledgment and thereby fell into the abyss.... This was your immense sin which made you guilty and which Jesus Christ redeemed for you....

#### Amen

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# Redemption in the beyond

#### Salvation from the deep.... rescue work....

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\_ e who languishes in darkness shall receive light as soon as he desires it. My merciful love applies to all these unhappy beings who, partly in the flesh and partly in the spirit, are in a state which is agonizing and sad because they cannot release themselves from it and are dependent on loving help. It is certainly their own fault, for they could reach the light as long as they live on earth, yet I do not reject them for this reason but again and again help them up to the light as soon as they want to be helped. But precisely their will often pushes back the loving hand which stretches itself towards them, and then darkness remains their fate until they change their will. Yet again and again I let rays of light flash to release them from their torpor, to let them feel a benefit for seconds which shall move them to long for such rays of light.... For only then can they be helped, only then can they be given what they desire.... A redemption from the abyss always signifies a comprehensive work of salvation, for a single soul draws countless souls up with it because it knows the adversity itself and cannot help but help the suffering souls as soon as it has received a glimmer of light itself. And therefore the salvation of a single soul is an indescribable blessing, which has an even greater effect in the kingdom of the beyond than on earth, for the soul which still dwells on earth does not feel the state of darkness so much and can also muster little understanding again if it is offered a light. But the work of redemption, which is successful in the beyond, will have a great effect, for these souls lack everything and a ray of light is an overwhelming abundance for them which they now also want to distribute. But light means realization.... As soon as a soul is given a glimmer of knowledge it always desires more knowledge, it also grasps everything immediately as soon as the will is in it to attain knowledge. And with knowledge the desire to give it away also grows in it, and love is kindled in the soul, and the path to ascent is taken.... Where only a weak will is recognizable I help, and My means are truly wise and loving.... I don't want to leave My living creations in the abyss, I know that they are too weak themselves, that they need help, and I send them this help in many ways, always such that the soul's will is stimulated, so that I Myself can then approach it, so that it will be touched by a ray of My strength of love and awaken.... I send forth My rays of love into My adversary's darkest realms. He cannot prevent Me, yet he likewise affects the souls of darkness, yet a spark of love already weakens his power and strengthens the soul.... And you humans should kindle this spark of love in them through your intercession, through loving remembrance, which you give to these souls by consciously helping them, by instructing them in thought, by informing them of their redeemer Jesus Christ, Who is their salvation and Whom they can call upon at any time for strength and grace and forgiveness of their sins. You humans can contribute a great deal to accomplish a work of salvation, and if it is only one soul which you have helped, which you have released from satan's shackles, then an unspeakable amount has been gained, for every soul has its followers who, as it were, are also saved, because the soul itself does this in its gratitude and bliss, which is transferred to the unhappy souls, and thus eager co-workers are gained with every saved soul who participate in the work of salvation in the kingdom of the beyond. My love does not abandon any of My living creations, and I bless all who serve Me and help to release the wretched from their situation....

Amen

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he spiritual world is rejoicing and glad about My act of Salvation, for that which had taken place on earth is repeatedly revealed anew to all beings of light and they praise and glorify Me as their Saviour from sin and death Who opened the gate into the kingdom of light for them .... They realise the spiritual significance of My suffering and dying, of the crucifixion and the resurrection on the third day .... They know that a 'resurrection' is assured to the human race as a result of this greatest act of mercy, that it is not doomed to eternal death and that one day the hour of redemption will strike for all people after an infinitely long time of harshest captivity. And so their gratitude, their jubilation and their love for Me is immeasurable and increases as soon as they participate in the act of Salvation, which they may repeatedly experience again as happening now because in the kingdom of light no time limit exists, and thus they also experience all past and future events as happening in the present. And if people on earth would likewise try to associate with the process of the crucifixion and resurrection, they, too, would derive the greatest blessing from it, and joy and profound gratitude would enter their hearts in view of the fact that I Myself in Jesus Christ delivered you humans from sin and death. For this was a unique process, no human being has ever taken such immense suffering upon himself, and no human being has ever travelled in complete innocence the most bitter path to the cross which ended with His death on the cross, even though people very often come into situations in which the cruelty of fellow human beings presents them with a seemingly unbearable fate. Yet the spiritual processes which also played a part in Jesus Christ's act of mercy intensified His physical suffering many times over, because the soul was profoundly enlightened and therefore able to understand everything .... both the spiritual adversity, which all people had fallen prey to, as well as the spiritual state of those who tormented Him and carried out this abominable work on Him, who abused his pure body for their appalling cravings and evil instincts, and who He experienced as emissaries from hell. However, He persevered until His death .... And on the third day He arose again in all glory from the grave which was unable to keep Him imprisoned .... And so His resurrection was the culmination of His act of Salvation, for all those who want to let themselves be redeemed through Jesus Christ can rest assured that they, too, will arise from the dead to eternal life .... Although prior to this people's lives had not come to an end with their physical death either, because the soul cannot die, it exists forever. But whether the state of the soul will then be a state of life or of death entirely depends on the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ .... Only He can give life to the soul, and only He is the gate to life in beatitude .... Therefore, a soul can also enter the kingdom of the beyond in a state of death and will indeed remain in this state until it calls upon Jesus Christ, appealing to Him for life .... 'And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die ...' The hour of physical death can already be the hour of resurrection for every person, no-one needs to fear his hour of death, because One has conquered death and this One promises life to every person who believes in Him .... And so, even people on earth would be able to rejoice and be glad were they to grasp the whole significance of Jesus Christ's act of Salvation and take part in it .... Then death would have lost its sting for all people .... and all people could join the light beings' song of praise 'He has truly risen .... Jesus, my Redeemer lives .... '

Amen

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# Acknowledge Jesus Christ's work of redemption

#### "No one comes to the father except through Me...."

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To one comes to the father except through Me.... These words alone should make people realize the importance of acknowledging Jesus as the son of God and redeemer of the world, and yet they have completely lost their impact, for humanity does not respect them, otherwise it would not so thoughtlessly reject Him Who calls Himself the bridge to the father.... The words of scripture are for most people only letters without spirit and life.... They speak them without being aware of their meaning, they completely disregard the lord's words and therefore do not find their way to the father either, because they do not believe in Him with the conviction which would result in heeding the divine word. No one comes to the father except through Me.... Yet people lack the will to reach the father, which is why they do not seek the **path** to Him either.... which is also why the divine redeemer Jesus Christ is of no significance to them. This attitude leads to downfall, to spiritual death.... Since they do not reach the father, they remain in the power of the one who is God's adversary, they remain in the depths because they do not desire to ascend. It is an exceedingly regrettable state that people do not show any striving upwards, that they do not think about their earthly task and that they are also indifferent to Christ's teaching, the gospel, that they do not accept any of His words as important and think about them.... that they cannot attain realization because they do not seek enlightenment, because they are completely indifferent to what God wants to convey to them through the scriptures and what the man Jesus, as God's spokesman, preached to people.... And no-one thinks of the fact that he only stays on earth in order to bring about the return to the father, and that he is constantly offered the opportunity to do so, which he rejects in his rigid mind because he does not believe. The distance between the human being and the father is great, yet **one** offers Himself for guidance, for mediation.... One has built the bridge which makes the path to the father passable, and this **one** offers His help to all people.... But He is not listened to, He is not heeded, if He wants to remind people of Himself.... Blind and deaf they pass Him by, although He calls out to them: "No one comes to the father except through Me...." He says of Himself: "I am the way, the truth and the life...." Therefore, anyone who seeks truth and life must take the path via Jesus Christ, he must make use of His mediation, he must request strength from Him to be able to cover the earthly path with the success which is the purpose of life: to find union with the father which only ensures a life of bliss, a life which lasts forever. People do not know what fate they are facing through their indifference and unbelief, they do not know what they are forfeiting by not respecting the divine word, by not taking refuge in the one Who alone can save them from ruin.... They don't know and don't believe the words of those who know and want to help them. And even if the word sounds from above, they do not accept it, for they listen to another voice, to the voice of the world with which God's adversary addresses them and to which they willingly open their ears.... They seek not life but death.... they reject the one Who promises them life, and therefore they will remain in sin and death, because without Jesus Christ there is no redemption and no return to the father's house....

Amen

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#### Convinced acknowledgement of Jesus Christ....

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o one can free himself from satan's bondage without Jesus Christ.... But it is of no use if a person only calls himself a christian in name, if he does not consciously reject Jesus, but the person

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must first have seriously committed himself to Him.... he must be aware of his guilt, he must recognize his own imperfection and believe that Jesus Christ can redeem him from his guilt and weakness and consciously ask Him for it.... So he must place himself under His cross.... Every person must realize that salvation through Jesus Christ is not a formal, general act which is carried out in a template-like way for everyone; he must realize that he himself must do something in order to participate in salvation through Jesus Christ.... Jesus Christ has indeed redeemed all people, i.e. noone is excluded from His work of mercy, yet His redemption does not take place against the human being's will.... And therefore the human being must first declare his will to want to be redeemed by Him.... And therefore it is a fully conscious matter which first requires to mentally deal with the problem of God's human manifestation and Jesus Christ's crucifixion, to consciously profess Jesus Christ and now also to live according to His will on earth.... The convinced acknowledgement of Jesus Christ will also let people call to Him for help, which will certainly be granted to them for the sake of the work of redemption.... To be redeemed means to become free from the power of the one who pulls man down.... To be redeemed means to be able to strive upwards carefree, which was not possible before Jesus' death on the cross, because God's adversary did not let any soul go free. But how many people on earth believe that by merely confessing Jesus Christ with their mouths they are 'christians', i.e. that they have a claim to salvation through Him....? They believe that by doing so they have escaped the supposed fate of those who are heathens in their eyes.... They believe that their 'faith' in Jesus Christ and His work of redemption is enough, but it is only a formal faith as long as the inner transformation into a living christian has not yet taken place in them. This is why even these formal christians will not be able to resist when they are forced to make the final decision, they will then give up their faith with an easier heart because it has not yet come alive in them, and they will bear witness to the fact that they are and were true pagans who had only acquired a false name.... But there is no salvation without Jesus Christ.... And therefore this last decision means a strengthened fetter which God's adversary puts on them, and to become free from this fetter will take an inconceivably long time until once again Jesus Christ will reach out to them, which they did not want to see in this life and therefore did not take hold of.... How easily all people could still escape this great danger, because Jesus Christ is proclaimed everywhere in the world.... and His name is made known everywhere with persuasive power, because every person could be impressed by it and seriously think about the significance of His act of salvation.... for once. If only the will were present, Jesus Christ Himself would help and bring Himself to people's minds.... He would mentally speak to him Himself and truly make it easy for him to walk the path to Him... if only the will were present to receive light on this question, which is truly the most important for you humans.... But the **formal** believer has nothing in advance of the **un**believer, for he is just as far removed from Jesus Christ as the latter. And therefore there is great hardship amongst humanity, and only a few people will escape this hardship....

Amen

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# Redemption requires free will....

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merely want your assurance that you want to listen to Me, and from that moment on your life will be focussed on your goal, for then it will be in My hands to lead and to teach you such that you will reach your goal. I cannot have a decisive influence on your earthly life as long as you have not voluntarily given Me this assurance, but I can instantly take your destiny into My hands as soon as this assurance has voluntarily taken place. If you understand that it concerns the battle for your soul between Me and My adversary, whom I have to grant justice insofar as that I won't forcibly take from him what belongs to him.... then you will also understand that I first require this assurance for you to become and eternally remain My Own. It is only this free will which entitles Me to exert My influence and help you in the battle against the enemy of your souls, who will not cease fighting for you as long as you are not yet completely devoid of weaknesses and flaws, which identify you as his followers. Thus he has still power over you as long as you cannot detach yourselves from him completely, that is,

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as long as the adversary's characteristics are still within you: faults, weaknesses, cravings and all kinds of vices, which are his inheritance since his apostasy from Me. As to whether your detachment from him will take place one day depends on your will.... for this reason I died on the cross for you as Jesus, the man, thus I redeemed you from his power. Prior to this it would have been impossible for you to withdraw from his power, since you had handed yourselves over to him as a result of the original sin and he would never have released you from his control. However, I paid for this sin with the crucifixion.... Consequently, the whole of the spiritual world would have been redeemed from that moment on if I did not respect the free will of those beings who opposed Me.... For every being's will is free and it can stay with the lord of its own choice.

Therefore, My adversary's followers can remain with him, and their will shall be respected, I will not forcibly snatch any being from My opponent which belongs to him and does not express the will to be released from its present lord. Hence, such a being will remain unredeemed even if it takes eternities before it desires to be delivered from him.... These beings are unredeemed despite My death on the cross.... But as soon as its free will turns to Me, as soon as the being in the state of a human, when it receives its free will again, deliberately turns away from My adversary and towards Me, thus as soon as it wants to become and remain My Own, My act of Salvation comes into force and I.... Jesus Christ and Father of eternity.... take possession of this person and start to release him from My adversary, which happens according to his strength of will to fight against his faults and weaknesses. And he can constantly request this willpower from Jesus Christ, and he will do it, too, because he believes in Him. The belief in Jesus Christ and His act of Salvation is the prerequisite for the person to appeal to him for the blessings of the act of Salvation. This is why an unbeliever cannot find redemption, for Jesus Christ Himself must strengthen the person's will to release himself from the adversary. However, I will never ever leave anyone once he turns to Me voluntarily, and he can take his redemption as guaranteed, for I will tirelessly fight for him and through transferring strength to him will help him release himself from his faults and weaknesses. And time and again I will influence his thoughts, thus never exclude him from My loving care, consequently no person will remain unredeemed whose will strives towards Me, who tries to fulfil My will and deliberately withdraws from My adversary. I only require the human being's will, I only require the acknowledgement of Jesus as Son of God and Redeemer of the world in Whom I Myself accomplished the act of Salvation for people, in order to then be able to grant them the blessings of the act of Salvation which consist of strengthening the human being's will, of being able to receive the strength to achieve the re-transformation into love. And I only ask for a constant bond with Me so that the strength can always flow across to you and you can do justice to all spiritual and earthly tasks which are expected of you time and again in this earthly life. Only the direction of your will towards Me decides whether and when your redemption will take place, but in this way it is certain that it will happen, otherwise My act of Salvation would have been accomplished in vain, but this would have to be called the greatest misguided teaching if someone were to advocate it. Jesus Christ has redeemed all people, but only those who want to be redeemed will partake of the blessings of the act of Salvation .... But anyone who wants will indeed become blessed, because his will entitles Me to snatch the soul from My adversary because I have paid the purchase price for it with My blood....

Amen

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# Only through the work of redemption is "divinisation" possible....

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The fact that you can shape yourselves into My 'children' on earth is My eternal plan which will also be carried out, only the duration of this transformation is determined by yourselves. It has become possible through Jesus Christ's act of salvation, for you can request strength from Him at any time, you can ask for the strengthening of your will at any time. For this is why the man Jesus died on the cross, so that He acquired graces for you without measure and all these graces can accomplish the return to Me. In order to reach the degree of childship to God the being once **created** by Me had to go

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through the deepest depths and, by overcoming them until its existence as a human being, reach a degree which it shall now increase in free will until its perfection.... i.e. until it has assumed its original nature again, which I brought forth in all perfection out of My might and My love.... But now My might is no longer the cause of your perfection but your free will has striven for it, and consequently you have become God's 'children' from 'creatures', you have shaped yourselves into gods, as this has been My plan from the beginning. And in the only exceedingly short time of earthly life as a human being your free will is tested.... The time of your human existence on earth is but a moment in eternity, and this moment can suffice for you to perfect yourselves, for your transformation back to your original nature to be accomplished, if only you direct your will correctly.... For this is not determined in any way, yet the human being will always be helped to direct it correctly.... My measure of grace is inexhaustible and every person can request and evaluate grace, he is not limited in any way.... But the greatest grace is the redemption through Jesus Christ, which takes away all weakness from him, for to surrender to Him means to be introduced into the kingdom of light by Himself.... the Son of God and redeemer of the world, in Whom I Myself accomplished the work of redemption.... to be introduced into the kingdom of light and bliss. For anyone who hands himself over to Him now also acknowledges Me, and he is forgiven for his original sin which plunged him into the abyss, and at the same time he is provided with the strength to cover the final ascent, to reach the final goal, to accomplish the change back to his original nature, which then is also the attainment of childship to God, the change from My living creation to My child. However, no human being can achieve this transformation on his own, without the help of Jesus Christ, for he is under My adversary's control as long as he is still burdened by his original sin, and for that long he will not be able to perfect himself either, because My adversary prevents it and does everything in his power to prevent the human being from recognizing Jesus and His act of salvation.... And yet, this is only ever decided by the human being himself through his will, and earthly life is given to him for this purpose because in it he can use his free will again, because My will and My might withdraws and leaves the human being fullest freedom.... But the goal is so exceedingly high and significant, for being a 'child of God' guarantees unlimited beatitude, which My might cannot grant to the being which, as 'created', has not yet reached the highest degree of perfection. It is your own work which you should and can accomplish because My love assists you, yet always respecting your free will. But love gives you means of grace in abundance, My love does not make any demands on you which would **not** be possible for you to fulfil..... My love illuminates you, and the more you open yourselves to this illumination the easier your ascent will be, the more surely you will reach your goal.... For nothing else is required of you but a transformation of your nature, which initially as a human being is strongly self-loving, into right, divine love which is completely unselfish, which only wants to please and give and which the human being therefore has to let flare up in himself in order to achieve the complete transformation of his nature. And it is possible for every human being to practise this unselfish love, thus every human being can attain childship to God, because nothing else is required of him but love.... Once his original sin has been redeemed through Jesus Christ, his selfish love, the sign of his belonging to My adversary, has also been overcome.... He is free from his opponent's power and will only ever turn to Me in Jesus Christ with love, and this love will clarify and illuminate the soul, this love will grow and completely fill the soul and now the change back is also accomplished and I have reached My goal....

Amen

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# The human being's right attitude concerning Jesus' act of Salvation....

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The success of your earthly life depends on your attitude concerning Jesus Christ and His act of Salvation. The blessing of embodiment as a human being was given to you as a gift but you will not achieve anything if you end your life without Jesus Christ and His forgiveness of sins, because if you are not redeemed from your original sin first you will be refused entrance into the kingdom of light since only Jesus Christ, the Divine Saviour, can open the gate. The prerequisite for this is,

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however, the forgiveness of sins, and therefore also the acknowledgment of His act of Salvation. If you humans now consider that your earthly life can be lived in vain, and that your soul can be in exactly the same state at the end as it was at the beginning of your embodiment, if you consider that then earthly life is utterly pointless irrespective of whether you had experienced joy or suffering.... then you will really have to try to give it the right meaning. You have to strive harder to achieve a pleasant existence thereafter, providing you believe in life after death at all. But those who live indifferently, who do not believe in Jesus Christ and His act of Salvation, will have no faith in the soul's continuation of life after death either.

And yet, knowledge of Jesus Christ shall always be made accessible to them again to stimulate their thoughts and to induce them time after time into looking for and discovering their attitude regarding Him. And the least amount of willingness will also be encouraged by Jesus Himself, He will come to meet the human being and make it easy for him to gain faith in Him.... But his freedom of will is left to him, because he has to make his own choice in favour of Jesus Christ in order to make the salvation possible. Nevertheless, people do not know how meaningful it is to have found Him.... For earthly life is only short, and it can release the soul from every constraint so that, in the hour of death, the soul can ascend as a spirit of light.... And the soul consciously entered embodiment as human being, because it was shown its life on earth as well as the goal in advance, it was not forcefully embodied as a human being. However, every soul has the desire.... once it has achieved a degree of development which allows for embodiment as human being.... to discard the physical cover, and thus also knows that a life on earth as human being is its last opportunity.... But it will be deprived of this consciousness again as soon as it is engendered into a human form.

Consequently it is of utmost significance for every soul to take notice of Jesus Christ, Whose act of Salvation will enable it to free itself from every constraint, because without the redemption of the original sin there is no release from the force of God's adversary. And this is what all people should be told, all people should be truthfully informed about the general meaning of Jesus Christ and His act of Salvation.... All people should think more about the purpose of their earthly life and whether they express this purpose fully. And anyone who spends serious thought on this will also be mentally taught in a correct way by the spiritual world, by God, Who has accomplished the act of Salvation in Jesus the human being in order to redeem the immense original sin, in order to enable all people to enter through the gate into the kingdom of light.... But without Jesus Christ this gate remains locked, no human being can achieve bliss without Jesus Christ, because without Jesus Christ he remains subject to the adversary's power, who will never release him....

Amen

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