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Primal sin - Original guilt

Process of creation and apostasy of the beings....

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Believe Me, I will gladly instruct you when I recognise your longing for truthful knowledge, because I only emanate light and this light permeates the darkness.... However, you are still in an area of darkness where light has to be sent to you until you are so filled by it that you can also pass it on again yourselves.... But you will be receptive for My ray of light as soon as you desire clarification about regions which are still in darkness to you.... Then I can illuminate you, I can once again gradually return you to the state of enlightenment and introduce you to knowledge which will make you happy. And there shall be light in you, you shall know where you came from and your final goal on earth.... You can only receive this knowledge from Me Myself, Who created you for My pleasure....

You came forth from Me Myself.... My strength of love externalised living creations who were like Me Myself, who were independent beings.... created by Me as miniatures of Myself. I gave life to these creations, i.e. they were able to create and work like Me, they were also able to hear My voice and therefore knew of Me Myself as their God and Creator, and they were faithfully devoted to Me and tremendously happy.... But you humans know little or nothing about the kingdom of these once blissful spirits.... This kingdom was originally created when I wanted to recognise Myself in images of Myself, when I created vessels into which I could pour My love.... I created spiritual beings because My infinite love wanted to give itself, it wanted to flow into similar beings whose perfection gave Me unimaginable bliss.... I created a spiritual world with living inhabitants for My delight, I populated it with creations of the most magnificent kind and rejoiced in the beings' bliss, to whom I gave such happiness because love, which was and remains My fundamental nature, motivated Me to do so....

This spiritual world existed for an infinitely long time in harmony and most intimate unity of all beings with Me, their Creator and Provider.... For an infinitely long time these beings' will and love concurred with Mine.... Because the first created being, which I Myself had externalised in complete perfection, loved Me deeply and devotedly. It found unlimited bliss by constantly creating new beings brought to life through his will and the use of My strength.... which corresponded to My will, because the love this being felt for Me resulted in the same will. Consequently, there was no discord in the spiritual world, nothing contradicted My will, it was a world of unlimited happiness because all spiritual beings were teeming with light and strength and were able to create by using their own will.... which was also My will as long as the strength of My love permeated all My living creations.... But this perfect state did not last.... For I did not constrain the spiritual beings by My will, I gave free will to every single being as a sign of its divinity....

The first created being.... Lucifer.... also had this free will.... and he misused it.... However, Lucifer could have voluntarily wanted the same as I Myself and he would have been infinitely happy and remained so forever.... But he misused his freedom of will and directed it wrongly, which resulted in a spiritual rebellion the consequences of which you humans cannot possibly understand. Nevertheless, you humans are the products of this past spiritual rebellion.... Lucifer, the first created being, with whom I was in constant contact through the Word, was able to think, as were all created beings, and therefore he was also able to infer a wrong meaning to My Word.... He had free will and could therefore also change the direction of his mind. He was able to leave the law of eternal order and set up completely wrong concepts and, by doing so, caused mental confusion in himself as well as in the beings who followed him, which resulted in momentous consequences.... He also transferred his wrong thoughts to the beings brought to life by his will and the use of My strength.... A general opposition to Me ensued, the beings resisted Me, they no longer accepted My illumination of love

unreservedly and thereby grew weaker and darker.... They revolted against the law of eternal order, their thoughts made their own way....

This resulted in an incredible chaos in the host of the first created spirits who then had to decide whom they should follow.... which resulted in the desertion of countless beings from Me. However, I did not put a stop to it, I only saw in it a means which would lead to even greater bliss than I could give the 'created' beings.... who certainly had emanated from Me in all perfection but who nevertheless were always just My 'work'.... Now, after the apostasy from Me, they had the opportunity to return again as 'children' which would heighten their bliss by far, because the return to Me as a 'child' has to be achieved entirely voluntarily but then the being will be completely independent from Me, My power and My will, yet it will exist totally within My will since, due to its perfection, it will have totally accepted My will.... You humans are on this way of return to Me while you live on this earth, and if you are of good will My eternal light of love can permeate you once again, and all the knowledge you once possessed but voluntarily surrendered can be regained by you.... And I know of no greater bliss than to give you this knowledge, than to offer you My immense love and to change your state of darkness and ignorance, so that you will become as you were in the beginning, so that you will achieve unlimited happiness again, so that you will reach your goal and return as true children to Me, your Father of eternity, Whose love is and eternally will be for you who once came forth from His love....

Amen

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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-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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God is love.... great question about "guilt"

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So let Me "introduce you to the truth...." For there are still many things I want to enlighten you about in order to let you easily find the path to Me. For every error also means an erroneous path, and you will need far more time until you reach your aim.... until you once recognize the pure truth and then your ascent is guaranteed.... You are thinking wrongly if you believe that your God and creator will ever detach Himself from you, even if you commit the worst crimes.... I am a God Who in His greater than great love understands everything and forgives everything, because I Myself walked the earth as a human being and therefore know by what power you are bound.... And you are therefore easily inclined to regard everything what comes over you as a punitive judgement, but you do not consider that I **cannot** act differently for the sake of yourselves, that I also again have to 'judge', i.e., have to reclassify (what has stepped out of divine order....) and that always only in it My great love towards you, My creatures gone out from Me, is expressed in all events, which are regarded as destruction and annihilation. No matter how you will look at the coming events, in the end they will only be to your advantage, which you will also recognize one day. You yourselves prepare this fate; you yourselves force the end; you yourselves distance yourselves from Me so far that there is no other means left for Me than to bind you again for the sake of your former becoming free. That you now devote yourselves to My opponent, cannot reduce My love towards you, because once I will completely win you away from him, as it will also now already be the case that he no longer has power over you through your new banishment. And only the spirit-awakened will be able to recognize My love because he is initiated into My plan of salvation from eternity. But I ask you: Can you now still believe that I Myself could have caused such an offence, which is so exceedingly difficult for you to expiate? That you often have to go through more than one redemption period in order to become free from this guilt? Can you believe that I let you suffer for a guilt whose originator I would have been **Myself**? Then you would also have to deny Me all love, which after all is meant for you until all eternity. And as long as you still carry this thought in you, that from Me the **evil** was transplanted into you, so long you will err and not recognize Me right, because this thought is downright absurd and does not testify to an awakened spirit. But it was received as most shameful work of My opponent by the hearts of those who did not think about it that this could be impossible because I am and will always remain a God of love, who abhors all evil but has never given even the slightest cause for evil. It will still require many words until this false doctrine is eliminated from the world, because My opponent has already had an effect too deeply, and he has succeeded, because always the intellect of man took a stand on that question and this was not able to give himself any other representation than that everything.... also the evil.... has taken its origin from Me. But who now cannot free himself from this, he is to ask himself once, why it is spoken of an original sin, which was cause for the work of redemption of Christ, if therefore **I Myself** would have been originally to blame for the apostasy of the spiritual? I created the being perfectly and also with free will and the **feeling** for good and evil, but which only **then** came to expression when My opponent had given birth to evil out of himself and now also those fallen away beings **desired** evil, while the other beings only turned their **desire** towards the **good**. I Myself determined no being to the direction of its will, but My opponent's power was so strong that he transferred all bad qualities to those beings, and so he is to be regarded as alone responsible for the fall. But free will made the beings complicit, and they can only be released from this guilt through Jesus Christ, because the apostasy was an offence against Me Myself, against My love.... and that with brightest knowledge.... so that this guilt could not be atoned for by the being

alone. And that is why this fall into sin already eliminates all participation on My part, which should be understandable to every thinking person....

Amen

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Original sin and significance of the act of Salvation....

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And thus you will be constantly reminded that I died for you on the cross.... I will always remind you humans on earth and all souls in the beyond who are still unredeemed, or I will bring the knowledge to you if you are not yet aware of it, because you should not be without knowledge if ever you want to achieve beatitude. Of what use is it to humanity to know about 'Jesus the man', Who ended His earthly life by being crucified, if you do not know about the spiritual significance of His crucifixion, about the mission the human being Jesus had accomplished for the sake of humanity's sins? Even if you are told 'He redeemed humanity from sin....' you will not be able to find any connection, and thus they remain mere words whose meaning you do not understand. As long as you do not know the reason for your human existence on this earth you will not be able to understand why humanity is called sinful, either.... albeit none of you are without sin. But Jesus Christ's act of Salvation only becomes significant when you know of the original sin, which is the cause of your earthly existence per se.... The magnitude of this sin cannot be compared to the sinfulness of human beings, even if the latter is only the consequence of the former. But all sins a person commits on earth could eventually be compensated by him on earth or in the kingdom of the beyond, no matter how much time it might take to do so....

However, it is not possible for you humans to make

Amends for the original sin, neither during your earthly existence nor in the kingdom of the beyond, because this original sin did not consist of an offence by an already imperfect being. It was committed by superlatively perfect beings who suffered no lack of enlightenment, who merely allowed themselves to be controlled by the sensation that they could surpass Me.... who became arrogant, due to their abundance of light and strength.... A being cannot make

Amends for this sin because its magnitude is beyond measure and eternity would not suffice to be released from this guilt.... Due to this sin the beings fell into the deepest abyss, i.e. they lost light and strength and changed into the opposite, so to speak: they lost all divine qualities and, instead, accepted all evil qualities and instincts, they became My opponents.... until their spiritual substance hardened completely and they lost awareness of themselves.... And now I banished this hardened spiritual substance into the form, i.e. I dissolved it into countless spiritual particles and placed these into countless works of creation, which My love, power and wisdom had created purely for the purpose of guiding this fallen spiritual substance back to Me again, since it had been destined to become blissfully happy and can only find bliss with Me. Although this passing through the creation is also an act of atonement of this immense guilt, it takes place in a compulsory state, in a constrained will, and can therefore not be considered as compensation for this guilt....

Hence the being eventually has to get into a position once again where it has the desire to liberate itself from its guilt voluntarily, when it can be given sufficient knowledge that it had offended and that there is nevertheless a way to be liberated from this tremendous guilt.... It needs to know that this is the path to the cross, that liberation from the original sin is only possible by acknowledging the Divine Saviour and His act of Salvation and that this has to be done during earthly life in order to be readmitted after the death of the body in the kingdom of light, which is the true home of every person on earth. But even in the beyond My merciful love still cares for the souls who languish in the abyss. They are informed of My act of Salvation even in the beyond and there, too, they can follow the path to Me in Jesus Christ. However, they are no longer able to achieve the elevated degree of perfection, which they could have achieved on earth by acknowledging Jesus as the Son of God and Saviour the world, in Whom I had embodied Myself in order to receive the recognition they had previously denied

Me. You humans have to know about the great significance of the act of Salvation, you should not merely mention the name of Jesus as the name of a human being, Who had once lived on earth with exalted ethical aims.... He lived on earth for the purpose of an important mission and you should try to understand this as long as you are still confounded by it, because it depends on your understanding and good will whether your earthly progress will be successful, whether the kingdom, which is your true home, will admit you again....

Amen

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Knowledge of the original sin is necessary in order to understand the act of Salvation.... in order to acknowledge Jesus Christ as the 'Redeemer'....

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You humans lack the knowledge about the first original sin, consequently you also consider Jesus Christ's act of Salvation just an atonement for your **human** guilt, indeed, you even deny His 'act of Salvation' because.... you believe.... that everyone has to pay for their guilt down to the last coin. This opinion would be understandable if it only concerned the sin you burdened yourselves with as human beings.... but it concerns the immense first original sin, the spirits' apostasy from Me.... a sin.... which you would never be able to atone for, which thus cannot ever be denied, which is the cause of the whole of creation and the reason for My human manifestation in Jesus.

For the apostasy from Me was caused by the fact that the created beings were unable to see Me, and therefore I made Myself visible in Jesus. Anyone who merely acknowledges the past original sin by the first human beings will find it incredulous that these sins necessitated a 'Redeemer', he will always maintain that humanity could not be punished for a sin it had not committed. And therefore even the sins committed by a person as such are indeed an offence against My love.... but they do not recognise them in their state of darkness, which is the consequence of the immense first original sin. But this sin explains everything, and as long as people do not know about this event of the spirits' apostasy they will find it difficult to believe in the 'divine Redeemer', Who died on the cross in utmost pain and torment for the sake of this immense sin, which He had taken upon Himself in order to offer this sacrifice of atonement to Me. Consequently, every teaching which denies the divine Redeemer.... which thus renounces the **principle of Salvation**.... will have to be rejected as a misguided teaching, even if His work as an advocate of the divine teaching of love is emphasised. It concerns the redemption of the first original sin, which only I Myself could accomplish in the man Jesus, and therefore My human manifestation in Him will be comprehensively explained to you, for I Myself Am a Being which cannot be seen by any of My living creations without their ceasing to exist.

If I thus wanted you to be able to conceive Me visibly it had to take place in the form of a being like yourselves Which, for you, was the human being Jesus. Consequently, it is first of all necessary to know about the event of the beings' apostasy from Me in order to then understand the process of creation of the visible world. Then you will also be able to understand the everlasting battle between light and darkness and the appearance of a **Saviour** for humanity in Jesus Christ.... of a non-fallen original spirit.... in Whom I embodied Myself, because you had no concept at all of the 'all-creative strength'. And for this reason you can and have to acknowledge a Redeemer, Who died on the cross on behalf of everyone and Who also prayed on behalf of you humans for the remission of your sins. But it cannot be granted to you instantly, rather, you have to apply to Him yourselves because the fall happened voluntarily and thus the return to Him will also have to take place in free will. The fact that a person who seriously strives for perfection will, apart from the original sin, also be forgiven for his sins as a human being need not be doubted, hence all guilt will be forgiven and thus forgiveness is ensured. But since Jesus is only rarely recognised as Redeemer by those who accept the misguided teaching which portrays Him as a human being and ascended master and who do not want to acknowledge My human manifestation in Him, they do not ask Him for forgiveness of all their sins

either. For there is only One Who can release them from their guilt, only One has the power to cancel all sins.... and that is Jesus, in Whom I Myself became a human being....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Inherited sin – Fall of man

Original sin.... becoming free....

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June 1st 1940

The human being is offered the most inconceivable opportunities for his final liberation, yet the urge to sin is always perceptible in him and therefore the will must be exceptionally strong to resist it and strive for liberation. Thus he must constantly be in battle with the desire within himself, for this will mostly be directed towards what is obstructive to the spirit's liberation, otherwise the resistance would not be a merit of the human being. Although the human being's strength is not sufficient to successfully fight this battle, the will allows the human being to request the strength from God again, which he now also receives. The will must therefore always be opposed to sin if the liberation of the spirit is to succeed. Sin is everything that goes against the divine will, i.e. separates man from God. And the human being was born out of sin, i.e., his soul is the union of spiritual beings who renounced God of their own accord and acted contrary to His will by striving towards darkness and fighting the light. Their resistance against God earned them the state of being banished, and thus the soul is still something unfree, banished, which first has to free itself through its own will during earthly life. It must therefore first fight sin, i.e. everything that is directed against divine will. After all, the soul was only embodied for the purpose of having the opportunity to redeem itself, to give up its will, which has been directed against God since time immemorial, to fight against it and finally to strive for unification with the one from Whom it emerged. No human being is therefore free from the sin of former rebellion against God at birth... and therefore the word original sin is now also understandable. Man takes up the fight against his inherent urge against the light. He will always have to fight in order to reduce or abolish the state of darkness around himself, and this battle will require all his will, yet he has immeasurable strength at his disposal if he seriously lets his will become active and desires the strength from God. It is the will which is demanded by God. If the human being gives his will to God, then God gives him His strength to such an extent that he can completely free himself from his banished state, which was only the result of sin... the will opposed to God... Every human being still calls the will opposed to God his own when he enters earthly life, but on leaving this earth he can have completely given it up, i.e. subordinated it to divine will, and this signifies the being's final liberation from its imprisonment which has lasted for inconceivable times....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Creation of the human being.... The fall of man....

B.D. No. 5800

October 31th 1953

The fallen spiritual substance needed an endless time for its higher development, and an endless time was also required for My individual creations, which more or less had to evolve in line with the indwelling constrained spiritual substances in order to hold ever more mature spiritual substances. Time and again new forms were created, and time and again these forms were assigned a task... Hence, earthly creation did not arise in an instant but infinitely long periods of time passed until the spiritual substance of all degrees of maturity found the appropriate external form, since the constantly increasing maturity also necessitated constantly new creations which could accommodate it. But as long as the spirits were subject to the law of compulsion My creative activity meant: Creation of earth as a place to mature for the lowest fallen spirits, which had to acquire the level of maturity that would return free will to the constrained spirits again, which they had abused in the past... But now an

external form had to be created for this fully matured spiritual essence, so that it could test its free will again in this form....

This work of creation was the human being, who differed from all previously arisen creations such that he, apart from free will, was also endowed with intelligence and reason... with a faculty of thought, with self-awareness and with the ability to interact with his fellow human beings through language, because coexistence provided the necessary conditions for the test of will. The human being's external form already existed in its last stages in the state of compulsion and was destined to receive countless fully matured substances of soul, but these living beings still acted in a compulsive state as required by natural law, and therefore they were not responsible for their actions.... They only had very limited ability of thought but as receptacles for the spiritual essence, which was fully matured after an endless time of development, they were also works of creation formed by My wisdom and love for this spiritual essence. But only the living beings who possessed free will, intelligence and self-awareness were human beings.... and only then started the plan of spiritualising the latter... This required that the living creations.... the human beings.... were educated by Me.... that they should use their ability of thought, their intelligence and their free will in accordance with My instructions and by virtue of their free will could then live and work on earth.... that they could shape themselves into Gods but also act in opposition to My advice and My will and regress to the abyss from where they had ascended.... I created the human being....

Having attained a specific degree of maturity I gave the spiritual essence an external form in accordance with My love and wisdom, and the task the human being subsequently had so carry out.... The external form only became a living being after the spiritual essence had entered it.... the composition of innumerable minute particles which, as 'soul', gave life to the form. For the spiritual essence is a constantly effective strength and was in fact constrained and incapable of unrestrained activity during the preliminary stages, during the endless process of development. However, in its ultimate external form, in the human being, it can be active again. It can unfold its inherent strength and through unity with Me increase it without limitation.... The first human beings had My strength at their unrestricted disposal, they were extraordinarily well equipped in view of the fact that their test of life on earth should have resulted in their leaving their earthly form completely spiritualised in order to return as true children into their Father's house again.... But the test of will, which I demand of every created being, was required of them. The first human beings' passing of this test would have enabled all subsequent generations to reach the final goal with ease.

(01.11.1953) By creating the first human beings I had created beings for Myself who, in spite of their inadequacy.... i.e. their lack of perfection as a result of the apostasy from Me.... could nevertheless have attained realisation of Me Myself since they recognised themselves as living creations.... Thus, due to their ability of thought and their free will, they were able to recognise My will and act in accordance with it.... I had created beings for Myself with whom I could communicate despite their distance from Me, who could hear My Word and let it take effect on them, which was impossible in the earlier state of constrained will.... Thus the human being was the first earthly work of creation which carried a fallen original spirit in himself, and he was then meant to help this original spirit to return to its original state in order to work and create in eternal unity with Me as a free spirit again.... This was the task of the first created human being, and it will remain the task of all people until the end, until the final spiritualisation of all fallen spirits....

The test of will the first human being had to pass was not too difficult.... Yet for the sake of this test My adversary also had to be allowed to exert his influence on him.... And the human being succumbed to this influence.... He deserted Me for the second time, and this was the first fall into sin on this earth.... the original sin which is known to humanity, even if it does not know of the apostasy of the spirits from Me.... But only the latter explains everything.... For the first human being could not have fallen had he been the first created being externalised by Me, as he would have been in full possession of strength and light since only perfection can emerge from Me. In that case he could not have been influenced by an opposing force.

But the reason for his fall is to be found in the apostasy of the spirits and thus in the still immature human soul which could indeed have passed the test but was not obliged to pass it.... Nevertheless, the human being was in possession of intelligence and free will and therefore also had to accept responsibility for his soul.... And thus the human being has to do penance for his guilt.... My adversary kept his authority over the spirit embodied in the human being, and that means a laborious path of struggle and suffering during every human being's earthly life with the goal to free himself from his control.... The human being is able to achieve this goal because Jesus Christ came to help humanity which was weakened by Adam's fall into sin, and therefore salvation is assured to everyone who recognises Him as Son of God and Redeemer of the world and follows Him willingly.... The first human being would have been able to built the bridge on which all his descendants could have reached Me.... but since he fell, humanity still had to remain in Satan's bondage for a long time until the arrival of the Saviour, until Jesus Christ descended to earth in order to build a bridge into the spiritual kingdom by way of His suffering and death.... by way of His crucifixion....

(02.11.1953) The decision of will demanded of My first created being.... of Lucifer.... was by no means to be regarded as a commandment; rather, it was entirely left to the being's choice to direct its will either way, and the direction of its will was totally based on its yearning for power and dictatorship. It was certainly aware that it had originated from Me but believed that it could also rule on its own because it could not see Me.... It recognised Me as its source but it did not want to acknowledge Me.... And this will was not placed into the being by Me but the being itself had changed the free will I bestowed on it.... This was the difference between the first fall of Lucifer and the first human being's fall into sin.... because the wrong will was still in the human being and therefore I gave him a commandment which he should not transgress.... a commandment he could easily have kept had the opposing spirit not influenced him. The opposing spirit's influence on the human being was so strong because the human being was still part of him.... since he had not yet regained perfection, which would have made a fall impossible.

A perfectly created human being could not have fallen, that is, he would not have been able to violate this commandment, because the perfect spirit in the human being would have prevented him from every God-opposing action.... But the creation of the human being was only the consequence of Lucifer's fall and his followers, or it truly would not have been necessary for Me to give the spirits, who had been brought into life by Me, an external form as a cover. The human form, however, contained the fallen spirit, and therefore the human being Adam was already burdened by the past sin which he nevertheless could have pushed away had he kept My commandment.... It would have been possible for him to redeem the inherited sin.... his fall delayed the fallen spirits' return to Me for an infinitely long period of time again. Yet it has become possible through the act of Salvation by the man Jesus Who did, without any commandment on My part, what the human being Adam should have done.... to completely accept My will and through a life of love unite with Me again on earth and achieve full possession of strength and light....

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 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 **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 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 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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Why do we have to do penance for Adam's sin?....

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All your questions will come to nothing as soon as you are offered the pure truth, for this is so easy to understand as long as it is offered to you in the right way. You know that the apostasy from Me took place in a state of brightest realisation. Consequently, all beings were equally responsible for falling away from Me, they could not have been forced by the adversary's will to revolt against Me, instead the 'rejection of My strength of love' was every being's own affair.... Free will made them become sinful which, at the time of the apostasy, had not been subject to My adversary.... because they had the right of self-determination.... it was still able to make a free decision and thus consciously chose the adversary. But now the latter had control over his followers, and this control was taken away from him by Me by letting Creation arise in order to induce the strength which, through the apostasy, had become incapable of any kind of activity, to become active again in different ways.... Thus, the adversary gained nothing from his followers and was only allowed to exercise his power again once the being had regained its self-awareness in the stage as a human being. And I had to leave him this right, on account of which he was then able to tempt these beings. And so he did with all manner of cunning and trickery, he understood how to deprive the first human being of his faith in My Word again which promised them eternal life if they followed My easy commandment. In this human being, Adam, an extremely strong spirit was embodied, whose fall was easily achieved yet again by the adversary.... So was it not obvious that no spirit would have been able to resist him who became subject to the same artful temptations by My adversary? It is not about the fact that the descendants had to do penance for the first human beings' sin, but it is about the fact that I.... had the first human being resist these temptations for love of Me.... would, for the sake of compassion, have done the same as Jesus, the human being, did at a later time: that He accomplished the act of atonement for the sake of **love**.... that I would have been satisfied with the strength of resistance by the one person who handed himself over to Me and should have enabled My illumination again....

And for his will of love I would have written the guilt off, and the path across earth as a human being would merely have served everyone to kindle the love for Me into brightest fire. Instead, My adversary had proved his power over the first human beings and thus did not surrender the right to subsequently use his artful temptations on every person, which I cannot deny him due to the fact that the beings once **voluntarily** followed him into the abyss.... Hence you cannot say that these people will now have to do penance for the sins of their ancestors but it has always been up to each person to prove himself during the temptations and he will also receive the strength from Me to do so, for I bless this determination and will never abandon such a person to My adversary. However, the first people could have helped their descendants to have an easier life on earth, but since they failed, it was not possible to protect the latter from the adversary's temptations.... unless they appealed to Me for My

protection and then their earthly path was indeed an easier one, which was also the case with those original spirits which were receptive to instructions from the world of light and over whom My adversary no longer had full control. Therefore, the fact that those people always had an easier earthly path, that they did not fall prey to My opponent's enticements, that he did not keep full authority over them, is a sign that I have helped and always will help every soul which starts earthly life less burdened and whose will is already devoted to Me.... that I therefore do not indiscriminately give grace and strength to souls to accomplish their path of return.... However, time and again I have to mention that the first human beings made the whole path of return more difficult because of their failure, it would have been far easier to navigate had the strongest, once fallen spirit resisted and followed **My** easy commandment, had he believed more in **My** Words which promised him eternal life.... and through his resistance had broken the power, which then would have made it impossible for the adversary to use it on his followers, for this victory would have affected all fallen spiritual beings....

Amen

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Atonement of guilt by Jesus Christ

God's justice demands atonement for guilt....

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I am a good and just God.... My love for My living creations is immeasurable, and I would like to make all of them happy and give them the highest happiness because love urges Me to do so.... But since I am supremely perfect, I Myself must also move in My order from eternity; all signs of My perfection must be recognizable, and therefore also My justice must prove My perfection, which therefore also sets limits to My exceedingly great love, which I would like to prove to all My creatures.... I cannot make a being happy that has become sinful because this would contradict My righteousness.... Therefore My love is bound to My eternal law; it can only make the perfect happy to the extent that I want the being to be indescribably happy.... I can certainly grant mercy for justice by helping the being that has become sinful that it becomes free of its sins.... But the will to do so must come from the being itself, it must be aware of its guilt of sin and desire to become free of it, and it must ask for help to do so.... Thus I cannot release the being from its guilt against its will, nor can I make it happy with My love until My justice has been satisfied, for which the being itself must be willing.... Many of the spiritual beings called into life by Me had transgressed against Me.... They had become sinful, and barriers were imposed on My endless love because My justice did not allow love to work as before, that it therefore immeasurably blessed the beings.... And therefore these beings would have been eternally banished from My flow of love if My justice had not been satisfied, which, however, the beings themselves were unable to do, which they were completely incapable of doing due to their resistance to My strength of love.... in which their great sin consisted.... Nevertheless, the atonement had to be carried out according to the law of divine order if the beings were ever to be able to be permeated by My love again, thus to be made happy.... And this work of atonement was accomplished by the man Jesus out of love for Me and for humanity, whose wretched state He recognized and wanted to remedy by virtue of His love.... My **justice** was thereby satisfied, and My **love** was now able to come forth and turn towards the beings which once had gone out from Me and prepare a beatitude for them again which only I Myself as the Eternal Love can bestow upon them, but which also makes every being immeasurably happy.... Due to the former sin of apostasy from Me a restriction of My love was imposed on Me on the part of the one who became sinful.... because I do not give love power to it **against** the will of a being.... And even if it gives up its resistance, it must first have become free of its sin guilt to be allowed to receive My love again, because this requires justice, which belongs to My perfect nature, and because I eternally cannot overturn the law of order.... which is founded in My perfection. The man Jesus fulfilled the law, He lived entirely in divine order, but He also saw the way of life of His fellow human beings, which was completely against the law of divine order, and He took all their guilt of sin upon His shoulders and offered Me such an unheard-of sacrifice to redeem the guilt of sin of all that had once fallen, and I accepted this sacrifice, I was satisfied with it as compensation for the immeasurable guilt, which the beings that had fallen away from Me and then also the human beings had loaded upon themselves.... I accepted the sacrifice of the man Jesus, Who wanted to redeem all people from sin.... For the **love** in Him brought the sacrifice.... But love was **I myself**.... Thus **love** redeemed the guilt, but this would not have been possible without an act of atonement which I could only accomplish in the shell of a human being who was capable and willing to suffer.... Who Himself suffered immeasurably as compensation for the fallen one's guilt of sin. And therefore justice has not been bypassed; it was satisfied, and now My love could again become effective; it could give itself away and make the creatures immeasurably happy, because they were again without guilt, and that is why they can also unite with Me again and be completely radiated through by My love, as it was in the beginning.... And My love will not let up,

and it will help everything that once had become sinful to voluntarily carry its guilt under the cross, to hand it over to Jesus and thus My justice will not be circumvented and the being will nevertheless be released from its guilt, because Love sacrificed Itself, because in the man Jesus It declared Its willingness to suffer and to die so that people will not punish the once fallen beings for their immeasurable sin.... did not need to suffer for their immense guilt of sin because they would have been eternally incapable of redeeming their sins and making (the) atonement for Me, which I, as a righteous God, had to demand in order to grant the beings the beatitude again which My immense love wants to provide for them. The compensation for the great guilt must be created first, because My perfection cannot violate the lawful order; every guilt must be redeemed, because this demands My justice....

Amen

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Guilt of sin.... God's mercy.... atonement....

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A heaped measure of sins weighed upon humanity when Jesus Christ descended to earth to redeem it.... This is only comprehensible to those who know the reason for earthly life as a human being and the meaning and purpose of creation, for they know that the human being has travelled the path through creation for the sake of sin and should now free himself from it in the last stage in order to finally return to God again, from Whom he originally originated. But sin ties man down on earth, sin blocks his path to God, it makes the gulf between man and God unbridgeable, and thus sin destroys the purpose of earthly life, it pushes man back into the deepest depth from which he had already risen through his walk through creation. Before Christ's descent humanity was full of sin because it no longer recognized God, it was in dark spiritual night, it was devoid of all love and without any striving for perfection, it was far removed from God and therefore in greatest danger of sinking into the abyss, i.e., of taking the path which leads downwards, into eternal damnation, without knowledge and without love. This distance from God manifested itself in a way of life which completely contradicted the divine commandments, it was a way of life which contradicted the divine order, it was a life of obvious self-love, and such a life was full of sin and completely against God's will. And such a life could never ever result in people's liberation and a blissful life after death but spiritual death was the consequence, a state of extreme torment in the beyond which would never end because God's justice had to demand atonement for every sin and people's guilt of sin had already increased immeasurably so that it was hopeless for the beings to ever come close to God. For the being, however, distance from God means powerlessness, impotence, darkness and finally a hardening of its substance.... it means spiritual death for the being, a state that is far worse than non-being.... being extinguished.... But a passing away of the beingness is impossible, so also the torments of these beings are unbearable beyond all conceptions and never-ending.... And the eternal deity took pity on this and came to the aid of sinful humanity in that eternal love embodied itself in a human being Who, in His all-encompassing love, now took upon Himself the sins of humanity, Who thus released people from them by repenting for the guilt of sin by offering a sacrifice to God as atonement.... Who gave Himself, i.e. His life, in order to restore freedom to those, in order to make the kingdom of God accessible to them, which could only be entered in complete purity, without sin.... Thus He redeemed humanity from the guilt of sin, He took all guilt upon Himself, He suffered unspeakably and sacrificed His suffering and death on the cross to the eternal deity in order to give it satisfaction, in order to create a just compensation for people so that they could approach God again. And God accepted the sacrifice of the man Jesus.... He forgave people's guilt of sin for the sake of Jesus Christ, and the gates of the kingdom of heaven opened to all who accepted His gift of grace.... He redeemed humanity from sin and their guilt.... He offered them the last opportunity to achieve their earthly life purpose....

(4.10.1944) His greater than great love sought to remove all obstacles from people's path which blocked their access to the eternal home; but the greatest obstacle was sin, for it robbed the human being of his strength and will. This was the consequence of sin, that people lay on the ground without

strength and will and were unable to rise of their own accord because the burden of sin pressed them down. And that is why Jesus Christ took this burden from them, He placed it on Himself and carried it to the cross in order to atone for people's guilt of sin through His death. Humanity, which had become free through Jesus Christ, could now accept His sacrifice, but also spurn it.... The act of salvation has been accomplished for all people, yet God will never force the blessings of the act of salvation upon them against their will. But they will lose them if they have no desire to be redeemed.... Then sin will still weigh heavily on these people, and then they will inevitably be drawn into the abyss, for then they will reject God's love, and then they will still have to languish for eternities in their ignorance, their guilt of sin cannot be diminished, indeed, they will still accumulate many earthly sins on top of this guilt of sin, which God can only forgive them when they accept His gift of grace, thus when they can believe with conviction that God's infinite love had mercy on their sins and sent them a redeemer. Faith in this will cause people to repent of their guilt of sin, to appeal to Him for forgiveness and to hand themselves over to His grace and mercy, and thus the graces of the act of salvation will take effect in him. He will increase in strength of will and power and now be able to free himself from the power of God's adversary. And only the person will be able to speak of forgiveness of sin who consciously takes refuge under Christ's cross, confesses his guilt to Him and appeals to Him for mercy.... His prayer will be heard, his guilt will be forgiven....

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 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

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

God cannot 'excuse' the sins....

B.D. No. 8864

October 8th 1964

My love is truly so great that I would like to cancel all your guilt, for you came forth from My love and this love will never change. Yet I would no longer be perfect were I to violate My eternal law of order by evading righteousness which, after all, requires atonement for every sin. And besides, a human being had to pay the purchase price for your souls, for you equally belonged to My adversary and I did not want to deny him his right over you. He would never have set you free had a human being not defeated him with love so that he was no longer able to keep hold of the soul which wanted to detach itself from him. For the immense guilt tied the souls to My adversary and he did not loosen the restraint until the human being Jesus wrested it from his hands with his act of Salvation, but then it was up to every person himself to make use of His help. Now, during life on earth.... in the state of free will.... it is a matter of making the decision of acknowledging the rescue mission by the human being Jesus and accepting salvation from Satan's fetters. Yet he will not release his own without a fight, since they willingly followed him into the abyss. They are his followers, his power, whom he will not release of his own free will. And therefore it also required a greater than great act of love, an act of compassion, which only an angel-spirit was able to accomplish, because no human being on earth was capable of such love, since they were entirely without love. The fallen beings had distanced themselves too much as to feel love and therefore a prayer for redemption from their past guilt was entirely out of the question. 'Love' had to sacrifice Itself and thus also carry out the act of Salvation in the human being Jesus, Who took upon Himself the most appalling suffering and pain for the sake of love, against which My adversary was powerless and therefore had to release the souls who accepted the act of Salvation, which gained them a stronger will.... for I died on the cross purely for this strengthening of will, since due to the sin of apostasy the will was utterly weakened and no being would have been able to rise up against its prison guard.

This path of the cross was essential, for then the adversary recognised the power and strength of love which was capable of such an act of compassion and he had to surrender to this love, for it was greater than his hatred, it reclaims all souls from him if they want to be released from him.... he cannot hold on to them because they now also recognise the magnitude of their guilt and with their appeal for

forgiveness demonstrate that they want to return to the One Who created them.... But also the fact that I wanted to become a visible God for you motivated Me to embody Myself in the human being Jesus, Who loved His fallen brothers to such an extent that He took the hardest path of suffering on earth and concluded it with His death on the cross.... This human manifestation in Jesus was also the motive for His inconceivable suffering, for the beings' were previously unable to behold Me, which was the reason for their apostasy from Me.... Therefore I chose a perceptible form for people as to be visible to them, but this form also had to have overcome the deepest abyss due to love, which included the suffering and dying on the cross, in order to completely spiritualise itself so that it would be able to accept My love completely, in order to become a visible God for the souls of people Whom they would be able to behold face to face when they themselves have become one with Me through love and found unity with Me.... You humans will never ever be able to visualise Me because I Am an eternal fire Which would completely consume you. And that was also known by the bearer of light.... Lucifer.... and yet he desired to behold Me. He was utterly illuminated and therefore presented himself as 'Creator' from whom the beings had emerged.... And the beings, too, knew that he had a beginning and yet they followed him into the abyss. And the Redeemer Jesus Christ can liberate you from this guilt.... against better knowledge.... He alone was able to pay the price of atonement to the adversary for all souls who want to be released from him. For I Myself was in Jesus as the eternal love, I sacrificed Myself for humanity's sins.... and became a visible God in the perceptible shell of the human being Jesus.... And at the same time the human being Jesus rendered the atonement for My justice, for no guilt can remain unatoned if I don't want to violate the law of My eternal order. But since 'Love' paid for it everyone can become free from his guilt, for essentially I accomplished the 'act of Salvation' Myself, I merely made use of a human form which sheltered the fullness of Myself within itself but which redeemed humanity with suffering and pain from the one who has the same right to these souls in view of the fact that they had voluntarily followed him....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Recognition and admission of guilt....

B.D. No. 9010

July 7th 1965

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

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The sins of the people

Violation of divine commandments.... sin.... bondage....

B.D. No. 2059

September 6th 1941

To violate the divine commandments is sin, for it increases the distance from God insofar as that He cannot be where there is unkindness. Everything that goes against the commandment of love will also result in a cooling of divine love and thus be detrimental to the spiritual being itself because it will thereby fall into an increasingly unfriendly state. As a human being this state now has the effect that the power of God's adversary over him becomes ever greater, that he is forced by him under his will, that his thoughts and actions will always be as he wants them to be, thus always opposed to God. And this is unimaginably agonizing for the soul, for it is still so far away from its final liberation that it takes the bound state with it into the spiritual kingdom. For only love can redeem the being, consequently unkindness has to bind. And whoever is therefore unloving towards his neighbour violates the commandment of love and will therefore never be free from the bondage which the former rebellion against God has brought him. That is why God has given people the commandment of love, which they only need to obey in order to thereby come closer to God and be able to enter the spiritual kingdom as a blessed being. Man can sin against the commandment of love by acting contrary to the divine doctrine of love or by omitting actions that are supposed to demonstrate love for his neighbour. Man should not only protect his neighbour from harm, he should benefit him, i.e. do everything to him that seems desirable to him, only then is the connection with God established, because God Himself descends to a loving person and honours him with His closeness.... And this means spiritual freedom for him. The human being frees himself from the power of the adversary, for the power of God, which passes into the human being through His closeness, is stronger than the power of God's adversary.... And the victor will therefore always be the person who connects with eternal love itself through works of love. He will break the shackles and become free from every compulsion that God's adversary wants to exert on him. The commandments of love must not be ignored, for they are the means of release from the endless time of bondage. And at the same time they are the bridge to the connection with God.... For he who is active in selfless love thereby comes ever closer to God and overcomes every distance from Him.... He fulfils God's demand and will also be allowed to receive the reward from God, which consists of God uniting Himself with the one who serves Him in love, i.e. who likewise sees God's creatures in his fellow human beings to whom he wants to do good. Eternal bliss is only the result of unselfish loving activity, just as, conversely, damnation is also the result of unkindness, and everything that is directed against God or His commandments is unjust before God, i.e. sin....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Sin.... will.... prayer....

B.D. No. 3293

October 14th 1944

You will never stumble in your will to do the right thing, for then I will protect you from it. But if you trust in your own strength, then your will is not meant for Me, then you already exclude Me from your thinking, and then you can also easily sin. Everything that goes against My laws, against the order I have established, is sin. If you desire Me and therefore your will is directed towards Me and towards unification with Me, then you will not do anything which goes against My order, for since I know your will I will not leave you powerless to carry it out. But if you sin, then you draw on My adversary's strength and must also have turned to him beforehand through evil thoughts, words or

works. Anyone who believes he can sin although his will is turned towards Me does not know about My love for all My creatures. I can certainly test him and let him go through temptations but his will can always overcome them because My grace is at his disposal, thus he need never sin as long as he strives to reach Me. He can certainly become weak in temptation, i.e. he can feel weak, but he need never fall because a longing thought towards Me already provides him with the strength to resist the temptation. And thus you humans always have prayer in every temptation, in every adversity and danger of the soul. If your heart longs for Me, if your will is only meant for Me alone, then every temptation of the world can approach you or tempt you to overturn the order.... a heartfelt sigh to Me for strength will let you victoriously overcome everything. Therefore do not believe that, if your will is good, you must sin.... For in sin the strength of the one who is My adversary predominates. But you only give him strength through your will, which then no longer applies to Me but has turned away from Me. Sin is disregarding My commandments, acting against them.... Sin is everything that destroys and does not build up, that causes hatred and lack of love and can therefore be recognized by every person as bad, i.e. contrary to God's will.... Sin is a conscious doing of that which violates My commandments.... However, you will never be forced to do so but your free will drives you to do so, and this can indeed be extremely weakened but it can be strengthened by Jesus Christ.... Thus you will never need to be weak-willed if you call upon Me, the divine redeemer, for strength. You will never need to sin if you surrender your will to Me.... I remedy your weakness, you are constantly under My protection and sin has no power over you as long as you yourselves do not concede it.... What a mistake that you must sin, although your will is good.... The weakness of will can be remedied at any time, for I died the death on the cross for it.... but anyone who does not acknowledge Me will also hardly turn his will towards Me, and evil has power over him, and he can fall and sin because he does not know what it means to place his will under Mine and to be cared for by My love and supplied with My strength from hour one. Sin is an open confession of turning away from Me, which indeed can also be accomplished by a person who strives to be good; but at the moment of sin he has always given his will to evil. And since his will is free he will not be hindered by Me as soon as he neglects to appeal to Me for the grace of increased will and strength to resist. For as long as he surrenders to the adversary My strength is ineffective, i.e., he rejects it himself and draws the strength from that one. Then he sins by acting against My order, by disregarding My commandments of love and thus transgressing against them. But anyone who does not **want** to sin always has My grace at his disposal and his will, which desires Me, guarantees him the supply of this strength. For where would My love be if I wanted to make an earthly child's serious endeavour to be good more difficult by leaving it without help? How do you imagine this love which lets a person fall if it can hinder him? Which would let a person sin whose will is to live according to My good pleasure? Sin is always My adversary's work, whereas I want to protect all My creations from sin and also do so if they have given their will to Me. Therefore, anyone who sins has given himself into My adversary's power of free will and must answer for it. And the greater his sin is the further he is in the realization that he has the possibility to resist sin and thus the evil power through prayer, through the request of strength.... For then his sin is conscious, and the magnitude of his guilt is correspondingly....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Sin of omission.... repentance.... change in the afterlife....

B.D. No. 4791

December 3rd 1949

You will have to answer for every sin of omission, for every unused opportunity, yet it will not be held against you but you will be reminded of it and now realize for yourselves what you have neglected and what advantage you have forfeited as a result, and your remorse will be great. For this is the punishment for your wrongdoing which you will never be able to forget and which therefore causes you immense self-torture which can certainly be regarded as a just punishment because you ignored God's grace on earth and cannot atone for this wrongdoing in any other way than through profound remorse for your harshness and your disobedience of God's commandments. And the

torment will only become less if you try to act in the kingdom of the beyond contrary to your unkind life on earth.... if you then practice love of your own accord for the souls who have to suffer like you and who are helped by every deed of love. Then you will also feel the strength of love, then you will try to right your wrongs. But this requires a small spark of light which gives you the recognition of your self-inflicted situation, for as long as you don't possess this glimmer of realization you are not yet aware of the great failure on earth either, for then you are only filled with selfish love which only wants to improve your own fate but not that of the other suffering souls. And this state can last a long time, depending on the tenacity of will and the degree of self-love. Love first has to be awakened, which can certainly happen through the prayer of a person on earth who lovingly remembers that soul. Then the soul will be transferred into surroundings inhabited by unspeakably many suffering souls, so that the former shall get to know mercy through suffering.... For the suffering is far greater than its own suffering. And now the soul must prove itself. If it only has a helpful thought then strength flows to it to carry it out, and now a small light is kindled which can no longer go out, for it feels a happiness within itself and begins to think about the activity in love and is supported in it by beings of light which, in a disguise beneficial to the soul, instruct it and stimulate it to loving activity. And as soon as this state has occurred it recognizes what it has missed.... Its remorse is great but its will to help also increases, and the more it practices love, for which it is given ample opportunity, the weaker the feeling of remorse in its heart becomes, because it is now so full of gratitude towards God Who still gives it the opportunity to ascend, although it knows that it will never be able to make up for what it missed on earth, that it will never be able to reach the highest degree of beatitude. But it is blessed to be able to work in love and to be relieved of its misery....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Violation against the divine order.... sin.... confession - forgiveness....

B.D. No. 5181

July 31th 1951

The slightest infringement of divine order has the effect of a loss of strength according to divine law, that what moves completely within God's order is full of strength, and he who does not observe His law of order loses it. For the latter is a negative striving which must also have a corresponding effect. But a violation of the divine order can only be called that which is carried out fully consciously, mentally or through actions, which is thus recognized as being contrary to God. Thus 'sin' can also only be called that which is done in full awareness of a wrong; thus man must know about right and wrong and freely do what he recognizes as wrong in order to have committed a sin. This definition is important because forgiveness of sin requires deep repentance, which can only be felt when a person recognizes his sin and a violation of divine order committed in ignorance of guilt is **not** imputed to him as sin. Therefore, confession of guilt is indispensable if the human being wants to be forgiven, and this confession of guilt must be connected with deepest remorse; it must therefore come from the heart and not only be spoken with the mouth, otherwise forgiveness cannot be obtained. Thus offences which do not contravene divine order but which are stamped as sin by people on the basis of humanly decreed laws can certainly be punished by people but they do not belong to the sins for which forgiveness should be requested from God, because God Himself does not regard them as sin and will never impute them to a person as sin either. For a violation of divine order only ever consists of a human being committing an offence against love for God and his neighbour.... Anything done out of love for God and one's neighbour can never violate divine order, just as, conversely, anything that contravenes the commandment of love cannot be within divine order, because love is the fundamental law and divine order is built upon it. Therefore, if the term 'sin' is unclear to you, always apply the standard to it..... A sin must be atoned for if the person is not forgiven, but therefore it must be recognized as sin and detested in order to find forgiveness, and therefore the human being must also know what is meant by sin, he must know if and when he has transgressed against the love for God, if and when he has sinned against his neighbour. And he must

carry these sins to Jesus Christ and sincerely ask Him to forgive him for the sake of His blood.... Then he will find forgiveness, then he will be free from his guilt....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Sin is an offence against love....

B.D. No. 6071

October 6th 1954

In a world of lovelessness, sin must also abound, for sin is everything that goes against love. Sin is everything that is against the divine order, which is built on love. Now the less people live in love, the more obviously they step out of the divine order.... they sin and thereby give themselves into the hand of the one who brought sin into the world.... Sin is any wrong that has its origin in unkindness. Every sinner rebels against God, against eternal love, because he consciously does something contrary to God.... and his self-love tempts him to do so. He loves himself more than God.... he certainly also has a love within himself which, however, is wrongly directed, which he took over from God's adversary who likewise sinned against God because he placed himself above God and therefore fell. A person who lives in love cannot sin.... He can indeed fall, thus succumb in weakness to the adversary's temptations, but love will always let him rise again, he will want to right his wrongs, he will recognize his wrongdoing and repent of it, and he will find forgiveness because his nature itself rebels against sin, against conscious offences against love.... A sinner is without love, and he will also only recognize and repent of his sins when love is kindled in him.... Only then will he turn away from sin, only then will he enter into the law of eternal order. As long as people are dominated by unkindness, injustice will spread, people will seek their own advantages at the expense of their fellow human beings, the stronger will harass and exploit the weaker, property will not be respected, there will no longer be brotherhood among people, but one will regard the other as an enemy and openly or covertly act against him.... Men are servants of satan, but no longer children of God, which they should be and become.... And therefore sin abounds the nearer it is to the end, because love dwindles among men, and therefore it itself draws near to the day of judgment.... For when everything has gone out of order, an end must also come in accordance with the law.... so that order may be restored according to divine plan.... so that love may reign again on earth and justice....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Prevalence of sin....

B.D. No. 4853

March 7th 1950

Sin will prevail and people will live in lust and sin without a sense of responsibility, for satan rules the world and people are in bondage to him. And they willingly follow his whisperings, weakly and without resistance they succumb to his temptations, they fulfil the body's desires and have nothing in abhorrence, sin entices them and thus people sink into their mire. It is coming to an end.... Anyone who pays attention to people's behaviour also knows what hour has struck, that the earth is ripe for destruction and that people forget their purpose of life on earth and thus stand before the abyss. Satan has them completely under his control and they no longer offer him any resistance, they acknowledge him as their lord and do what he demands of them. In sin people will suffocate, in sin they will perish, for in the midst of the enjoyment of life they will find their end, as it is written.... And so I call out to people: One day you will all have to answer for your thoughts and actions and words; you will all be judged according to your will and your works. Do not fall into sin, keep yourselves pure and detest evil, so that sin does not become your ruin, so that it does not drag you into the abyss. Do not dull the admonisher within you, listen to the voice of conscience which warns you against every bad thought and every bad action. Pay attention to its voice and follow it, do not easily ignore sin but remember Him who will judge you one day, who is just and punishes every sin because it demands atonement. Do not let yourselves be tempted by the attractions of the world, and do not fulfil your body's every

desire, for it tempts you to sin. Keep yourselves pure and remember that you cannot stand before My eyes if you fall into sin and do not detest it. Free yourselves from satan, who tempts you if you do not resist him. Sin has great power over you and therefore you should beware of it, for you thereby commit yourselves to My adversary and distance yourselves from Me, and this means eternal ruin for you....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The "sin against the spirit"

Sin against the spirit....

B.D. No. 4053

May 31th 1947

It has to be regarded as a sin against the spirit if people recognise the word offered to them by Me as truth and yet they do not want to accept it, that is, they reject My servants on earth or do not attach importance to receiving My word. It is a special grace when My word is imparted to a person, for it is the bread which comes from the heavens and therefore also has a special effect on the human soul. It is given through the voice of the spirit, it is My spirit which unites with the spiritual spark in the human being, it is supreme spiritual good, a gift of grace of such inconceivable value, and it should be received with gratitude and also be valued as an exquisite gift of grace by the one who recognises it as My gift, who feels touched by truth, who has to acknowledge it as valuable in terms of content, as of divine origin. And understandably such a person sins against the spirit if he accepts My word indifferently, if he resists making the content his spiritual property by thinking about it and taking a stand on its content. For I Myself have approached him and he pays no attention to Me; I have knocked at his door and desired entrance and he does not receive Me; I speak to him and he does not listen to Me; I offer him bread and wine, My flesh and My blood, and he rejects what is meant to be refreshment and strengthening for his earthly path through life.... And whoever I once approached without having found reception will have to struggle for a very long time before grace is granted to him again; he will not easily be invited by Me to the Lord's Supper again, for he did not accept My first invitation.... And the sin against the spirit is extremely serious, for it can result in complete lack of knowledge, the human being can become completely blind in spirit, because then I Myself will take away his ability to recognise, once he tries to extinguish the light through his refusal, because he certainly perceives the shining of the light and yet does not take the path which is brightly illuminated for him; because he prefers to continue on the old path from which I want to guide him onto the right path. Anyone who is able to recognise the working of the spirit is also obliged to take notice of the content of the announcements which originate from My kingdom, for I truly bestow a precious good upon people on earth, and if people believe that the spiritual good originated from Me it must also be regarded as a divine gift, it must be joyfully received and spread everywhere so that even those fellow human beings who are unable to hear the voice of the spirit within themselves will be blessed by My revelations. And those who accept it as My gift will be blessed, for they receive Me Myself and henceforth stand in My grace.... I Myself am now with them, and My presence assures them constant guidance, constant help in every adversity and a measure of grace which they can increase themselves through their love for Me, and they can safely reach their aim on earth.... that they shape themselves into beings of light, because My word simultaneously imparts strength to them, which is why every person who sins against the spirit understandably comes away empty-handed....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

(Easter Monday)

B.D. No. 4617

April 18th 1949

Sin against the spirit "All sins are forgiven you, except those against the spirit..."

You detach yourselves from the letter too heavily and thus do not penetrate the spirit of the word, which is why much of what I have left you as My word is incomprehensible to you. For this reason you must again and again make use of Me as a teacher Who can and will introduce you to the truth, thus explain everything to you truthfully.

The working of the spirit in a human being is visibly a characteristic of the eternal deity's participation in the perfection of every individual creature, just as it is therefore also a visible expression of its emanation of strength. If I now work in a person through My spirit, the connection between Me and this person can no longer be denied, because the spiritual spark which rests in the human being's heart is inseparably connected to the father-spirit from eternity and now awakens to activity through My approach, thus it 'works in the human being'. However, the working of My spirit in the human being will always mean help on the path to perfection, it will mean a turning of the thoughts into the spiritual kingdom and an urging of the soul to unite with Me, thus an upward progress in spiritual development.... The spirit will make the soul inclined towards all ideas and help it to overcome the desire for matter, the spirit will give the soul enlightenment about its purpose and its former destiny, the spirit will reveal the essence of all divinity to the soul, it will impart clear and profound knowledge to it, thus it will give it a light which is incomparably blissful when it can first work with all luminosity.... The working of the spirit in the human being is therefore a divine revelation.... I take care of the human being Myself and give him a small concept of My glory, and thus I am present to him as soon as he adjusts himself such that My working can take place in him, irrespective of whether the results of My working are obvious manifestations or signify inner enlightenment by mental means. But the human being has then always entered into a volitional connection with Me and has carried out the will by shaping his heart into love, thus into a dwelling place worthy of receiving the eternal deity, Which can now reveal Itself from within. Such an act of demonstrable spiritual activity testifies to Me Myself, thus it is also to a certain extent a **proof** which surpasses faith. Anyone who has once gained this conviction, because the evidence of My existence and My presence has been provided, understandably stands on a level of development which should make a descent impossible, because this is almost impossible with the realization of truth.... and yet, as long as he lives on earth as a human being he can himself step into the shadow and darken the light.... he can sin against the spirit.... and thereby transgress in the grossest way by rejecting Me again and thus repeating his former apostasy from Me.... He can consciously prevent the working of the spirit, despite better realization he cannot make use of his knowledge, thus he can favour a spiritual regression, fully aware of committing an injustice. He has gained the evidence and conviction of My presence and yet turned away from Me again. Thus his will has again been captured by the adversary whom he had already escaped, and he does not defend himself against him. Only the person who recognized Me and My working through the spirit, who appropriated the wisdom imparted to him as mental knowledge by also having gained the inner conviction intellectually, thus was able to believe and in this firm faith committed himself to it, can sin against the spirit. He received and also made use of My grace in the richest measure and now lets it become ineffective; therefore he cannot expect mercy either, because he pushes away the deity Who, in Its infinite love, had brought Itself completely close to him and pulled the veil from his eyes. And this sin cannot be forgiven because he then also closes himself to Christ's act of salvation, because if he rejects My spirit he also rejects the divine redeemer, thus he no longer wants to believe even though he was able to believe. Thus he also forfeited the blessings of the act of salvation by not making use of Christ's help before he sinned, for the divine redeemer would have dispelled the first such thoughts and put them right if only He had been approached for help. He was in the kingdom of light before and stepped out into the darkness.... He was equipped with the abilities to recognize the truth, and the truth did not please him because it obliged him to redemptive activity which he does not want to carry out because love grew cold in him. This is very rare in people who have experienced My working of the spirit within themselves, therefore it is also unforgivable because it is an open resistance against Me which cannot find forgiveness, which means that he has to stay far away from God for endless times until he turns to Me again and has to acquire the grace again to be looked upon by Me, i.e. that I approach him again. This sin cannot be forgiven out of grace and mercy but it has to be carried away in total guilt, it irrevocably entails a new banishment and thus the whole path through creation, because it is a renewed apostasy which is not inferior to the former apostasy of the spiritual from Me, because it is committed in fullest realization, because a person in whom My spirit can already work is also in the light and therefore commits a grave sin if he betrays Me again against the one who influences him as My adversary, who

is recognized by him and to whom he nevertheless is at will.... Thus not forgiving a sin means that the guilt cannot be taken away from him but has to be carried away by himself, which is why he need not be regarded as eternally lost, only eternities will pass before he finally confesses Me....

Amen

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Sin against the spirit....

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You should not resist the spirit.... I tell you this because you commit a sin if you oppose the spirit.... if you recognize My working and yet consciously distance yourselves from it.... for then you will eternally be unable to make contact with Me, because you then reject Me Myself, Who expresses Myself through the spirit. The working of the spirit in the human being is the evidence of My illumination of love, and if you reject it you sin against the spirit because you commit the former sin again: not acknowledging Me Who gives you visible evidence of My presence. And this sin cannot be forgiven because if you reject the spirit.... you also do not acknowledge Jesus Christ and the act of salvation, Who gives you forgiveness, and because then you will have to walk the path through creation again.... a path of immeasurable torment.... therefore do not sin against the spirit, acknowledge My working, for you **feel** it within you that it is **I** Who speaks.... you **feel** that My father-spirit from eternity empties Itself. You feel that spirit speaks to spirit and yet you reject it. And you know that I Myself have said: "All sins can be forgiven you, but not the sin against the spirit..." And this sin is committed by the person who **recognizes** the father's voice and closes his heart and ear when it sounds to him.... this sin is committed by the person who maintains his defensive position although he recognizes it. For he is still in the power of My adversary who will not let him find his way to Jesus.... And he will also never take the path to the cross because the opposing spirit controls him, because it impels him to defend himself and he obeys its will. To recognize the voice of the spirit is a gift of grace from Me which the human being should make use of, for if a person's heart can be touched by the voice of the spirit then he has already reached a certain degree of maturity.... And only one person will rarely let this act of grace pass him by, for it has a pleasing effect on him, and the spiritual spark in the human being constantly strives towards Me, His father-spirit of eternity.... But My working of the spirit will also be disputed for base motives, although the realization of this is present.... And then you will transgress against Me as you once transgressed, and this sin will increase the former sin many times over and bring unspeakable suffering upon you, from which I would like to warn and protect you all. And if you are of good will you will also be able to recognize if and when My spirit is at work. And then you should confess Me and My spirit.... you should not sin against the spirit so that you will not get lost and take an infinitely long time again until you are accepted by Me again....

Amen

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Weakness of people.... sin.... love....

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Protect yourselves from impure thoughts, words and actions, and you will walk rightly before God. No commandment is given to you but only admonitions and warnings which are placed in your heart as the voice of conscience. You are in possession of free will and can therefore do whatever you want, and thus you can also disregard the commandment of love for God and your neighbour, even though it is a commandment. But in the same way you can also lead your way of life more or less in accordance with divine will, for this divine will sets the perfection of the soul as the final aim, and in order to achieve this the human being has to work on himself and discard everything which characterizes his imperfection. The soul must become master over the body, it must adapt its desire to its own, it must strive upwards, thus it must value spiritual goods more highly than earthly ones, it

must overcome the world and strive for the spiritual kingdom. The simplest way to do this is love.... A loving person will always have more desire for spiritual good than for earthly pleasures and earthly possessions. Nevertheless, he will not completely overcome the world as long as he still lives in the midst of it. And this will not be counted as a sin, only as an obstacle to climbing the last rung of the ladder to heaven. And man himself must cope with this obstacle. God does not condemn him, but He helps him to free himself from desires and vices. He knows about people's weaknesses and takes them into account because He loves people and a loving father grants his children what will not harm their souls. And so the human being will also have weak hours and God will forgive him, He will not condemn him for his weakness. He does not sin, he just does not strive for the height if he pays too much tribute to earth, and the soul's work afterwards has to start the more intensively the more he belonged to the world, i.e. gave fulfilment to his body. But now the measure also speaks, for as soon as earthly desire outweighs spiritual activity the human being deprives himself of God's blessing, and then he lacks the strength to ascend....

(14.5.1947) But anyone who remains united with God in the midst of the whirlpool of the world, who does not miss any opportunity and is constantly intent on appealing for God's grace and help, who comes to Him for advice with every request, God will not abandon him in hours of adversity of body and soul. And His aid is love.... Where love is there is no sin, but where love is missing the human being will have to watch himself and his thoughts. He should constantly control himself, he should not make himself a slave to his urges, he should educate himself to love, for everything that testifies to love is noble and good, and what lacks love can easily become sin. But God sees people's hearts and always guides the thoughts of His own, He will not allow them to fall into sin.... but He will also be a lenient judge for the weak who love Him....

Amen

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