Word of God

The Survival Of The Soul After Death

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The doctrine of the soul's sleep....

The fact that you are willing to support My Word, which is sent to you from above, gives Me reason to inform you of an error you have advocated up to now. It concerns the doctrine of the sleep of the soul, which gives you a completely wrong idea about the soul and its state when it enters the spiritual kingdom. This doctrine is substantiated by the assertion that there is no mention of an immortal soul anywhere in the Scriptures.... which, however, can be refuted with the Words 'Whosoever believes in Me will have eternal life....' And sleep is a brother of death.... thus someone asleep will not be alive but dead, in the darkness of night he will fall into the state of death, consequently a life in eternity is out of the question. Those of you who depart from earth with this idea will be in dire straits, for you really lack all knowledge and will take a long time to gain a glimmer of understanding. In fact, you will depart from this earth in complete blindness and will receive only little light in the beyond, if you lived a life of love on earth.

But until you let go of this misguided teaching you will not know that you have died either, since you are still in the state of self-awareness, which is your consciousness of continued life. You merely believe that you were transported into different surroundings but will never be able to find rest.... the kind of rest you associate with the state of sleep. And so you will still live but not in a state of beatitude, rather, you will live in the confusion of thought which corresponds to the teachings you advocated on earth.

Everything that emerges from Me remains immortal for all eternity, but it can enter the kingdom of the beyond in a state of death. And all of you who spread this misguided teaching choose this state of death. You do not strive for the life that should be your destiny when you enter the spiritual kingdom. Because only this is the beginning of your life, providing you live a life of love and are able to let go of this misguided teaching. If you believe in a 'resurrection on the day of Judgment', when all who rest in their graves will be awakened, then it will also be your fate not to come to life until you realise the foolishness of this teaching. And your existence in the beyond will be the same, you will linger in an eternal state of inactivity, in a state of sleep, or you will find yourselves in a world you believe to be earth, which you left a long time ago.

Particularly you humans who advocate this misguided teaching, have no idea what anti-spirit you have accepted, and you will have to muster an enormous amount of love in order to suddenly recognise the reality of things. Consider yourselves fortunate if you leave someone behind on earth who will pray on your behalf, who will help you gain the right insight. However, your degree of love is always the decisive factor as to whether or not you recognise the truth in a flash when you pass away from earth. But since you do not believe in the 'immortality of soul' you do not believe in communications from the spiritual kingdom either, which would provide you with knowledge. And that is your disadvantage, because it would inform you of the constant ascent of souls who enter the spiritual kingdom, and you would reject this misguided teaching as satanic and only intended to prevent you from ascending in the beyond, which would soon result in the true life you are all meant to reach one day....

Amen

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Belief in a continuation of life.... Consequences of earthly life in the beyond....

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Caring for the salvation of the soul is not being taken seriously and yet it should be the most important thing, for this is the human being's only purpose in life. Nevertheless, the human being

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cannot be forced to do so, it can only ever be presented to him again that he will have to accept the consequences of his activity on earth after his earthly life, that he, if he neglects his soul, will have to endure a far more meagre and agonising existence than the most impoverished and excruciatingly painful earthly life can be. The human being is only living for the present, and he believes that this present will be over with his physical death. And therefore he won't make any provisions for the future. And yet he is only on earth for the sake of this future....

The belief in a continuation of life after death cannot be forced onto him, consequently he cannot be offered any obvious evidence from the beyond so as not to restrict his freedom of faith. But if the human being would just have the good will to know the truth, the spiritual world would make itself perceptible to him, then he would heed the smallest sign, and the belief in a beyond would come alive in him. But the human being is generally not at all interested in knowing anything about an 'afterwards'. He lives on earth and is satisfied with this certainty, always providing that he won't know or feel anything anymore after his physical death. And he doesn't consider that only the external form has become lifeless, because the spirit.... the true life.... has escaped from it. He fails to consider that it is **unable** to die, that it is immortal, that it only leaves its external cover behind on earth in order to enter its true home. And he fails to consider that he is shaping the spiritual kingdom for himself on earth, or.... that it will correspond to his earthly life.... that it can be a dark, unfriendly and depressing or a radiantly bright and joyful environment for the human being's soul. He doesn't consider that he will remember his unused earthly life with severe unbearable regret.... since he will never be able to say that the knowledge of it wasn't communicated to him.

Every person will receive instructions in this regard, yet not everyone will accept these instructions because he is unwilling, and the will cannot be compelled. Then they will only tend to their body, they will only pay attention to its well-being, whereas the soul remains ignored. Humanity's adversity is immense, and consequently the physical adversity has to be extensive too, so that the human being will look within himself and become aware of the irrelevance of all earthly things and also of his body, so that he then will send his questions into infinity after all and as a result be guided into thinking differently....

Amen

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The short phase of earthly life decides the fate in the beyond....

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Your earthly existence as a human being is one of infinitely many phases of your higher development, for even if you fully mature on earth so that you can enter the kingdom of light your development will nevertheless continue, because once a soul has attained realisation it will never cease going forward.... because it will always and forever strive towards God and thereby try to come closer to Him in order to become blissfully happy in complete union with Him. Consequently, the time on earth as a human being is just like a brief moment compared to eternity, compared to the infinitely long process of development through the material creation, and yet, this brief moment is crucial for the soul's fate, it is crucial for the further process of development in the spiritual kingdom. For there is a difference whether the soul has already achieved a degree of maturity on earth or whether it will not achieve realisation until it is in the kingdom of the beyond.... The latter will indeed ascend as well, but they will have to make an extremely laborious effort to acquire what was abundantly at their disposal on earth and what could have enabled them to reach the degree of light....

To pass the test of will on earth already denotes a state of light and strength in abundance on entering eternity, it denotes a constant supply of light and strength, because the moment the soul departs from earth as a recipient of strength it also imparts strength, and the more it passes on the more it will receive in return.... Thus it ascends extremely quickly now, for it joins equally mature spirits and works in accordance with divine will and on divine instruction.... It receives all strength from God and uses it on behalf of God, whereas souls having failed their test of will on earth are

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indeed also able to achieve realisation in the beyond but they first have to shape themselves with the help of other beings such that they can become enlightened, that they can receive the emanations of light and subsequently utilise them according to God's will. These souls, too, have to desire the supply of light and strength of their own accord, only then will they receive, and only then will their higher development begin with the work which they, in turn, carry out on the souls in darkness.... It is effectively a laborious path, a step by step ascent with the utmost effort of strength and will....

No effort remains without reward, the soul will definitely progress, but because it is still very weak and has little strength as its disposal it has to exert all its will and find much support from the world of light or through human intercession until it has become a recipient of light and strength itself, so that it can distribute in turn and then receive ever more strength. The short earthly life decides the fate in eternity, for the entry into the spiritual kingdom can already be supreme bliss which will never end, if the time on earth was used correctly. But it can also be wasted, and the soul has to suffer the consequences.... it has to carry on struggling and fighting if it doesn't want to descend. And its life in the spiritual kingdom can in many ways still be likened to the struggle on earth, yet it is never hopeless if the soul itself wants to attain light and strength. Only its will is decisive.... if the will is already directed towards God in earthly life, then the soul will constantly pursue its objective of coming closer to Him, which it will soon achieve....

But while the will is still turned away from God it means darkness and weakness, and the soul will enter the spiritual kingdom in this state, whereas the former is permeated by light and nothing ties it to the earthly realm except its love for those it left behind and to whom it now offers help in every way; the latter, however, will still need help for a long time although they have escaped earth, because they will still remain in the vicinity of earth until they, too, can receive enough light and strength in order to be active themselves in the spiritual kingdom. And every activity only consists of influencing the will of those who still aim in the wrong direction, in order to protect them from the same fate, from a laborious ascent in the spiritual realm which is the result of a wrongly directed will on earth....

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Lightful or light- and powerless state in the hereafter....

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The leaving of man from earth is a process, which is so significant, because all bodily powers fall away from him, to be replaced by spiritual powers, or... where this is not possible because of the lack of soul maturity, means a powerless state for the soul. Both the influx of spiritual power and the losing of it is noticeable to the soul because it feels, exactly as in earth life, the lack and the fullness of that what now flows towards it, as agony or as happiness. It feels put into a state, which is well free of all body heaviness, but its sensations determine the degree of well-being. After a short rest the soul will now either be active or it will remain in an agonizing inactivity and not be able to free itself from it. The unredeemed soul lacks power, and the recognition of this is unspeakably depressing. It is as if tied up; it is in a position in which it does not feel well, and cannot free itself from it. She has desire for earthly things, and the desire remains unfulfilled. She is in a joyless gloomy region and wants to escape from it, but it holds her back as with chains to the place of her stay. Her whole state is discomfort because the ability to feel is not taken from her, because she can only see with spiritual eyes, but these are still very weak that she is able to see nothing, therefore is in completely lightless area. And the powerless state is extremely agonizing for it because it still knows about the state on earth and therefore knows to have gone backwards. And now it depends on how the recognition of its situation has an effect on its will, which it likewise still possesses unchanged. Its situation is so desolate that it is forced to think about it; it can now either apathetically let everything pass over it, although the state does not please.... it. The powerlessness can be so great that its will is likewise inactive, that it starts nothing to change the state, i.e., that it also does not muster the will to a change of this state. Then it will always remain in the same situation until the soul can no longer endure the agony and demands other surroundings. But it can also remember him in bitterness and hate who has imposed this state on the soul. It can quarrel with its fate and let all bad urges break through in thoughts and in wanting. Then it worsens its state itself, and this becomes more and more lightless and more and more bound. Because now she is harassed by the powers of the underworld, which seek to win her completely for themselves. But on the other hand also beings of the kingdom of light, however veiled, come towards her and seek to move her to become active herself to change her dark state into a more full of light. And again the will is decisive to which urge the soul gives in. A desiring thought upwards already earns it relief and can be the beginning of the way up. The will alone is decisive, and it will either bring deepened agonies or redemption of the soul and at the same time cause the supply of power.... The powerless being just needs to want that power flows towards it, then it will also be imparted to it As... long as however the will is inactive and does not strive for such, no change of its situation in a favourable sense occurs. The supply of power alone is determining for the state of happiness of the soul in the hereafter. A soul, which immediately at its entry into the spiritual kingdom gets power imparted, is a blissful creature. It now cannot be other than active because the supply of power increases its urge to be active. It feels so happy that it does not want to and cannot carry the happiness alone, that it is in need of communication and would like to give of its power to the unhappy souls, because its feeling is full of deepest compassion for the still immature souls, which have to starve. And it stands in the midst of light, and that also lets it recognize.... both the delights of happiness as also the sufferings of the unredeemed beings. It now wants to carry light over into the kingdom of darkness; it wants to help the souls, which are in trouble, and now starts its activity, by it seeking access to the unhappy souls and seeks to influence them mentally to wrest themselves from their lethargy and to strive, i.e., like it to help those, which still stand deeper in spiritual night when it.... succeeds in this, then it has kindled love in the immature souls, and then their work on itself

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starts. The desire to help is the only possibility for the improvement of their situation, and once the will has become active in this direction, then there is only one ascent for the soul, because power goes to it in the same measure as it needs such to help other unhappy souls. Love is the only redeeming power. Without love there is no way out of the powerless state; but where love once breaks through, there also the agonizing, lightless state is soon overcome; the surroundings will be always brighter and more clearly visible for the soul; the desire for light becomes stronger, and accordingly also the power flows to it, which triggers the state of happiness in the soul and is again impetus to highest activity.... to redeeming activity in the hereafter.....

Amen

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State of souls after death.... Light - Twilight - Darkness....

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othing remains hidden, everything will be revealed on the last day.... Consider, you humans, that you will have to answer to God's judgment seat when you enter the kingdom of the beyond, when your soul has left your body, when your last day has come. And the eternal judge decides your fate in eternity, the eternal judge gives every soul what it has earned and truly judges according to justice. And blessed are those who are surrounded by a glow of light, who can show deeds of love which cover them in a ray of light which makes their degree of maturity recognisable.... blessed are those who sought the truth and thereby betrayed their striving towards God; blessed are those who endeavoured to fulfil God's will, who stand in the right relationship as children with the heavenly Father and are therefore accepted by Him and taken into His kingdom.... But what darkness surrounds the souls which are devoid of all love. These, too, are widely recognisable, for they stand before God's judgment seat grey and lightless, in greatest poverty, and their darkness characterises their loveless life, their unbelief and their affiliation to Satan, and they turn away from God and seek to flee from Him. They don't recognise Him but they fear the One Who wants to judge them for their deeds, and it becomes increasingly darker in them and around them, and an exceedingly meagre and charmless region takes them in where they feel unhappy and rebel against their fate which, however, has justly affected them.

And again souls stand in light twilight, they are unable to recognise anything, yet they are not tormented by extreme darkness, yet they lack light. They long for it and cannot find their way in their surroundings, although every now and then a slight twilight plays around them, which they push towards in their distress.... These souls have not been bad, but they have been careless on earth and have neglected to provide themselves with a bright, shining garment through deeds of love; they lived thoughtlessly, did nothing bad, but also nothing good. Their faith was dead and they did not think of their souls and now arrive miserably in the spiritual kingdom, fearing darkness and wanting to escape from it by anxiously striving towards the light, while the souls of darkness flee the light, although darkness is also torment for them. But they cannot tolerate light in their state until they have changed their will. Every soul is considered according to law and justice.... for no soul can conceal its nature, because the whole way of life lies openly and clearly before God's eye and the spiritual kingdom does not allow any concealment of the actual nature, because all of the human being's deeds on earth create the state of light or darkness itself and therefore every soul is recognisable and also where it belongs. Have mercy on the souls which are still in twilight, for a loving prayer from you can already bring about a change for them, for this signifies a flash of light, it signifies a small grant of strength and the right guidance of their will, and only the love of people or beings of light brings them salvation from their unhappy situation, which they feel unusually hard and would like to improve. The souls of darkness also need your help, but in their obduracy they often reject such help. Yet unceasing intercession for such a soul will not remain without success, for it is like a flow of strength which

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touches these souls and which they feel beneficially. But you humans don't know in which kingdom you should look for your loved ones, and therefore you do well to remember everyone with love, even those who are still imprisoned by the kingdom of darkness. You should diligently intercede, you should remember all your loved ones who have passed away, you should know that they all still need much strength and sincerely thank you for such an influx of strength which a prayer of love means for them. Through this you will remain in constant contact with the people who were close to you and will also experience their concern for you as soon as they have awakened from their spiritual lethargy, as soon as they have understood that they have to and can make up for much in the kingdom of the beyond, where love is also the only means of salvation and the souls willing to help can advance in order to leave the kingdom of darkness and twilight into the kingdom of light..... You humans, help them, for they need your help because they are too weak-willed on their own and God's love and justice can only give them the abundance of light they have acquired through their way of life on earth. But you can give them light as soon as you remember those in need with a loving heart and want to help them....

Amen

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Light Work of.... love in the hereafter Work of.... redemption....

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he soul finds an environment full of light in the hereafter, if it has led a God-pleasing way of life on earth and has shaped itself to a light being. Then it is free of every fetter; completely untroubled it can stay where it wants; light will surround it everywhere, and its state will be a blissful one. The world full of light, which is now its stay, is by no means a work of creation out of earthly matter, but what the soul now sees are spiritual formations, which are unimaginable to man. They surpass everything seen so far in beauty in colour and form. They are formations, which the boldest imagination of man cannot think up, and still the soul feels well in this surroundings, because it only finds what it has longed for in spirit. It now has no longer desire for earth, which it has left, but it recognizes its true home, and earth life appears to it like a dream, which has been dreamed out. And now the exceedingly happy state drives it to activity by it wanting to communicate the same to all beings what makes it so exceedingly happy. It knows that light means happiness in the hereafter, and it also knows about the endless darkness of the unredeemed souls and would like to break through this darkness and likewise put the souls into a state of light. This urge for redeeming activity is inherent in every light being and therefore makes this activity to happiness, therefore the soul will always be willing to help without all calculation. It gives because its heart urges it, and now receives in the same measure as it again gives. And its own feeling of happiness increases the more it now brings its light to the ignorant souls or to men on earth. Light is its surroundings, light is itself, and light brings every teaching, which is again imparted in love. The kingdom of light is everywhere there where the light beings stay, but the light beings also always have access to the beings, which still languish in darkness, only that they do not approach the immature beings in all their fullness of light, but cover themselves, that they do not let their light shine because the beings of darkness could not tolerate it. But they still carry out their activity by imparting knowledge to the beings of darkness, so these let themselves be taught. And now the latter enter the circle of light of those who have led a life in love and now again work in love at the souls, which still lack all light.....

To stand in the light means to be knowing.... The knowing man is God-connected, and the souls in the hereafter, which stand in the light, are likewise close to God, so that they receive his light radiation,.... therefore are fed by his wisdom. The process of light transmission is incomprehensible to men because no earthly comparison can be given for it. In the spiritual kingdom the will of God is enough that the processes most incomprehensible to men take place, and such a process is also the

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radiation of light, the uninterrupted flow of light and power and transmission to the perfect beingness. The contact with God must first be established, therefore the being must have found the intimate union with God to be able to receive his stream of light and power. And the union with God takes place as soon as the beingness works in love. Love work in the hereafter will always be the imparting of spiritual knowledge to ignorant, i.e. beings standing in darkness. This love work entails constantly increased supply of light and power, and therefore love will become stronger and stronger towards the unredeemed souls, because the love of God has seized the light beings and the love current unstoppably flows over to them, what results in an always more busy love activity. Now understandably also the state of darkness of those beings must change to light, at which the love work is carried out. First the darkness must give way to a light twilight, until then weak rays of light also break through this, and the soul begins to recognize its surroundings more clearly, and its desire for light increases constantly. In the same measure the love work of the light beings can increase, and this is the work of redemption, which certainly started on earth, but will continue in the hereafter and still last eternities, before the last being is led out of darkness to light, therefore all spiritual is finally redeemed.....

Amen

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Bliss.... light kingdom....

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Il of you are My creatures, emerged from My love, and this love does not decrease; it is and Tremains in the same strength and will always take care of you, also when you have separated yourselves from Me will-wise. Love is My original substance, and therefore everything created is radiated through by Me Myself and therefore can also not become less. But what does love want at all? Nothing else than to give itself away and to fill what again wants to receive love.... Everything has been called into life by love; love power is every work of creation, and therefore also everything is imperishable what has Me Myself as origin.... But what do you imagine as 'love'? It is and always remains the desire for unity, only it can also be a wrongly directed love to which this desire of yours applies.... But the desire for it is in you to possess what you love.... If you now have emerged out of a love pure beyond all measure, then also My desire for you is according to this love. I just want to make you happy, create happy states for you, therefore give back to you everything what you had given away voluntarily. It wants to put you again into the state, which, since you are products of this love power, was a state of highest bliss. And when you now lack every possibility of comparison in the state of imperfection, then you also cannot imagine what this happiness consists of. You will always be considered according to the degree of love in which you stand yourselves, and with increasing love you will also be allowed to feel always greater happiness. These blisses consist of (in) innumerable spiritual experiences, in a kind of creative activity, in seeing spiritual creations, in constant desire and constant fulfilment, in hearing My word.... All this triggers a bliss for which you humans lack any concept.... For My infinitely profound love always wants to make you happy, to give you something that you once possessed....

(19.5.1965) But the highest happiness will always be for you the passing on of My flow of love power, because there will always be lightless places, which you are to cover with light.... And to pass on My love power means to supply truth to those, which you possess in all fullness, which is also supplied to you unlimitedly and in it consists your happiness, which is still completely incomprehensible to you, because to pass on light into darkness is to a degree happy, because it constantly increases and is no longer given by such a being. The soul will always want to help, and it will always also find souls in need of help, and this help is happy for it and will still never be carried out for the sake of its own happiness, but always only love drives the soul to this help, but love is in

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every soul of such strength that it alone already prepares happiness, which is immeasurable.... So bliss is not 'striven for' by any soul, that it could be felt as reward.... For no soul desires it, but the exceeding love drives it incessantly to an activity which is bliss in itself, whether it consists in creating and shaping or in dispensing the truth.... it will always be felt as 'bliss' because it always consists of the beatification of other beings, thus it is no longer possible to speak of its own 'reward'. The spiritual world offers you so many glories, but which originally were your share and which you are now only allowed to take possession of again, which therefore make you immeasurably blissful.... It is therefore the original state in which you were, and you now stand as man in a very defective state, so that an 'eternal happiness' is presented to you as desirable. But you cannot form a picture of what is to be understood by this happiness, yet this much you should know that you no longer want to return to that defective state where you have not yet fully grasped the love which you only ever want to radiate to those beings which need a light. For to be able to make yourselves happy again will be the greatest bliss for you, and you will always have the opportunity to do so when you can be struck by My ray of love yourselves, which you can always pass on to the areas where there is still darkness, and it will then be the task for you which makes you happy yourselves....

Amen

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Reunion and associations in the beyond....

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When souls which had been united in love on earth meet again in the spiritual kingdom they can unite and work together if they have the same degree of maturity.... otherwise one partner has to strive for the same degree which, however, will be eagerly supported by the other. And then both souls will be supremely happy to be able to create and work together, although their sphere of activity is now entirely different than on earth. The spiritual bond delights the soul far more than the earthly one, they are remarkably helpful and of service to the still unhappy beings, which are now recognised and loved as brothers by the more mature souls, and therefore everything is done to deliver them from their wretched situation. And for this reason they care especially lovingly for souls which had been close to them on earth and entered the kingdom of the beyond in a still immature state.... The already mature soul can indeed recognise its lifetime partner in the beyond, but he will be unable to see the former and often wanders about in desperate search for his loved ones....

Especially the desire to see their loved ones again is a significant factor for attaining maturity of soul, for the desire draws the loved beings close to the soul, which then will tirelessly endeavour to bring it to the degree of maturity which will at last result in a reunion, even if it is just for a short period of time. Then it will strive ever more eagerly to reach perfection. It is, however, lamentable, if two souls, having been closely united by love on earth, enter the spiritual realm in a state of darkness.... if they so disbelief in a continuation of life that it would not occur to them wanting to see the other one again. Such souls will not meet each other and thus wander about feeling incredibly lonely. And even if they think of the one they had loved on earth, he nevertheless cannot make himself noticeable because he is wandering about like a shadow himself, unable to see or recognise other souls. Yet the souls of light are also taking care of these.... But they hardly can get through to them due to their unbelief.... They don't accept any advice to improve their state, they are completely lethargic, and only the thought of people they once loved is keeping them alive. Yet the love which thus united two people on earth is also a blessing for them in the beyond.... because a soul of light is capable of awakening in the soul a beneficial wish for the other, and this loving thought in itself can already ignite, irrespective to which level this wish relates, but it can be unselfish and therefore provide strength. And this strength subsequently expresses itself such that the soul will listen to the light beings' instructions, whose advice promises to be beneficial for **the** soul which is loved.

Immature souls still remain in the vicinity of earth, hence they merely feel separated but not as having passed away from earth, hence they try to overcome the apparently spatial separation and as a

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result also accept the advice of spiritual friends. And it is a great blessing if such souls are also granted intercession by people, as it will have a comforting influence on them and the gift of strength will result in a transmission of light, so that their thinking begins to become clear and realisation will gradually dawn on them. But they will never be able to experience the happiness of a reunion as long as they have not found Jesus Christ.... All efforts by the beings of light are leading towards motivating them to turn to Jesus Christ for help.... For the state of darkness is the state of the unredeemed, the state of those who have entered the kingdom of the beyond without Jesus Christ and who therefore have to find Him there first of all. Love can also prompt a soul to appeal to Jesus Christ that He might take care of its adversity; and if such an appeal on behalf of the other soul is rising up to Him, He will truly consider this love with kindness.... then these souls will be approached by loyal helpers on His instruction.... And even these souls will be allowed to experience a reunion on day, and they will praise and thank the One Who had delivered them from their hardship....

Amen

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Ouls passing over into the kingdom of the beyond without having found their Redeemer will find themselves engulfed by thick fog, providing they don't enter the kingdom of darkness due to their totally God-opposing way of life on earth. But there are people who have not become guilty of any explicit wrongdoing, whose offence generally consisted of failing to do good works, who can neither be called bad nor good and whose spirit is therefore not so dark as to be expected by profound darkness in the beyond. Nevertheless, they are not suitable for the kingdom of light either, for their souls are not yet receptive to light, their souls are still encased in thick twilight, they have absolute minimal realisation, depending on their deeds of love which a soul will be able to look back on.

And most souls called back from earth are in this kingdom of twilight.... people, who were apparently righteous in the world and yet have little faith because they lacked love on earth. And these souls are now facing a time of utter barrenness.... a time when they wander about lonely and alone with their thoughts. They are unable to recognise anything in their surroundings, they are spiritually blind and also incapable of perceiving anything but themselves, however, they have not lost their sense of identity, they also remember their past earthly life yet only rather indistinctly and occasionally.... They are in a permanent state of drifting about and searching, for they cannot find what they are looking for.... a place of peace and safety, since they failed to acquire it during their earthly life. They effectively had been parasites on earth, they had lived without having fulfilled their true purpose of life, they have only ever taken and given nothing in return.... irrespective of whether it is understood in an earthly or spiritual way.... They had not acquired any spiritual possessions for themselves but utilized their earthly life in line with their demands. They had spent their earthly life without having seriously thought about its meaning and purpose and living their life accordingly.... And this is what they will receive in the kingdom of the beyond; they won't find anything because they didn't acquire anything that is of lasting value in the spiritual kingdom.

Only now will it show as to whether such a person will be lovingly remembered.... For every loving thought is like a firm foundation on which the soul is now able to move with a certain sense of confidence.... Every loving thought provides the soul with a glimmer of light wherein it is able to recognise its surroundings, if only for a brief moment, but it is stimulated to reflect on it, and its state can only change through deliberation, by experiencing the blissful relief of every loving thought, by starting to regret when it realises what it had failed to do on earth. And, depending on its nature, its willingness and its resistance, the state of such a soul can change equally soon, if it is not entirely obstinately-minded, in which case its blindness can last for an extremely long time before the twilight will give way to a small ray of light.... And since only loving thoughts can provide this relief, much strength of intercession has to be bestowed upon the soul, it should not be left to its fate, which would merely infinitely prolong its lightless state, for only love will be able to change it, love, which fellow human beings will forward to such a soul and which the soul itself lacked in earthly life, but which will be accepted by God on behalf of such a soul....

But it is possible for all you humans on earth to render much help with your love, and you should therefore constantly stay in mental contact with the souls of the departed, time and again you should tell them about the Gospel of love and that they, even in the beyond, will still have to comply with these two commandments, to love God above all else and their neighbour as themselves.... For this is the only way by which they will be able to make contact with Jesus Christ, without Whom it will be impossible for any soul to enter the kingdom of light. The souls still wandering about in the twilight

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have not yet made any contact with Jesus Christ, they have not yet found salvation, which was the reason for their life on earth, but they absolutely have to attain it in the beyond if they don't want to descend into the abyss.... Souls wandering about in twilight have not yet been pushed into the abyss, they still have a slight opportunity to find their path into the kingdom of light, for after a long time of barrenness beings of light.... which, however, do not identify themselves as such.... will repeatedly direct them towards the right path leading to Jesus Christ.

And in order that they follow the beings of light, in order that they surrender their opposition, they will require much intercession which you should not deny to the souls. They will be eternally grateful to you if your love prevents their fall into the abyss, if you help them to find their way out of the twilight into the kingdom of light, for your loving intercession will prevent their regression, their souls will become softer and more yielding, and they will find Salvation through Jesus Christ, Who forgives everyone if only he remembers Him and calls upon Him....

Amen

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Beings of Darkness.... New Banishment....

June 22nd 1951

person's complete failure on earth is when he departs without any faith, when his heart did not show any love for his fellow human beings, when his thoughts and actions completely contradict the divine commandments and there is no spiritual striving in him because he could not believe in a continuation of life after death.... It is extremely difficult for such souls to ascend in the kingdom of the beyond, for their unkindness on earth does not earn them any loving thoughts either, through which he would receive the supply of weak strength. Unbelief and its entire way of life results in a transfer into deepest darkness, where the soul now remains completely inactive and powerless in a state which becomes agony for it, because it does not lose its self-awareness and also feels the darkness. However, it has no strength to escape this state, it is completely without will and only emotionally rebels against its fate without thinking about what could have caused this state. Only its thoughts can bring about a change, for these thoughts correspond to its will and can be demanding help but also wrathful, and accordingly the beings it attracts through its direction of will will also approach it. It is also not alone but always together with beings of the same kind, which understandably leads to the strengthening of that which is to be fought against. For precisely the sins and faults come to the fore and provoke the other souls to respond, which always means a deeper fall, and only after an infinitely long time is there hope for a change of attitude, yet the ascent always becomes more difficult the longer the being remains in resistance. Time and again God's merciful love approaches the being and gives small means of help, yet always without compulsion of will, which is why the help is, however, often rejected. Nevertheless, no soul is finally lost, even if an endlessly long time passes until it changes. It can also lose itself in the deepest depths, but even then there is still a hope of redemption for it, only on a different path... on the path of new banishment in solid matter, so that the ascent development can once again begin and the being is offered the opportunity to reach the stage of free will where it can then discard its decision of will again. For God will not let anything be lost forever, only the being itself can prolong the time endlessly until it voluntarily returns to God, until it keeps His commandments in faith in God, until it enters God's will through a life of love and thereby redeems itself from all bondage....

Amen

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The fate of hardened souls in the hereafter.... Teachings of spiritual friends.... Sympathy of souls with writings....

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The souls of those who have left the earth valley without having established the connection with the heavenly Father are in dire straits. They know neither the way out nor the way in and torment themselves with self-reproach and bad thoughts. They rebel against their fate and do not want to admit to themselves that they themselves are responsible for this sad state. The more devotedly the soul submits to its state of suffering the sooner is the possibility of liberation from it, for the slightest good impulse is perceived by the higher spiritual beings and they now seek to bring relief to the soul by giving it the necessary indications to improve its situation. And again, it is only up to the suffering soul's good will to make.... use of these admonitions and instructions. However, if the soul's own will is too strong, even the efforts of these loving and helpful spiritual friends will be in vain, and the soul

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will fall back into its old oppressive state and will not be able to free itself from it for a long time, since it will still fight against everything good and noble which, in its obduracy, it does not recognise as such. Anyone who dwells in darkest night will be able to.... roughly understand the fate of these poor people. They are tormented by fear and horror and their mood darkens to an unbearable.... extent. They look for light and cannot find.... it. Their closeness to earth holds them fast and they mainly stay where they lived in earthly life....For they first hope for help where those close to them stay, for they are often still unaware that they have long since left earth. They are only bitter that all their efforts are without success and that people do not pay attention to their need, and only after a long time do they realise the impossibility of their desire. And anyone who draws.... the right benefit from this realisation who goes into himself and makes the firm resolution to do everything in order to be released from the unhappy state will also soon become acquainted with the ways and means through instruction by the spiritual friends in the beyond or also through participation in the teachings offered from the beyond to earthly children who are believing and of good will. Once the soul has discovered such a connection it can no longer be removed.... from the vicinity of such earthly children it accepts all teachings with true ravenous hunger and is now grateful for the hint which it makes use of in every way. And thus they are truly blessed hours for countless souls in the beyond when you devote.... yourself to your spiritual work, for without your help they suffer so unspeakably, and the path to the light is much more difficult for them to achieve...., but in a short time they can make up for infinitely much...., They become ever more knowledgeable and follow all admonitions most diligently the more they realise that it is in their own hands to make their state bearable and later exceedingly happy. And thus they, too, are only ever concerned to make use of all instructions conveyed to you from the beyond, and their concern likewise applies to your inner state of soul and your will, which can also bring them redemption from their suffering and torment....

Amen

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Agonies of naked souls.... Celebrations on earth....

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t the hour of death the soul is in extreme distress, if it recognises the idleness of its life, and this hour is then a dreadful struggle for it. It passes through the gate of eternity poor and abandoned, in a state that is pitiful because it remembers its failed life and cannot absolve itself of guilt. And in this hardship it is often painful what presents itself to the spiritual eye of such souls when they are unusually honoured and celebrated on earth and yet these celebrations cannot be brought into any connection with the exceedingly wretched existence in the beyond. All splendour on earth is an unspeakable pain for this soul, after all, it was to a certain extent the reason for its worldly striving and thus for its present situation. And now this soul walks along in nakedness and extreme poverty, and all festivities on earth which take place for its sake cannot give it the slightest relief.... They only fill the soul with anger, and the self-reproaches are so dreadful that it wanders around in an agonising state. Only a thought sent to it in love is able to bring it relief, and thus the soul can only hope for relief if it leaves people behind on earth who were united with it in true love. Even the smallest act of love it once did on earth is a blessing for it now that it is completely naked, and if a person on earth lovingly remembers it, this will give it strength, and in its abandonment it will seek a path which can bring it relief from its dreadful situation. But the emptier her earthly life was in works of love, the more difficult it will be for her to find the path to the light....

Amen

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verything earthly finds its conclusion with the bodily death of man. There is nothing that man could take over from it into the hereafter. Only what his thoughts desire, he will find over there, and when these thoughts are still very much connected with matter, with earthly goods, then his imagination will also make these goods appear to him in the hereafter, according to his desire, however these will no longer exist earthly tangible. So man then lives outside of earth, however within that what he builds up for himself in his world of thoughts. And so man, who still cannot completely separate himself from matter, must take up the same fight against it as on earth; he cannot enter the kingdom of the spirit sooner until he has overcome his desires and made himself free of them. So earth life can well be ended, but not its earthly state, as far as it is felt by the being itself. This is a pitiable state, a state of unfulfilled desires, agonizing desire and constant disappointment, a state of constant dissatisfaction and tormenting self-reproaches, or.... what is.... still worse an apathetic sinking into deepest darkness, where the being is inaccessible to every help and instruction and can muster no will whatsoever to improve its situation. What it has left behind on earth, that the soul seeks to now again and again gain; it mainly stays there where it lived on earth, and sees and follows everything what happens. And this is time spent uselessly, which earns it no change of the situation and also brings no change of its thinking. Only after unspeakable long time it recognizes its pitiful state; it recognizes that it has no longer connection with earth, and sees the hopelessness of its efforts to gain or hold on to earthly goods. A time of deepest despair follows this recognition, which lasts so long until the being gives in to the urging of helpful souls and decides to activity, which frees.... it will desire nothing else than light and freedom, and its own agonizing state lets it become compassionate for the lot of the other unredeemed souls. And now love in it starts to become active by it now turning its help towards the beings, which still deeper darkness envelopes. And now the being redeems itself through the love, which it turns towards its fellow sufferers, and it willingly follows the guidance of the light beings, by it letting itself be taught by them and now for its part enlightens again the beings, to which it can bring help through this. The being only becomes free when it has killed all desire for matter in itself, i.e. has overcome it. If the being succeeds in this still on earth, then it can enter the hereafter carefree, and its state will earn it light and knowledge, but indescribably laborious is the way up for the soul, which is still chained to the goods of this world, because before it has not overcome this inclination, it cannot enter spheres of light and therefore has to accept endless times of torment until it finally recognises.... but then restlessly works on itself and makes up for what it neglected to give on earth, to give.... love in order to redeem itself and its kind through love....

Amen

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Lot of the fallen souls in the hereafter.... temptation....

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The power of evil is enormous, and still it can achieve nothing with a man consciously striving towards God, because he opposes that evil power through his will turned towards God, which lets the adversary become powerless, because his power shatters in the face of such will. He will certainly always be exposed to hostilities from that side because the adversary hopes for a weak moment in which he again gains the upper hand; but likewise good beings are prepared to protect and strengthen man when he threatens to become weak. And therefore the struggle for the souls is a permanent one and that is why also earth life is a permanent struggle because man feels this spiritual struggle for his soul, and he is drawn into it and can bring the fight to a decision through his will. But who abandons himself to the bad powers without a fight, his life is gambled away.... because the adversary mercilessly makes him to his servant, apparently well granting him earthly advantage, however only

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to get him under his control. But the lot of an apostate soul in the hereafter is indescribable. Such a being unites all bad urges in itself; it seeks to inflict harm wherever it can. It is without love and only concerned about itself; it wants to rule and resorts to the most cruel means to likewise get power over other souls. It is in darkest surroundings and still knows that its state is not enviable, and that makes the soul even more bitter and increases its rejection against God, Whose power it well feels, but Whom it does not want to acknowledge. Because the soul still has the same attitude towards God in the hereafter as on earth; it does not want to humbly bend but to be right in all things; it wants to be valid and to suppress everything what comes near it. And such desire can never lead to redemption. But it is also understandable that such souls strongly press men who have higher aims, that they spare no means to divert those from spiritual striving, and that they therefore always and constantly press man, that they put obstacles in his way to make him waver in his faith and in his firm confidence in God's help. Men are exposed to severe tests by which they are to testify to their will that they nevertheless turn it to God and they desire him. And exactly an earth child striving upwards is so hostile towards these evil powers, because they recognize in him an opponent, who wants to turn away many souls from him. They seek to dissuade him from his striving; they want to make him unenthusiastic and offer him earthly pleasures over which he is to.... forget his actual task, the spiritual striving And again and again man must wrestle and submit his will to God; he must always ask God for power and favour, he must call upon Jesus Christ for protection against all evil and abandon himself to all good spiritual powers, then the struggle of the evil power will be unsuccessful, and the temptations will become ever weaker the more intimately the human being turns to God, for God now sends him strength in all abundance so that he will steadfastly withstand all temptations.....

Amen

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Suicide.... Fate in the beyond....

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The path of the flesh has to be taken until the end, that is, every being also has to experience the embodiment as a human being. The earthly path prior to this cannot be deliberately shortened or interrupted. However, in the stage of free will the human being is able to use his free will and therefore also end his earthly life as a human being arbitrarily without being prevented. But the consequences of such interference in divine will are awful. A person like that is still immature, that is, he is without recognition or he would not take this step which deprives him of a great blessing.... to be able to improve his character until God Himself ends his life. Nevertheless, he will become aware of his wretched action in the beyond and his remorse will be beyond description.

If it is God's will to end a life, irrespective of whether the person is still young and not ready for eternity, then God recognises the necessity of it and terminating the earthly life is an act of grace, either to avert peril from the soul or to offer this soul an opportunity in the beyond that will raise its state of maturity within a short period of time. The forcible termination of life is, however, spiritually a great step backwards, for the being is suddenly without strength to improve itself and depends on the mercy of the beings of light or people, that is to say, if they don't help it will forever remain on the same level of imperfection. The soul first has to come to realise this in the beyond which will trigger an indescribable state of remorse. But if the soul is willing it will use every opportunity to be helpful, yet its struggle will be too difficult for words. In a manner of speaking, it has to carry on bearing the earthly suffering in the beyond, which it had wanted to escape; the same things it had thrown away are still clinging to it and torment it dreadfully.

Yet God is not without mercy even towards a soul which had disregarded His will, providing the soul is not entirely obstinate. After some time, which to the soul seems to last forever, it will also be given tasks in the beyond which will ease its situation. And then it will have to use its will again. If it

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agrees to help suffering souls in the beyond it will soon notice an obvious improvement in its circumstances. But this may well be after the time God had designated for its actual earthly life, thus it will not have arbitrarily shortened its earthly path after all and will still have to linger in the state of suffering in the beyond, that it thought unbearable on earth, until God takes pity on the soul.

Hence its intervention in divine will was entirely pointless; it deprived it of the grace to mature fully on earth but by no means ended the ordeal of earthly existence. Consequently, such souls are pitiable, for it will take a long time until they are redeemed and the awareness to have thrown God's blessing away is so agonising for the soul that it is in a sorry state in the beyond. Such souls are especially in need of people's prayers. Only people's love on earth can relieve their torments and impart the strength to improve their fate by using their will, in as much as the soul in the beyond is prepared to be of service and thereby, after an apparently endless time, will be able to change its lightless abode which, understandably, is its share (fate?) until it is saved by God's love and mercy....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Lot of the Spiritually Dead in the Afterlife....

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o be spiritually dead is the most terrible fate, both on earth and in the beyond. On earth the human L being does not feel this fate as long as he is unharmed by the pleasures of the world, i.e. as long as he forgets about his soul and is therefore not aware of its lifeless state. For only his soul is affected, while the body creates earthly pleasures for itself as long as it lives and does not feel the soul's inactivity, its lack of strength. Only when the soul enters the kingdom of the beyond, when it has shed the bodily shell, does it become aware of its lack of strength and with it the dreadful fate it now has to take upon itself because it did not use earthly life to awaken the spirit in itself to life. Now the opportunity is taken from her, she can no longer be active of her own strength but is in a state of complete powerlessness from which she cannot free herself. It lacks all knowledge, it is enveloped in complete darkness, its surroundings, its state of soul, is lightless, and therefore it is also completely incapable of working with love, for this requires knowledge, and knowledge is light.... These souls are indeed still cared for by the beings of light in the beyond, yet since they already rejected everything on earth which pointed to the spiritual kingdom they are not accessible to the ideas of these beings of light either, and they often remain in utmost poverty, in a pitiful state for eternities in the same darkness. And as long as they don't want to be lovingly active in the beyond, the lack of strength will not leave them either, because loving activity first triggers the supply of strength and loving activity, however, first has to be exercised again in free will and this will has often sunk to the lowest level due to the influence of God's adversary.... On earth the human being has the power of life at his disposal so that he can awaken his spirit to life at any time. He can end the state of death at any time, he can be active in love because the life force is available to him for this purpose. And as soon as he is active in love, his spirit awakens to life, and this means receiving light and power. The spiritually dead human being knows nothing of things of the spiritual kingdom, he knows nothing of God's rule and activity, of His love and wisdom and omnipotence, he knows nothing of his lowly state, of his former purpose and his apostasy from God; and this ignorance makes him a spiritually inactive creature, for he cannot work according to his purpose but is condemned to inactivity because he does not release himself from it. The spiritually dead human being does not allow anything that surrounds him to have an effect on him, he only sees with the eyes of the body and tries to live out his earthly life in every way, regardless of the spirit which is given to him as a companion to guide him correctly. And at the end of his life the human being can look back on a long, earthly enjoyed life and yet be dead in spirit, and this death is far worse than the now occurring demise of his body, for his soul does not pass away, it enters the kingdom of the beyond through the gate of death, it is conscious of its being and yet completely powerless and lightless, powerless to act and in completely dark surroundings, and it feels this unusually agonisingly because it now desires the previous state of life on earth, where it could work and act according to its will, with all its senses and no fulfilment comes to it. It is dead and yet

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conscious of its existence, it is powerless and knows the happiness of possessing strength; it is ignorant and therefore has no means to release itself from its state, for it can only receive something in the beyond if it gives itself.... The human being on earth cannot imagine the agonies of a spiritually dead soul because he is still in the midst of vitality, which he can draw as long as he stays on earth, and because he can be active according to his will. And it already means great suffering and affliction on earth when a person is partially deprived of this vitality, thus he becomes incapable of working and creating due to illness.... This condition, which is intensified many times over, is the fate of those who pass spiritually dead into the kingdom of the beyond, who did not awaken the spirit within themselves to life through rightly utilised vitality, through activity in love, who lived on earth without living spiritually because they valued earthly life too highly and did not think of their actual purpose, which consists of shaping themselves according to God's will, so that the spirit in them will come alive and be able to promote their ascent development....

Amen

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

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

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such thoughts, if they live a completely unscrupulous life and only seek to satisfy their physical self, if they don't entertain any thoughts of their soul's life after death, they will also enter the kingdom of the beyond in a completely unprepared state, and they can still speak of a great grace if they are afflicted by illnesses before their death and yet their thoughts are preoccupied with their demise and thus they can still be purified and prepared for their entry into the kingdom of the beyond.... The end is near.... For **every** human being the hour can come suddenly and surprisingly, and therefore every human being should often think about the end, he should not carelessly think it is still far away, but he should always and at every hour familiarize himself with the fact that he has to leave the earth and intimately ask God, to take care of him and enable him to enter the kingdom of light, and God will also give him the strength to prepare himself and to do the work on his soul which is necessary for the entrance into the kingdom where there are no terrors and darkness but only light and bliss.... For God does not want the human being to go to ruin; but the human being is free, he alone determines his fate in eternity, he alone creates the fate which awaits his soul in the spiritual kingdom....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The atheist's fate....

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t is the adversary's greatest triumph if he totally dissuades a person from having faith in a God Who ▲ brought the world into existence and also created himself.... Then he will have achieved what he wanted, to displace God completely from the human being's thoughts. Then he need no longer fear to lose him. Yet a person who completely denies a God is generally also an unkind person in life, therefore the adversary is able to influence him, while a person with just a spark of love left can still gain the realisation that a spiritually tangible Power exists Which determines his destiny and on Which he is dependent. The former, however, is wholeheartedly attached to the world. Nothing else exists for him apart from this earthly world, and he believes that he will cease to exist and return into nothingness again after his physical death, as a result he will take whatever earthly life offers him. And although such a person can possess sharp intellect he will be misguided by God's adversary, he will even arrogate himself to quote substantiations which intend to shatter the belief in a God. He will try to explain that all creations arose from a natural power.... However, he will refuse to accept the fact that this natural power must be an intelligent **Being** in possession of will, and his thinking will continue to be wrong and confused as long as he fails to kindle a small light within himself through kind-hearted actions.... which, however, are completely unknown to him. Thus he will still be totally enchained by the adversary. And therefore an atheist will almost certainly approach a renewed banishment, for he will completely fail in his last decision on earth. He will still be as opposed to God as he was when he apostatised from God, he will belong to the adversary and in the end will also have to share his fate.... Such a person cannot be intellectually enlightened either because he does not want to believe and will therefore also dismiss all spiritual knowledge as imagination and fantasy....

Trying to convey spiritual knowledge to this person would be entirely futile, for God's adversary is his lord and he will never allow him to become enlightened, he will always keep him in profound darkness and let the world's deceptive lights appear the more brightly to him, so that the person will be totally incapable of accepting spiritual knowledge. The adversary will have taken complete possession of him and will no longer let go of him either. But in earthly life it is only important that the once fallen original spirit will now acknowledge God in the stage of a human being.... that his original sin will be taken from him, which can only happen through Jesus Christ, Whom he must acknowledge and Whose act of Salvation he has to profess, then he will also acknowledge God Himself Who, in Jesus, accomplished the act of atonement for his original sin.... But for as long as the human being lives his earthly life entirely without faith he will remain burdened by his guilt and will never ever be able to enter the spiritual kingdom but will have to endure the process of development through the creations of earth in horrendous pain for an infinitely long time again. For even in the kingdom of the beyond it will not be possible to change an atheist's mind and to persuade him to surrender his

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resistance to God because, like on earth, he remains closed to all instructions, and he cannot be enlightened against his will. However, were only a person on earth who believes himself to be unable to have faith seriously interested in knowing the truth as to whether a spiritually tangible God and Creator exists.... then the efforts would truly not be in vain, for then he would keep thinking about it and also achieve a different result by intellectual means, for enough evidence exists within Creation which could change his mind.... But even such people will time and again receive blessings, time and again they will be given small gestures of support, for God's love also pursues these people and tries to win them over for Himself, time and again He offers His hand to them which they need only take hold of so that they would subsequently be able to release themselves from the adversary's control. Nevertheless, his will shall never be forced, and therefore the person determines his own future fate and will have to take the path across earth in a constrained state again, because this complies with the law of eternal order....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Sparks of light lure souls out of darkness....

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y love is also meant for the souls in darkness, and I constantly try to have an effect on them, to soothe their thoughts and again and again turn them towards Me, because also in the deep the cross occasionally shines, but is only perceived by those whose senses are already soothed, who are in lethargy of spirit, who therefore also feel touched by the cross of Christ, indeed also only so far that they are not forced to take a stand.... Only the cross will be a sign for them, which they remember, and according to the impression of it their state can change. As soon as a soul falls into this lethargic state there is also the hope for it that it will finally come to its senses and want to leave the place which was its abode for a long time.... that it longs for a change, for a ray of light which may break through the darkness.... And then it is also again and again illuminated by sparks of light, it feels these sparks of light as invitation to follow them, and so slowly comes up, it gets into a circle of seeking souls, which all follow the light, where now also such is carried to them.... They are called upon to help and also do not refuse such because finally a work is assigned to them, which they gladly comply with. But now they also feel help themselves through this help; they feel the power of love, which they turn towards those seeking help, and at the same time they also receive instructions why they themselves can feel that feeling, and therefore they are stimulated to constant help, to thereby also find own help in their trouble. And it is certainly the fewest who return to their old surroundings, who then just did not yet have the earnest will to reach up out of the deep. But once the cross has become visible to these souls then it will not be difficult to also point out to them the importance of that what both the light beings, which dwell unrecognized among them, as well as man can do through the preaching of the gospel to these souls and they are also heard by them, for their resistance is broken, they can only still sink back into the old lethargy, but to rise up from it again and again when it is necessary to help those who are still worse off and thus all these souls help themselves when the will is willing to help. It is always only the beginning very difficult to get the souls to turn their thoughts not only towards themselves, that they are caused to lend a hand themselves.... but when this is achieved, then every soul rises unceasingly upwards, because with the help given to it by Me also its power rises, and it then cannot help but want to help.... And so the releasing from the deep alone is the most difficult work, but which strongly supports every intercession for such souls, so that more and more souls calm down, that their state is no longer an eternal fight, that the soul separates itself from its surroundings and slowly thinks of itself. Because no man on earth makes intercession for these souls in vain. And the souls also notice that help is given to them from one side, and they do not defend themselves against it, and therefore it also detaches itself more and more from its surroundings, until it then follows the sparks of light, which lead it out. Only rarely does a soul ask for help again, and that only when it is not prepared to help, that it therefore also does not feel the power, which it receives through it itself. Then it certainly takes a considerable time until it nevertheless changes its will and again makes the attempt to ascend

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out of the deep. These souls are in no way abandoned, they merely prolong their stay in the abyss through their resistance, which can nevertheless be broken precisely through intercession in love. And if only every man would remember such an unhappy spirit in love, then all would already be redeemed, because love is the strongest power, which no being can permanently resist. But how many men on earth think of also giving their intercession to those who are unhappy in the true sense of the word, who therefore can only be redeemed through love? But again and again also light beings descend and present their situation to them, asking them to follow them, because everywhere there are places where they can be helped further, if only the being once has given up resistance. Because My constant care is meant for those souls so that they are not banished again into matter. And that is why exactly before the end of a redemption period a great redeemer work starts, both on earth, as well as in the kingdom on the other side, to help as many souls as possible up out of the deep, so that they do not need to walk the course over earth again, and every soul, which just has the smallest little love spark in it, will be rescued....

Amen

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Radiance.... of Love Wrestling of Light Beings for Souls....

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The omnipotence of divine love seizes everyining what has come out the love of God, will lets it fall. And so everything full of light, which is radiated through by the love of God, will lets it receive the divine love radiation: because he omnipotence of divine love seizes everything what has come out of it and never completely always and constantly turn towards that what still resists to receive the divine love radiation; because without its will the power of love cannot become effective. God is always and constantly willing to give, but what has emerged out of him is not always willing to receive. And therefore the will to receive must first be stimulated in the being, and this is the activity of the light beings, which undergo the work in tireless love and patience to bring divine love close to the beings of darkness. The beings of darkness do not know about the light and the happy state of those who stay in the kingdom of light. And since they know nothing about it, they also do not strive for the height. When the knowledge about it is imparted to them, then they reject it, because they still cannot believe, because their present state is so desolate that a kingdom of light is completely inconceivable to them. And still the light beings again and again try to stimulate them to create a change of their state. They present to them the possibilities to come into brighter surroundings, and they seek to influence the being to strive for such. Divine love wants to radiate through everything and constantly wrestles for the souls of darkness to break their resistance, and therefore those beings often have to be pushed through agonizing situations into a state, which lets the will become active in them to escape from it, if they do not listen to the ideas of the light beings. The smallest expression of will attracts the light beings, which certainly cannot come into contact with the dark beings in their fullness of light and therefore approach them in envelopment. As soon as the souls are willing, they also feel the nearness of the light beings beneficially, and then also their influence is stronger and their efforts successful. The light beings now spur the souls on to love activity. They instruct them in a way beneficial to them and give them advice how they can escape the lightless stay, then leave them again to their solitude so that what they have heard can have an effect in them, and according to willingness the being will now communicate what it has heard to other beings and the work in love begins, which is redeeming and also makes the being receptive for the love currents, which now flow towards it continuously. Because once the will to light has become active in them, then also the will to help becomes stronger.... in them They do not keep their knowledge for themselves alone, because it deeply moves.... them And therefore the love radiation becomes effective in them; they receive love from the light beings and pass it on to souls, which are like them in trouble. And as soon as a divine love ray has found willingness to receive, it ignites and grows to flame. Love enlivens, i.e., it drives to activity..... The being will now be active; it will no longer remain powerless and inactive, but seek where it finds souls in trouble, and be busy active to also show these the way to light. The light ray of divine love penetrates into deepest depths; only who resists against it remains untouched, although also the divine (love) care is meant for them incessantly. Because everything is born out of love, and everything is to return again to love, what has removed itself from it.....

Amen

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To human being can appreciate the hardship the souls of unbelief or weak faith find themselves in, no human being can imagine the state of misery from which they cannot escape without help because they are completely powerless. No-one knows how much merciful love they need in order to experience relief in their adversity and how little love follows them into eternity, because people are without love themselves and only think little of those who have passed away. If you humans knew how grateful they are when only a loving thought from earthly people touches them, if you knew what a blessing such a thought of love is for this soul, you would truly make an effort to help them as soon as you thought of a soul close to you in this adversity. Yet your faith in survival is weak, and you have also been wrongly taught if you assume that you can no longer help them even if you believe that the souls live on in the beyond. You alone can provide them with active help, for your love has a direct effect on the souls as strength, and your love can also awaken love in these souls and suddenly lead them out of spiritual darkness into lighter spheres, from where the ascent can then take place with certainty. You humans have a safe means of help for these souls and don't apply it, and those who would like to bestow love upon them, the beings of light of the spiritual kingdom, don't easily find access to the souls because they have to approach them in the same envelopment which the souls have themselves in order not to compel them to accept the light.... But the souls which have departed without faith also lacked love on earth and therefore also all knowledge.... Therefore they will hardly accept what is offered to them by beings of light, because their will is also completely weakened in their lack of strength. These beings cannot impart strength to them out of their love because this goes against the law of divine order.... Yet the love of people on earth is accepted by God.... And for the sake of this love God's merciful love can now become active.... He supplies the souls with strength from His inexhaustible pool of love, He accepts intercessory love and helps where the being lacks strength. You humans, remember these poor souls and give them what they always ask for, if they enter your thoughts.... Heed these supplications and give them a hearing.... send them loving and good thoughts, point them to Jesus Christ in Whom they did not want to believe on earth, call upon Him at the same time and commend these souls to Him. But don't let your prayer be a prayer of lips, for only love has a redeeming, strength-giving effect, and all souls which have to languish in the beyond appeal to you for this love.... And you yourselves do not know in which state your loved ones have passed away, and therefore you should not omit anyone who wants to make his nearness, his requests known to you through emerging thoughts of him.... Do not forget them, and do not believe that they have passed away.... They live, but in what state.... They need not be lost if you have mercy on them and give them the power to be saved; you can help them.... Therefore have mercy on all unbelievers who no longer dwell on earth and yet still are, because the soul is immortal and therefore cannot perish.... And they will thank you eternally....

Amen

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Power of the Word on Souls in the Afterlife....

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You humans cannot imagine the hardship the souls are in in the spiritual kingdom if they have not attained the light of realisation on earth.... It is a state of feeling which causes them unspeakable agony and which takes effect according to their nature.... that the souls rebel in indignation against their fate and the One Who has imposed it on them, and therefore they sink ever deeper and fall into ever greater adversity.... or that they let themselves drift silently and in despair, that they stray and hope to find a way out and then can also find it if they allow themselves to be guided, if a being offers them guidance.... It is the darkness which unspeakably torments all souls because they know what

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light means, because they have not yet lost the memory of light in earthly life. But the further a soul sinks, the more hateful it now is towards the light it is denied.... until finally even rays of light torment it when they are touched by it and it now flees the light, which, however, betrays such a deep fall that not enough intercession can be made for those souls in order to redeem them. Light is everything in the spiritual kingdom, light is bliss, cessation of all torment, light is proof of approach to God, and where light is, there the opposing power has lost. And if you humans now consider that this Word, which flows to you as God's emanation of love, signifies light which you can turn to these souls in distress.... if you consider that through the divine Word you have the opportunity to take the tormenting darkness from the souls, to kindle a light for them, and thus you can release them from torment..... if you consider that you possess light in abundance and can let this light shine out into dark areas.... where every spark of light is glimpsed, just as the souls eagerly rush towards every ray of light.... no matter how weak it may be.... you should not neglect to help those souls in darkness, and you should also remember in loving intercession those who are hardened and dwell in abysmal spheres and call them by your prayer and your loving will to help, if you distribute the divine Word, if you give God Himself the opportunity through your love to address the souls through your mouth.... His Word has an immeasurable effect of strength, His Word can melt the hardest ice, His Word can make the most hardened heart soft and pliable, but it cannot be conveyed to the souls against their will.... Mediators must be found who, out of love, willingly want to help the souls, who, as bearers of light, can kindle a light everywhere and thus also show the wandering souls a way to emerge from darkness into light.... The hardship in the spiritual kingdom is far greater than on earth, because on earth people adhere to blind lights and therefore do not feel the darkness in this way, even though the soul is already enveloped in deepest spiritual darkness and now enters the beyond in this state, where everything earthly falls away, where there is nothing more than what the soul has acquired for itself in earthly life in terms of spiritual goods.... Then the soul can no longer help itself, then it is dependent on the help of others, on your intercession and help through beings in the beyond, but which it will only accept once it has experienced the strength of intercession. Have mercy on these souls and convey the divine Word to them, which alone can give them light and remedy their adversity if it is conveyed to them out of love....

Amen

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Redeeming action on souls....

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You hear My Word and are constantly admonished to pass it on, for an unspeakable amount depends on this activity, because passing it on time and again provides the opportunity for souls in the beyond to come and listen to what you work through aloud or mentally when you talk to your fellow human beings or write it down or when the recipient reads it.... For there is always mental work involved, and these thoughts can haunt the souls and derive the greatest benefit from them. You must never let spiritual knowledge lie idle, you must always work with it, for My Word shall have an effect, for its impact is unlimited, countless souls can draw strength from it.... But they must be given the opportunity to do so, they must be able to hear it. Thus you must listen to it or read it yourselves, and always think of all those souls which need it in order to receive light and strength from it. These always stay where they hope for light, and they hurry towards every ray of light when such shine for them. Be a source of light for these souls so that they, too, can draw from My pool of love which I have opened up for you. Know that there are only a few people who can send out such a ray of light, because only a few deal with spiritual matters and know the truth, therefore you are constantly surrounded by light-hungry souls whom you must not disappoint that they wait with you in vain. Constantly think of their hardship which you can alleviate because you possess much of the living water which they lack.... Every day countless souls depart from earth and enter the spiritual kingdom,

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and for countless this new realm is dark so that they feel unhappy in their situation.... But you can radiate much light, and you should want to convey this to those souls and therefore always send a call into the darkness, you should offer them the light, only then will they become aware of you and come to you, because the call from you already touches them beneficially. You humans have to do what I Myself would like to do but which is denied to Me by these souls: offer them strength and light which they would rather accept from you than from Me, because they don't know Me and cannot be compelled by Me to accept it. They also have to come to you voluntarily, but they are still so closely connected to earth that they are time and again drawn back into those spheres, and if a light shines towards them there they crowd around this light and demand brightness. You can give them what they desire because you possess it in abundance, because I Myself constantly provide you with it.... And you should not keep anything for yourselves alone but only ever want to distribute it.... so that I can also provide you with more and more according to the law of eternity.... Always remember those souls who are in dark surroundings and let your light radiate into their area.... Bring My Word close to them and thereby make it possible that I Myself can address them, and you are truly active in redemption, you make correct use of My gifts of grace, you are true proclaimers of My Gospel, which not only has to be conveyed to people on this earth but also to all souls in the beyond who did not accept it on earth and yet shall also find the path to Me.... It is the world which you do not see but which nevertheless surrounds you.... They are indescribably needy souls who suffer hunger and thirst and for whom I have therefore also opened up the spring which shall refresh and refresh them but which also has to be sought out voluntarily.... Call them to come to you when you proclaim My Word.... Then I Myself can speak to them through you and My Word will work as light and strength....

Amen

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Impact of the Word in the Afterlife....

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ll spiritual conversations, every spiritual work, every spiritual thought pursues all the souls in the kingdom of the beyond who once had the opportunity to hear My Word through you. It is a work of redemption of the greatest magnitude which is done with your help, because a single soul which has become free now sees its whole task in helping to redeem the souls which still languish in the abyss.... And every soul has a large following, partly due to earthly ties, partly due to the same attitude of the souls around it, and therefore every redeemed soul will also find a large sphere of activity again but therefore always return to you to fetch the nourishment it wants to hand out again. And you humans can believe that you are doing Me a service by doing so, that I will truly reward you, for the surest and most effective means to snatch the soul from darkness is My Word which, however, cannot sound to them as long as they don't voluntarily turn to Me.... But you humans can form a bridge between that world of darkness and Me.... And I can exert an influence on these souls without acting unlawfully.... if you let Me speak to them through you. This address of Mine does not fail to have an effect, especially on souls which have languished in darkness for a long time, which long for deliverance and which behold a ray of light in My Word which makes them happy. The darkness of these souls is impenetrable but helpful souls descend into this darkness and they call upon the souls to follow them, because these beings' will is also first required in order to now be able to offer them something which helps them up.... Some only follow reluctantly, but they make an attempt to escape their fate, and only the least will experiences strengthening, for I know about every impulse and every thought and also consider every soul accordingly. But beings have also dwelled in the kingdom of twilight for an inconceivably long time, which therefore cannot enter more enlightened regions because they do not call upon the Eternal Light, because they do not know or acknowledge Jesus Christ and their darkened spiritual state does not allow them to think enlightened thoughts.... There, too, the enticing calls sound, the call to gather when My Word is heard among you. They surround you in large crowds, at

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first indifferently following your work until they become attentive to the radiance of light which emanates from you as soon as you have established the bond with Me and I can speak to you.... These rays of light attract them and soon they also feel their benefit in themselves.... And once this has occurred they will no longer leave you, they will only ever wait until the light flashes again, and it will also become ever brighter within themselves, questions will arise which will be answered for them by unrecognised guides dwelling amongst them, and thus one soul after the other will release itself from its darkness or twilight area.... And crowds of redeemed souls now gather their followers around them again and lead all into your circle. And I Myself can now address all of them without having exerted any coercion of will, because you humans have lovingly offered your help for this, because you believe and therefore do what helps you all to be redeemed.... because you yourselves listen to My address and countless souls can now participate in it.... You have become servants to Me in truth, and your work is a blessed one, after all, it also extends to the spiritual kingdom and its inhabitants, whose number you cannot measure.... For souls will gather everywhere where My Word is listened to or read, and therefore every activity will also be blessed which applies to the spreading of My Word, which I Myself send to you from above.... For only one thing is important that My living creations unite with Me, be it on earth or in the kingdom of the beyond.... that they find Me in Jesus Christ and now call upon Me so that I draw them to My heart as children and can make them eternally blessed....

Amen

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Every soul must find Jesus Christ....

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very soul thanks you, which was led through you to Jesus Christ as its redeemer from sin and death.... For He alone can open the gate to life for it, He alone can lead it into the kingdom of light to eternal beatitude. But as long as it has not yet found Him it wanders around unhappily when it has arrived in the kingdom of the beyond, its thoughts become confused, its surroundings are devoid of light and its own state is agonizing because it sorely misses the vitality it now lacks but feels the agony of its lack of strength and its state. For this reason it is the greatest work of love and mercy you can accomplish on a person while he is still on earth if you acquaint him with Jesus Christ, if you make it clear to him that he may not pass Him by if he does not want to endanger himself and meet an unhappy fate after the death of his body. All people you come into contact with know Him, yet their attitude towards Him leaves much to be desired, they know Him but do not evaluate this knowledge, they have certainly heard of Him as redeemer of the world but His act of salvation is not a true concept for them. They know about His death on the cross but only consider it in a purely earthly way and are hardly aware of its spiritual significance.... They also do not have the inner bond with Him and therefore do not take the path to the cross, they do not feel like sinners and therefore do not ask for forgiveness of their sins either.... They do not recognize the eternal deity Himself in Jesus Christ and therefore do not call upon Him in full faith either. And therefore they remain burdened by guilt and enter the beyond with this guilt, without light and without strength, for they have not yet attained the life which can only be given to them by Jesus Christ. And then their earthly life was also an idle one and did not bring them any success, it did not bring them closer to God, Who walked across earth in the man Jesus.... These souls will be unhappy when they arrive in the kingdom of the beyond, and they will not be blissfully happy until they have taken the path to Him on the other side. But even in the kingdom of the beyond they are often unteachable when it comes to the problem of Christ, and it requires a lot of love and perseverance on the part of those who want to help them, be they beings of light or people on earth who want to help the souls. But anyone who lovingly takes care of such a soul will also succeed in imparting so much light and strength to it that it will strengthen its will and that it will listen without resistance when it is informed about Jesus Christ, and that it will now no longer resist calling upon Him for love and mercy either.... It has to find Him in the kingdom of the beyond,

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and Jesus Christ can also be found.... He comes to meet every soul, but only if it has given up its hard resistance, if it looks around helplessly and begs for salvation, if it is aware of its weakness and now listens attentively to what is conveyed to it by beings willing to help or by people on earth.... Then Jesus Christ Himself will force Himself into its thinking and truly make it easy for the soul to believe in Him.... But the **first step** has to be taken by the soul itself, and in order for it to take this first step it has to be helped by people on earth or by beings of light in the spiritual kingdom through loving intercession or through everlasting instructions. It must find its way to Jesus Christ.... otherwise there is no beatitude for it.... But it is extremely grateful to those who helped it to salvation. And precisely the great hardship awaiting such a soul in the beyond, which has not yet found Him, should prompt you humans to repeatedly mention His mission on earth, so that fellow human beings will still find Him on earth and not pass over into the spiritual kingdom without light.... so that Jesus Christ Himself will now come to meet them and open the gates to paradise.... that they will only be relieved of their great burden of sin for the time being, but only Jesus Christ Himself can take it away from them and therefore He has to be recognized and acknowledged as God and redeemer of the world....

Amen

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emember the souls who dwell in darkness and help them through a silent prayer. You all have A souls in the beyond who need your help and ask you for it, as soon as they press.... themselves into your memory you are all able to help them through your intercession. These souls are in a situation where they cannot help themselves because they lack power, and therefore pleading for help they turn to you that you may take care of them and reduce their trouble through intimate prayer. You are entitled to this power; you can turn the power towards these unfortunate beings, and they implore you for it. God's love and favour always leaves a possibility open where help can be offered to the suffering souls in the hereafter, because the souls themselves are not able to free themselves from their agonizing situation.... He only makes this liberation again dependent on the love of man. The more intimately the thoughts follow a deceased into the hereafter the easier it will be for him to release the soul of him from its idle state in the hereafter because every loving thought means supply of power for the soul, which it uses for busy activity. And that is why the soul mainly stays there where it knows men who were fond of it because it hopes for help from them since only love can offer them this help. As soon as a soul brings itself to the memory of a man on earth, this is a silent request for its intercession. But how many men hear their request?.... How quickly do men turn their thoughts away again, to earthly life, and leave the wrestling souls in their great trouble. And men are still to contribute to the redemption of all spiritual; they are to try to imagine the suffering of those unredeemed souls full of mercy and never let a soul ask in vain, because otherwise than through intercession it can no longer be helped. Innumerable souls are near earth and predominantly near men from whom they expect help. For their part they seek opportunity to force themselves into the thinking of men, and only fear that these do not pay attention to them and leave them helplessly in the same situation. Because helpless is every soul, which languishes in spiritual darkness in the hereafter, therefore help can only be offered to it when light is imparted to it, when the divine Gospel is announced to it, because the knowledge about it means light; the knowledge about it earns the soul relief, because it will immediately pass on this knowledge and therefore likewise serves in love. But to be able to serve the fellow suffering souls in love, it must possess spiritual good itself, which it wants to impart. But its state of darkness is completely unsuitable for the passing on of spiritual good, and that is why the soul asks for light; they ask for knowledge, and you men on earth can impart this to them and snatch them from their great misery, by you intimately asking God for favour and power for these suffering souls.... And so the love of the heart sends such a request upwards, God will hear the prayer and likewise give the souls in the beyond the opportunity to be lovingly active, and now the soul's spiritual ascent begins, for strength is supplied to it through the earthly person's love, and it uses this strength according to divine will....

Amen

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Intercession for the poor souls....

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The night of death surrounds all souls who, at their departure from earth, are far from God through an unloving way of life, through their affiliation with God's adversary and are therefore of

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completely wrong will. These lose their vitality with bodily death and are now completely powerless and lightless at the mercy of the powers of darkness, which try to pull them ever deeper down in the spiritual kingdom, i.e., their will becomes ever more and more serviceable to evil, and it can also unfold power downwards because this comes to it from below. But in order to let the will become active in the right direction they lack strength. And thus these souls would be irredeemably lost if loving beings did not take pity on them.... People on earth who remember them in silent intercession and convey strength to them through a prayer of love which directs their will towards good, or also beings of light which time and again come close to these powerless souls and try to persuade them to change their will. But strength can only be given to them by these beings of light when they themselves are willing to use this strength to work in love. Thus the will of these souls has to change first, and the intercession of people on earth helps to achieve this. For the soul is powerless and unable to change its will by itself. If strength is not imparted to it through intercession then it is at the mercy of the forces of darkness, and the ascent upwards, the release from the dark power, is unspeakably difficult and requires a long time. For the soul is in profound ignorance, and therefore it is also completely unwilling to change its situation in the beyond. Prayer for the erring souls in the beyond is so extremely necessary if these souls are to be helped, and people should use every opportunity for these poor souls, because people still have strength at their disposal which the suffering souls in the spiritual kingdom lack. It is an act of neighbourly love which cannot be valued highly enough when people help the souls in their greatest need, in their helplessness, because they are at the mercy of evil forces without strength and without light. Every prayer for them wrests them from those powers, and as soon as the soul has felt the benefit of a prayer given to it in love it is grateful for every help, and it also uses the power of prayer in the right way.... It turns its will away from evil, it has sensitivity for the suffering of other souls, and it begins to feel love itself the more love is given to it through people's prayer.... For loving prayer melts the hardest cover, and therefore not enough love can be given to the souls which have departed from earthly life in dark spiritual night and remain in complete powerlessness in the beyond until their fate is eased through intercession. Then the light beings' efforts to impart strength to them will also be successful as soon as the soul is willing to use this strength to work with love. For then its will is in the right direction, it strives upwards, and this will is now also taken into account. Yet people's intercession on earth is necessary for the time being so that the completely broken will will rise up and not become active in the wrong direction.... But the strength of love brings about a change of will. And then the soul will be saved, for it will begin its slow ascent, it will have escaped the powers of darkness because love is stronger and a loving prayer can snatch the soul from darkness....

Amen

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Intercession for souls in darkness....

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will show mercy to all who entrust your love to Me.... There is great hardship in the kingdom of the beyond, especially for those souls which have no advocate on earth, which are forgotten by people or have acquired so little love that they are only thought of in displeasure. All these souls have a bitter fate, they are in tormenting darkness and completely without strength so that they cannot help themselves alone and are dependent on help. They reap what they have sown, and their fate is not unjust, it is not undeserved, for such souls cannot expect anything other than what they have acquired for themselves in earthly life, where they were completely without love..... Nevertheless, they shall also be helped, and the love they lack must be offered from another side.... but which I also accept and book for the benefit of those souls.... Whatever love you give to these souls is given to them again as strength which they can now use according to their will. But a soul which receives the supply of strength through your love also knows the purpose for which it receives it, and it is so grateful for the

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help that it eagerly endeavours to increase the strength.... that it then also uses the strength to work with love. It will never reject a person's love, whereas it often resists the same efforts on the part of the world of light because it has no faith in what they tell it, for the beings of light stand before them in the same condition and are therefore not listened to. But people on earth, especially those who were close to them, achieve much more, for those unhappy souls look up to them because they see the strength of love emanating from them as a ray which is a blessing to them.... You humans have great power over those souls in darkness if you remember them with love.... if you want to help them.... For they feel this and have confidence in you and also listen to you if you reproach them or proclaim the Gospel to them. And no matter how stubborn a soul is, no matter how blind and ignorant it may be.... your love changes this state, it immediately understands you if your thoughts are filled with love, and then it also accepts.... Without love there is no progress, on earth as well as in the spiritual kingdom.... without love there is no redemption from the abyss.... And I give the souls in darkness the great grace that the love which is turned towards them from earth is recognisable as light.... as light which gives them hope and never shines in vain.... Those you remember whose adversity prompts you to call for help are truly not abandoned, for what you give to Me through your love for those souls I also pass on and also commission My messengers in the spiritual kingdom to help in a special way.... And it will not be without success. The souls in the kingdom of the beyond are only little thought of by people.... The belief in a continuation of life is not very strong, and that is why the connections are also severed for most people, the concern for spiritual well-being does not occupy them, and only few thoughts follow them.... It is also dark around people on earth, and the souls do not return there where they find nothing that is good for them.... Also remember those souls who are without intercession, call them to you in the will to help them, let your love also radiate into the depth, for a soul will always cling to this ray of light and ascend, and it will come to you from where the light shone for it.... Pray to her what she lacks.... Light and Power.... Bring My Word close to it and you have already succeeded in bringing it salvation, because My Word has such power that it always desires to hear it and will therefore always stay where it is offered food and drink which your love can make accessible to it.... And those redeemed souls will thank you eternally....

Amen

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Intercession for souls in the deep....

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You know nothing of the suffering of an unredeemed soul in the abyss, and even if it is described to you you cannot imagine it, for it is unbearable and no human being would be able to endure such torment in physical life without losing his earthly life. And yet, these souls remain in darkness where such torments are inflicted on them because they are still so stubborn and God-rejecting in their core that no other fate can blossom for them, for it is their own fault, it is a state which they could change at any time if only they wanted to, and "no injustice is done to the willing person" when he endures a fate.... if he has to endure a fate which his very resistance has brought about. Nevertheless, these souls are pitiful, for their obduracy does not allow a spark of light to flash, for they stubbornly turn away from him and often remain in their self-inflicted condition for an eternity before a slight diminution of their resistance is noticeable. But their fate cannot improve either, and therefore one can speak of 'eternal' torment and damnation if this refers to the fate of souls which dwell at the greatest distance from God and are not in the least bit willing to change their mind. But these souls also try to assert themselves and transfer their evil desires and dispositions to weak people, near whom they sometimes force themselves in order to express themselves through them. All people are beset by evil spirits, and the weaker a person is, the less he succeeds in pushing them away, and then he often becomes a victim of these evil spirits. But every man can protect himself from them by praying for such souls.... It may sound strange to you that you should still give your prayers to those who are open

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opponents of your God and father.... who rage as true devils in the kingdom of the beyond and also on earth in this last time, when hell has thrown everything out and the earth is overflowing with such evil spirits and pays tribute to them when people give in to them and their urging.... But against all evil you can protect yourselves through love.... You shall not love their evil urges, you shall not gloss over their nature or give in to their desire, but you shall know that they are worthy of mercy, that they have to suffer torments which you can relieve for them through a prayer or a loving thought, and you should not deny them this grace of a prayer or a loving thought and try to appease them, and you will truly also be spared from them, for they feel your love and desist from you because they, too, noticeably feel the grace of a prayer.... because it is even possible that they will slacken their actions and change their mind for the better.... which indeed requires conscious intercession, because such souls are already too hardened to immediately undergo a change.... But it is not hopeless, and bearing in mind that you are constantly surrounded by such evil spirits in this last time before the end, you should consciously take care of them and again and again send loving thoughts out to those beings who are truly in a pitiable state that they need help.... but through their own fault. Therefore, success cannot always be expected but no prayer is without an effect of strength and therefore no prayer is in vain.... it helps to deliver souls from the abyss if it is intended for such beings which cannot be delivered from the abyss without help. Therefore don't be afraid of their afflictions, to which you are all exposed, but only meet them with good thoughts and a loving will to help, and they will feel this and leave you out for the time being in order to then no longer leave you when they feel that redeeming strength emanates from you. You have so many possibilities to be active in a redeeming way, and if you don't do it consciously then already a compassionate thought is enough for those souls from the abyss who cannot muster the strength and the will to release themselves from the abyss without help. First their resistance must be broken, and this requires love.... You humans cannot be expected to love such beings from the abyss because you are incapable of such love. But you should be filled with deep compassion when you think of the immeasurable torments these beings are exposed to. And you should try to alleviate them, and you can do so through compassionate thoughts and the will to help them. The nature of their torment cannot be described to you but the fact that they have to endure unspeakable torment is certain, and this should spur you on to loving intercession in the will to bring them help. And the sphere around you will be cleansed, for they will all desist from you who are recognizable to them as friends through your light and the strength which emanates from you.... In this way you can accomplish much redemptive work which will one day earn you great thanks in eternity....

Amen

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Gratitude of the souls redeemed by prayer in the hereafter....

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he more willing man is to help the souls in the hereafter, the more intimately these souls join man again, because they recognize in him the rescuer out of their trouble. They only then loosen the connection with earth when they no longer need the help of men, when they are so to speak more mature than those and now connect with the souls in the hereafter, which are in the same state of maturity. But then they again stand by man helpfully, however no longer desiring earth nearness, but they seek to pull up the thoughts of men into the spiritual kingdom; they seek to guide the spirit of man away from earth upwards, because they are happier in that kingdom and earth has lost all attraction for them. But they do not forget men on earth, and they especially helpfully stand by those who have reduced their state of suffering and have redeemed them out of their trouble and torment through prayer and intimate remembrance. When these souls are redeemed then much power is available to them themselves, which they can supply to the earth man, and the wrestling of him on earth will become easier and easier, and his spiritual progress will be easily recognizable. Because now the redeemed souls draw from an inexhaustible spring.... It is their happiness to be able to help, and their love will turn towards men on earth, who still have to fight for the salvation of their souls. They now give their thanks in the same way; they help the unredeemed that it becomes free from its bondage. How easy men can make the striving up for themselves when they have acquired the love of the beings on the other side through their willingness to help and their love is.... now rewarded to them. Then men can enter the hereafter in a state of light, and the agonizing state of imperfect beings remains spared to them. Because this is also spiritual good, what man acquires on earth.... He finds again his loved ones in the hereafter; there is no separation of those, who were united in love on earth and whose love was also not over with the death of the body.... Inner understanding and blissful love also now unites the beings, because the same spiritual state of maturity is the effect of mutual loving remembrance. What it means to have contributed to the redemption of a soul, that will only be understandable to the souls in the hereafter, when both the state of happiness as well as the state of suffering comes.... to the awareness of the being And that is why also the redeemed being in the hereafter is always prepared to help the unredeemed, and its love extends to the kingdom on the other side as well as to earth. And that is why men on earth are to acquire friends in the hereafter through their constant readiness to help the souls, which still depend on their help and love. Because what they do for them out of love will be repaid to them many times over.....

Amen

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The soul's continuation of life after death....

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You can be certain that you will live even if your body falls prey to death.... But the state of your life after your physical death depends on yourselves, whether your life will be a happy one which could truly be called life, or whether you will find yourselves in darkness and helplessness which are comparable to death, albeit you will remain conscious of your existence and therefore will have to suffer agonies. But it will never be the case that you will completely cease to exist, that you will no longer be self-aware and that your existence will be obliterated. And precisely because you

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continue to exist you ought to ensure that you create a happy situation for yourselves while you are still living on this earth. Your future fate in the kingdom of the beyond is a matter of your very own will, since you create it yourselves by your way of life on earth. If it is a life of selfless love for other people you can also be sure that a blissful fate will await you.... But if you only live to please yourselves, if you lack this love for your neighbour and therefore also for God, you can expect a painful fate indeed. Then you will be poor and wretched because you will lack everything.... light, strength and freedom, and all you will experience is indescribable torment.

The fact that you humans on earth have such little faith in life after death also determines your conduct, for you are irresponsible towards your soul because you do not believe that it will continue to live after your body has passed away. And you do not believe that the soul is, after all, your real Self. It will feel exactly the same as it did during its earthly life, it will long for happiness and light and suffer bitter regret once it has gained but a glimmer of light whereby it recognises its real task on earth and in retrospect blames itself dreadfully for not having fulfilled it.... Whereas souls who may enter the spheres of light will sing praises and give thanks and are able to occupy themselves in full strength and freedom for their own happiness.

The soul will never perish, but how it will experience its continued existence is decided by people themselves while they are still on earth. For this time was given to you in order to improve the state of your soul which, at the beginning of its embodiment, is still rather imperfect. Hence, the work of the human soul should consist of providing for itself a true, immortal 'life', so that one day it can enter in freedom and light the kingdom where it can be active in accordance with its state of maturity, which is in fact possible at various degrees but which can only be called 'life' when it is allowed to enter the kingdom of light. But it is also possible that the soul will still be as imperfect at the end of its earthly life as it was at the beginning. Indeed, it can even have grown darker, and then its state will be comparable to the state of death, for it will have misused its earthly life, it won't have taken advantage of the grace of embodiment, and yet, it will not pass away.... This is a very sad, pitiful situation and yet, it is its own fault, because only the human being's will decides the soul's fate, and this will is free. If only people believed that they will continue to exist after the death of their body.... they would live more responsibly on earth and endeavour to ascend from the deepest abyss.... But no person can be forced into faith, yet everyone will be helped in order to become a believer....

Amen

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Remember the soul after death.... Pitiful figures in the afterlife....

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hat your soul desires, that shall be supplied to it.... But do you pay attention to your soul's desire? You fulfil the body's demands but leave the soul's desire unfulfilled. And thus it will happen that your real self will enter the beyond in utmost poverty and weakness, for you do nothing during your earthly life to nourish and strengthen the soul; it starves and begs and is an unhappy being, while the well-fed body remains behind and perishes. If you could see the wretched figures in the hereafter who have passed over in this way, you would be terrified and turn away in horror. And yet the same fate awaits you if you have led the same earthly life as they. Earthly life will pass very quickly, and what you humans have striven for and perhaps even achieved you will have to leave behind or it will be destroyed during your lifetime, and then you will have to ruefully realise that you left a time of grace unused which could have brought you spiritual success of immeasurable value.... You make a lot of mistakes during this short time of earthly life and yet you are constantly reminded and admonished to remember your soul which lives on when you have to leave your body.... Why don't you pay attention to these indications, why don't you follow the admonitions of those who want to help you in spiritual adversity.... why do you only turn your eyes to the world and don't even look within yourselves so that the soul's adversity would become apparent to you? You pay rich tribute to the world, that is, to God's adversary, but you do not make the small sacrifice of providing nourishment for the soul, which consists of the Word of God..... Therefore **you** cannot expect mercy when you enter the spiritual kingdom, you will have to accept the fate you have prepared for the soul on earth yourselves.... Hunger and thirst, darkness and torment.... For it cannot reap what it did not sow on earth. It can indeed still be saved in the beyond, yet what dreadful torments precede its salvation; how immeasurably difficult it is to persuade a soul to change its will, which was completely wrongly directed on earth. The soul cannot be given what it did not acquire.... And it has to struggle unspeakably in order to achieve an improvement of its situation.

It will achieve it if it wants to, but the will is so dreadfully weak and only great love can help it up. And how rarely does a soul find such love.... because love has grown cold on earth and is therefore followed by little love.... If you humans knew about the hardship of these souls they would take pity on you and let your love flare up, yet you lack faith in it and cannot be given to you against your will.... Yet time and again divine love calls to you: Remember your souls.... Do not let them live in want in earthly life because you are preparing an agonising fate for yourselves in eternity.... Remember the life of the soul after death, so that you do not have to think back in painful remorse of the unused time on earth. Work and create for your soul, so that you may live forever....

Amen

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