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'I bestow My grace upon the humble....'

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My strength is made perfect in weakness But that does not mean that a person's faith may be weak, instead, it entirely concerns the humility of heart, so that a person recognises himself as

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

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

Amen

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What is grace....

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Desire divine grace and life will bring you fulfilment, for you will have matured in soul and spirit and will not have lived earthly life in vain. And those who are in the grace of God are to be called incomparably rich, even though their earthly life is rich in privations. For what they lack for the well-being of the body is often offered to them for the soul. It is unspeakably valuable to know that

one is under divine protection, and whoever lives in grace is protected by the lord from every danger to his soul, and every gift of grace increases the person's spiritual capacity and brings the soul closer to its goal, the union with its spirit from God. How unspeakably poor, on the other hand, is the person who believes he can manage without divine grace; his life is empty in spiritual terms and he always walks on level ground but never ascends. For divine grace is the epitome of divine guidance.... He who asks for grace will not be left without it, and to receive divine grace means to be relieved of all personal responsibility, for the lord Himself takes His earthly child by the hand and leads it because it has confessed its will to Him and entrusted itself to Him.... "Take me and protect me, I want nothing other than to be led by You....", so your prayer shall resound in the spirit.... And the father in heaven will not let His child walk alone from now on. He will receive all strength, for this is the lord's grace, that He gives him what he lacks.... right realization, strong will and strength to carry out everything He asks of His earthly child. Thus, anyone who avails himself of grace will also be able to fulfil what is demanded of him, i.e. the body will take the soul's desire into account and this will no longer be directed towards earthly possessions and well-being but solely and exclusively towards its union with the divine spirit. And this is the effect of grace which everyone can observe in himself who implores the father in heaven for grace in fervent prayer. Grace is everything that helps you spiritually.... grace is every thought which is imparted to you and which points you upwards.... grace is every experience that touches you spiritually.... grace is the union of spiritually related people.... and grace is every word that reaches you from above.... Everything that helps you to separate yourselves from the world is divine favour, and you are to ask for it without ceasing, for it is at your disposal unmeasured, but your will must itself be directed towards it, and your heart must childlike humbly approach the father in heaven for it, then you will still achieve great things on earth, and your end will be a happy one....

Amen

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What are 'means of grace'?....

B.D. No. 6831

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In the last days before the end I will pour out My blessings in abundance. I will use all means of help just to awaken you to life before the end because I know what spiritual death involves for you when the end has come. You yourselves take no measures to bring your soul to life and completely blindly walk towards the abyss from which I, however, want to pull you back in order to spare you an even more dreadful fate. But since your free will has to be left to you I can only ever try to influence this will to change the direction of your goal yourselves, to turn around before it is too late. And therefore all means which intend to favourably influence your will are blessings.... gifts which you certainly don't deserve because you are still resisting Me, but which My love nevertheless gives to you because I take pity on your deluded state. And the abundance of My grace will pour itself out over you humans the more the end approaches. Every person will be placed into situations where his own strength, his earthly abilities, won't suffice to cope with them; every person will be urged by providence to take refuge in Me. I will not bypass anyone without knocking at the door of his heart. However, given that his will is always decisive My gifts of grace will rarely be noticed because the human being's thoughts vastly digress from Me and I will not force him to think differently. Daily life, however, provides people with so many indications that all people's bodies will die, and even if the individual person is not affected himself his fellow human being's fate should nevertheless cause him to think about his own death and influence his will to comply with his actual purpose of life beforehand.... Then he will also try to discover it, in which case he will already have used one blessing for his benefit....

But what do people understand as 'blessings'? They often believe that they only need to use external means in order to gain a wealth of grace.... They don't realise that gifts of grace are offerings which only need to be used in order to help a person to ascend. They call ecclesiastical customs and traditions 'means of grace' which help them achieve beatitude and ignore My gifts of grace given copiously by My love and leave them unused.... as long as they do not seriously strive towards

changing their nature and thereby also demonstrate that their will is directed towards Me. For the work of improving yourselves has to be done or a change of nature cannot take place. And it is My will that you should still achieve this before the end, that you should seriously decide to want to live a life of love, I only want that you , who live without love, won't continue on the path you have travelled so far.... All My means of grace, adversity and misery, disease and worry, all kinds of misfortunes and other harsh strokes of fate always only serve the purpose of making you realise your own weakness and to deliberately look for the bond with Me in order to then establish it through kind-hearted activity.... Then the means of grace will not have been without success, then they will have been used by you and then you will not have to fear the end either, because your path will no longer lead to the abyss but you will strive towards the right goal, to Me Myself, Who can only be reached through love. However, what you so often describe as means of grace is worthless as long as it does not motivate you to live a life of love. But love will be kindled in you as soon as you try to unite with Me.... And this is why My loving care only relates to your change of will, which is still held captive by the world, by My adversary.... If you are able to direct this will to Me then I will also have reached the goal, and you will have escaped the great danger of being devoured by the abyss in the end.... And everything that will still come upon you humans shall only bring about your change of will, so that it will turn away from My adversary and towards Me.... Then you will be saved for all eternity....

Amen

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Measure of grace unlimited.... no preferential treatment of the individual....

B.D. No. 4813

January 5th 1950

You will always be granted the measure of grace you want to accept, i.e. let it become effective in you. I am always ready to pour out grace upon every person, yet not all are willing to accept it, to open themselves to the flow of grace and to bathe in it. How often are you surrounded by My grace, how often do I pour out the cornucopia of My grace over the earth, and everyone is entitled to take possession of it. Yet My gift of grace is only rarely valued as a gift of love from Me of utmost success. And that is why people's development on earth varies so much, that is why there are so many stages of maturity, and that is why many people remain at the bottom while others ascend to the highest height, because ever more grace beckons to them the higher they ascend. My love, however, embraces all My creatures, and therefore I consider none of them meagre.... They can all take as much as they want from Me but they don't want much, that is, only a few have recognized the value of My blessings and enrich themselves with them, because they are not limited in receiving blessings, because they constantly work on themselves and thus also let the blessings take effect. However, I do not force grace on anyone.... I also give it to those who don't desire it of their own accord, I offer it to them, but then the human being's will first has to be willing to accept My gift, otherwise it will remain completely ineffective, thus they will not have received any grace in reality. The fact that the influx of grace is evident in a few people should not justify the conclusion that I give extraordinary consideration to these people, that they are destined to achieve great things according to My choice and that I therefore shower them with grace.... The will of these people was ready to work with My grace for My glory.... This is why they were also able to draw immeasurably from the source of grace which My love has made accessible to **every** person. Yet anyone who avails himself of My grace can achieve everything on earth which is his spiritual aim. For to receive My grace means to do nothing without Me anymore, to request and achieve every assistance from Me and to constantly be under My special protection.... He lives in My grace, I look upon him favourably, for his thoughts often seek Me in the awareness that I am his most faithful friend and father Who provides him with abundant gifts of grace. No human being on earth needs to manage without grace, that is, I am always ready to help where My help is needed, because My mercy and My love applies to all My living creations whom I want to help to beatitude; anyone who accepts My grace will become blissfully happy, yet anyone who rejects it will be hopelessly lost for all eternity, because no-one can escape spiritual death without My help....

Effectiveness of grace dependent on the will of man....

B.D. No. 4949

August 12th 1950

Examine yourselves to what extent you are willing to be instructed in the truth. And if you seriously request it you will receive it, for then I, as the eternal truth, will also come close to you humans because your desire will then also apply to Me. And I alone am able to reveal things to you which human intellect cannot fathom. I alone can give you information on questions which human intellect is unable to answer. And I will also do so as soon as you ask Me for it and let My spirit work in you so that I can speak through it: I will draw you to Me through My grace.... for without My grace you will not find the path to Me, without My grace you lack strength. Hence the flow of My love has to pour out upon you and I have to pour out My grace upon you in fullest measure. Since I now love all My living creations, all My living creations will also receive equal attention from Me, yet not all of them are equally **willing** to accept My gift of grace and therefore determine the measure of grace which takes effect in them. Since I gave you a test to pass as free-willed people, it is understandable that this will may not be influenced by Me in any way.... Therefore, if the grace given to you were immediately and unhindered effective it would be like a compulsion on My living creations; thus grace would **have to** shape them into the beings they once were and shall become again. And My love would be the guarantee that all creations would be redeemed in no time at all, because My grace is exceedingly effective. The being would then have become through **My** will, through My help, but what it should and also can become through free will if it accepts My help. Consequently, I also have to make the effectiveness of My grace dependent on the human being's will turned towards Me in order to eliminate a spiritual imperfection. Thus the effectiveness of My grace is certain if it is desired, however, for an unwilling person who is still turned away from Me the grace remains ineffective until he willingly turns to Me again, from Whom he once willingly separated himself. My grace can be used without measure, My bestowal of grace knows no limit and ensures the spiritual ascent, the spiritual maturity, for the willing person in a short time. Thus every person would have to become irrevocably blessed if I had not imposed a condition for effectiveness which only consists of the will turned towards Me, of the conscious striving towards Myself. The flow of grace can therefore exert its effect if it is not resisted, so that the human being's will can also change if grace touches him and he surrenders to its effect without resistance.... if his will is therefore undecided as to where it should turn, thus the decision of will downwards has not yet taken place. The latter feels seized by My grace and its effect will be obvious and also recognized for what it is.... as an act of mercy by the eternal love Which wants to win back Its creations. A soul without resistance, even if it has not yet found the path to Me, feels the effect of grace and submits to it, a soul turned towards Me is impelled by it towards Me, but a soul still opposed to Me remains unaffected by grace because it may not be forced to give up its resistance but should do so of its own free will in order to become blissfully happy. Grace and will therefore relate to each other in such a way that the will determines the effect of grace but not grace the direction of the will. For I do not make the human being's will unfree through My love and mercy, but just as I never helplessly hand the human being over to the opposing force but again and again approach him with My grace so that he will test its effect, i.e. give up his resistance against Me and allow himself to be drawn by Me in order to also obviously experience the effect of My grace. I **help** everyone through My grace but I don't force anyone to let it take effect but leave the human being's will fullest freedom....

Amen

Spiritual standstill sets in when the human being's will is too weak to overcome obstacles. No further progress can be made anymore. Although everything depends on God's grace, the human being must participate in order to become richly blessed, he must use his will and appeal for strength, then he will strive towards ascent. No way exists which excludes the human being's will, and thus he must activate his will first. No person can be released from this. Were God's grace designated to come **first**, the human being would be released from actively using his will. And this is an error which, in turn, results in further errors. God's grace and mercy certainly take hold of a person by providing him with every opportunity for his final deliverance. For it is an inconceivable grace on the part of God that the human being may travel the path of earthly life in order to return to Him again But in the stage of free will, only free will is decisive as to whether or not he will receive further blessings; otherwise life on earth would not be a probationary period which the human being has to pass. God wants to convey the pure truth to earth. Thus He must clarify where people are mistaken or have erred. He must rectify that which hitherto has been misunderstood, for He wants to separate the truth from the untruth. If the human being resists God's effort to guide him into truth he also actively uses his will but in a God-opposing way and he can never become enlightened. God gave the human being the ability to think things through and to make a free decision. This is God's grace again, nevertheless, the free decision depends on the human being's will in turn, thus a person must **want** God's grace to take effect in him His will opens the heart to become receptive for God's grace, and his will must also make use of God's grace It is this clear realisation which lets a person develop a sense of responsibility in the first place, whereas the hitherto wrong attitude that the human being is incapable of doing anything without divine grace that this motivates the human will in the first place weakens his urge to be active. In that case one could not speak of a person's free will, if God Himself were to influence this will by conveying His grace. Unlimited means of help are certainly at a person's disposal, thus it is made easy for him to let his will become active, yet the latter must be done by the person himself of his own accord. The actual purpose of life is for a human being to make a decision for or against God of his own free will Consequently, God will never precipitate this decision by determining the human being's will, for this would truly defeat the purpose of life on earth. This is why people are repeatedly informed so that they will pay attention and release themselves from that which is mistaken, and from those human ideas and human interpretations which became erroneous without consciously intending to spread error. Yet precisely this interpretation, that God Himself determines the human being's will, carries much weight for it leads to wrong thinking. Neither the Deity can be properly recognised nor does it strengthen the human being's sense of responsibility He will ultimately only rely on divine grace, which seizes the person depending on divine will which flows to him, providing that God has intended to bestow grace upon him. But in that case he could not be held accountable if he does **not** reach the goal given to him at the beginning of his embodiment. The crucial point can only be found in free will; however, anyone who argues the human being's free will regards himself as a puppet which is always and forever guided by a higher Power without taking any kind of active part in it. God's wisdom and love prevents a restriction of will, otherwise higher development would be impossible for the human soul and the long process on earth would be unnecessary if God's will were to select the aspirants for God's kingdom by conveying His grace to them, which people would subsequently seize and thus be safely guided by it into the kingdom of heaven.

Amen

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Supplement to Nr. 1937: recognize - want.... grace....

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The path through earthly existence is the only possibility to shape the being to such an extent that it can recognize God in the stage as man and is therefore able to imagine something being-like and

to make contact with this being-like. The being must now also utilize this ability in order to establish the connection with God. being able to recognize and wanting to affirm.... that is the purpose of the being's stay on earth. The former is a gift of grace from God. But the being must want to affirm the deity as man himself. God can never release him from this, as otherwise the purpose on earth would be missed, which consists in the activity of the will. But the realization of the origin and the goal also allows the will to become active, consequently God's grace is indeed indirectly helpful to the human being to also will.... but the slightest resistance to it renders divine grace ineffective, and resistance is wrong will. The will will always express itself in the embodiment as man, only often the other way round, i.e. in a God-opposed sense, although everything that surrounds man bears witness to the divine creator and this therefore should be enough to also let the will become active in the right way. If God's grace would also direct this will in divine order then the world would be redeemed, for then there would truly no longer be a being to whom divine love would not want to bestow this grace. Hence all people would have to come to realization during their earthly existence and all people would have to strive towards God.... Or God would have to be denied excessive love and mercy if He let one or the other being fall and therefore did not cause them to want the right thing. Such erroneous views often arise among people, and it is far more difficult to remove such an error from the world than to spread it in the world. But in order to be able to recognize God, the lie, the error, must absolutely be eliminated, because a confused thinking of man does not contribute to directing the will towards God. God has to be recognized as infinitely loving, wise and omnipotent, only then will faith be present, only then will love for this supremely perfect being become active and out of this love also love for His living creations. Only then will man be able to recognize and will God correctly of his own accord, and only then will he be able to redeem himself completely from the bondage that was the result of his wrong will....

Amen

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Will and grace.... (Which comes first?....)

B.D. No. 2468

September 9th 1942

Divine love seeks to enlighten people and people don't accept the light.... However, the human being has free will, therefore he cannot forcibly be guided into realisation; thus the grace of God flowing to a person is not used because his will resists it. Consequently, the will must come first.... God's grace can only become effective if the human being is willing to let it take effect in him. The world is in spiritual darkness, for although God constantly wants to help people with His grace, they pay no attention to it and remain dark and unenlightened.... For this reason people must learn in different ways how little they are enlightened by God's spirit.... They themselves must come across contradictions on the part of those they presume to possess truth and light.... They must see themselves confronted by questions the answers to which are beyond their knowledge, so that they will then take the path towards realisation of their own accord. For God's love and care constantly guide His living creations such that they can find the truth if the will for it arises in them. The gifts of the spirit are truly the only guarantee for pure truth, and anything that does not concur with it can unhesitatingly be rejected as falsehood. Spiritual gifts must be interconnected; they must provide clear and understandable explanations about God's activity and reign in the universe, in the earthly as well as in the spiritual realm.... But they must also be accepted as such, that is, their divine origin must be acknowledged if they are to effect a person as a manifestation of God's strength. For the gifts of the spirit are gifts of grace, offered by God's greater than great love to people to make the path of ascent easier for them.... But these gifts of grace can only be effective if the human being accepts them as such, if he does not offer resistance by rejecting them but faithfully allows their effect on him, and this requires his will. If, however, he offers resistance, that is, if he inwardly rejects them, the effect is out of the question, otherwise a person would be guided into light, i.e., into knowledge, against his will, which would curtail his freedom of will. Grace is an endowment, thus it is a gift the human being is not entitled to; nevertheless, God expects people to respect His gift of grace, he expects it to be

appealed for and gratefully received if it is to take effect as grace.... Consequently, it is also right to say that God's grace comes first; however, if the grace is ineffective people will not feel it as grace either....

Amen

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Is the will first or grace....

B.D. No. 8969

April 26th 1965

Let yourselves be satisfied with My favour, because I give it to you abundantly, because you can only become happy through favour. And I want that you are always aware of it, which gift of favour earth life is for you, but which only brings you on the right way when you also evaluate it as such, because likewise you can let it pass you by unused, and you stand there where you stood at the beginning of your embodiment; it has been an idle run for you. And highest and most valuable of My gifts of favour is My word, which you are able to hear at any time when you desire to hear it. But deep in the heart you must desire it, then your spiritual ear is opened, and you hear Me, and you will be happy, because you then enter the original state; your way is no longer far to perfection, where My word sounded to you and you were immeasurably happy. That is why you must always let your will become active, so that you also accept the favours, which are offered to you.... Therefore the **will** is the **first**, and whether the favours also go to you unmeasured.... if the **will** is not **prepared** to accept and evaluate them, then you draw no benefit from it, and your state does not change; you remain imperfect, as you were at the beginning of your embodiment. Therefore it is **wrong** to say that I hand out the favours according to **My discretion**, because the same measure of favours is at your disposal, otherwise I Myself would **determine** the perfection of My creatures.... This thought is so wrong that I Myself have 'chosen you to become blessed or to be damned'.... when this is determined solely by your **free will**. Enough information has already been given to you about the freedom of will, so that you can refute every such objection. And yet it is held by those who, on the basis of misunderstood scriptural passages, make such assertions as, "It is God Who works in you the willing and the doing.... according to His good pleasure." This scripture, too, is completely misinterpreted if you thereby believe that I accomplish **everything** according to **My will**.... I work well in you because you could do nothing without receiving the power from Me. It was also I Who endowed you with free will, but you must bring this will to fruition yourselves, and I therefore provide you with a measure of grace, which also earns you perfection with certainty if you use it, but for which the will must always first be ready. And that is why you carry a great responsibility, and both the light beings as well as the powers of darkness fight for your will, the one to turn the will towards Me and to make it completely inclined towards good, while the endeavour of the dark powers is to give your will a wrong direction, therefore away from Me, and so prevent you to strive for perfection. But nevertheless you will be able to receive an abundance of grace at any time, because this can cause your will that you use it right, and it always only depends on whether you recognize Me as the source of grace.... then your will will also be ready.... And if therefore My word is offered to you, which is conducted to earth in an unusual way, then every man could recognize it as an unusual favour, because also the intellect only needed to ask itself how it comes about, and it would have to make man think.... But if he still rejects it, then his will is directed against it, and this will is decisive.... Then he does not pass the test of will, and accordingly is also his lot in eternity, if he does not still change there and slowly comes to knowledge....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Earthwalking, act of grace.... return to God....

B.D. No. 6096

November 2nd 1954

It is an immeasurable act of grace by God that you are allowed to live on this earth as a human being, for you have an **undeserved** opportunity to regain possession of the light and strength you

once voluntarily relinquished. Your sin against eternal love was so immense that eternal damnation would have been the just punishment for it, for you rebelled against the highest and most perfect being to Whom you owed your existence, Whose greater than great love called you into being. You rejected this love.... you showed enmity towards Him Who only gave you unlimited love. And thereby you created a gulf between Him and you which could never be bridged by you, and thus your fate would have been eternal separation from God, which is equal to eternal damnation in darkness and torment....

But God's love did not give up on you.... it found ways and means to reduce the distance between Him and you in order to guide you to Himself again. And this also includes earthly life as a human being, which is therefore a special act of grace by God, because without your own merit you were guided onto a path which leads directly back to God if you live it in accordance with God's will.... if you subordinate your will to God's will for the duration of your earthly life. All memory of your fall is taken from you.... As independent beings you are only confronted with one decision: to want, to think and to act good or bad.... You are sinful because of your former rebellion against God.... but you can make up for this sin, you can become free of it, if you do not **oppose** God during your life on earth but consciously **turn** to Him.... if your will is good.... Then your walk on earth will also be good, it will correspond to God's will, and you will have passed the test of will.... you have confessed **God** to Whom you once stood in enmity.

God's greater than great love created this opportunity for you to return to Him again in order to be able to receive light and strength in abundance and to attain your original state again. It is an act of grace of which you can only make yourselves worthy by making use of it, by allowing His infinite love to take effect on you and reciprocating it through your complete submission.... for you would never accomplish the return to Him of your own strength, and only this undeserved grace of embodiment as a human being can make the return to God possible, which therefore cannot be valued highly enough and which is only properly recognized when the soul is in the state of light and strength again.... Only then does it recognize what it was, what it is and what it is yet to become.... Only then will it also recognize God's infinite love, which it once resisted, and then it will love Him with all intimacy and also find its beatitude in this love....

Amen

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Spiritual rebirth.... grace....

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The act of grace of spiritual rebirth is evidence of the rightly utilized free will.... For this spiritual rebirth is not accomplished by divine will, otherwise no human being would remain in spiritual darkness, because God loves every one of His living creations and this love never grows cold. But the spiritual rebirth is a sign of progress, it is a step towards perfection, and this can only be achieved in free will. Nevertheless, the spiritual rebirth is an act of grace, i.e. divine grace has brought it about, for without grace the human being is incapable of progressing even one step further on the path of perfection. So free will has evaluated the divine grace available to the human being in the right way, he has let it work on him, free will has desired it and received it, and the effect of divine grace is spiritual rebirth. Hence, only someone who has consciously turned his will towards God, who strives towards Him and enters into contact with Him through heartfelt prayer and who therefore opens himself to receive His gift of grace.... His word and with the word of His power.... And thus the awakening of the spirit in man is an act of grace.... a manifestation of divine love, which now reveals itself to the human being through His spirit. Without the human being's will the awakening of the spirit does not come about unless the soul is bound by the strong power of satan, who controls it against its will.... In that case God can break satan's power and liberate the spirit in the human being without his conscious intervention, since in such a possessed state he is deprived of his free will. Nevertheless, the soul then already has a certain maturity and is no longer resistant to God, thus as soon as the human being can dispose of his will again, he also turns to God. Then God's grace appears

even more obviously, because at the same time the revival of the spirit is connected with a healing of the sick, which must always be considered (evaluated?) as a gift of grace from God. But once the spiritual rebirth has taken place the human being's will has to remain constantly active, the human being has to constantly ask for the influx of grace, he has to constantly open himself to this grace and make use of it, because the awakening of the spirit actually means a constant receipt of that which God's love bestows upon people for the attainment of perfection.... And all this is grace.... but it can only ever be received by the human being if he opens himself to it of his own free will. Free will requests grace, free will accepts it, grace again awakens the spirit to life, and the spirit's activity is again the imparting of gifts of grace.... For everything divine, if it is made accessible to the human being, is grace, because the human being in his lower state of maturity is not worthy to come into contact with divine gifts. Yet God's love overlooks the human being's unworthiness and grants him divine gifts as soon as the human being is willing to accept them. The will is manifested through prayer and through loving activity, for the latter is the direct connection with God which increasingly earns the human being grace.

(23.9.1944) If the human being is spiritually reborn, God's grace has therefore become effective in him, and then the human being will also remain in His grace, for the spirit now guides and leads him and stimulates him into constant activity of love, as a result of which God's grace constantly flows to him. And therefore a spiritually reborn person can no longer fall, he can no longer distance himself from God because this is prevented by divine grace, by God's love, which keeps and constantly cares for the human being. The human being truly does not deserve the abundance of grace which is at his disposal, for as long as he lives on earth he is not so good and perfect that he would be entitled to claim it, yet he can become so if he uses grace, for it is the means at the human being's disposal to become perfect. Everything that helps the human being to develop upwards can be called grace. And so suffering is also a grace which, if used properly, can bring infinite blessings and ensure spiritual progress for the soul. Suffering must also be accepted by a person whose spirit has awakened to life, who is therefore spiritually reborn, for suffering is meant to mature him, it is meant to purify him, because no soul, not even the spiritually reborn, is already so clear and pure that it no longer needs a purification process. And that is why suffering is also to be regarded as grace, like everything else that helps the spiritually awakened to higher development. For to attain the highest possible maturity on earth should be the aim of the one who is spiritually reborn. But without God's grace he cannot reach the aim, but with His grace he is able to do everything. God, however, leaves it up to him which measure of grace he wants to acquire, which measure of grace he requests and wants to receive by opening himself. The spiritually reborn person, however, will not slacken in prayer for the granting of grace, and therefore he will constantly strive towards God and be seized by His love, which will never ever let him fall but constantly help his soul to ascend....

Amen

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Grace of inner enlightenment....

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The grace of inner enlightenment will be granted to all those who intimately unite with Me and approach Me for pure truth. First of all, this requires the human being's will and desire for truth, which, however, only very few can muster. If this will and desire for truth were more present amongst people then the spiritual development would truly be different, because the right realization would be widely spread through the agreement of the thoughts of all who are of enlightened spirit. The realization of truth would also result in strong faith and an effect of love would already be noticeable when the bond with Me is established, otherwise the desire for truth would not have awakened, for a person without love has no interest in truth. Thus one thing comes out of the other.... I Myself must be acknowledged for the first time, thus faith in Me must be present. This is also connected with the belief that I, as the most perfect and most powerful being, know everything and can do everything, thus I can also transfer knowledge to a person, and therefore in this belief he asks Me to enlighten his

spirit. Admittedly, he first means his intellect that I should give him clarity, and to a certain extent I certainly also enlighten his thinking, yet it is always the spirit from Me which also influences his intellect, because without My spirit the intellect cannot impart what it does not possess itself. But if a person asks for something from his friend he will also comply with his friend's will in order to make him inclined or also in order to express his love and gratitude to him.... Thus the human being will also endeavour to please Me and prove this through his way of life, he will give love himself because he feels love for Me which also prompts his request for enlightenment of spirit. It is not possible to think of one without the other, for this is also governed by a law which may not be overturned. Nevertheless, man still has a second possibility.... he can also receive the right knowledge from outside, through My messengers or through scriptures.... Admittedly, it still remains dead knowledge for him, which is only received by the intellect, until he fulfils these very conditions himself: Faith in Me, love and desire for truth.... But he can be mentally stimulated by this dead knowledge and make a cognitive effort to be active in love.... he can **want** to believe, even if only tentatively, and strive to do what is right.... and knowledge will gain life in him, it will make him happy, My spirit will start to work in him and he will find his way to Me, driven by his heart, not by his intellect. He has made use of the opportunity and has just come to the right wisdom again through faith in Me, through loving activity and desire for truth, otherwise he would not have allowed himself to be tied down by such problems which have now been properly solved. I let Myself be found by anyone who earnestly seeks Me.... Therefore only the will is necessary which has to turn towards **Me**, the being Which every human being well suspects but which not everyone wants to acknowledge.... Yet as long as he consciously turns away from Me I cannot influence him to change him compulsorily. **He must come to Me of his own accord....** Then he will receive everything he desires, for I truly act like a father towards My living creations whom I want to transform into My children, and I will not deny anyone anything which could help him achieve this, for I love them and also want to see My love reciprocated....

Amen

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Exceeding grace of God is His address....

B.D. No. 8867

October 13th 1964

The grace to hear Myself is so immeasurably great that you are not able to grasp it. I Myself, your God and father, incline towards you humans and address you.... The highest spirit of infinity, the creator of all that is.... the controller of all events.... Who rules on earth as well as in heaven.... Who created the whole universe.... Who speaks to you men, who are the original spirits fallen away from Him, and He therefore speaks to you to cause your return to Him.... He does not give you up in eternity, and whether you still remain in the distance from Him for eternities.... My love towards you is boundless, and that is why it does not rest before it has not succeeded in the work of return, before the last fallen away spiritual has not been redeemed, before also the lost son has not returned into the father - house.... But that you men can establish this connection with Me, that is the greatest miracle.... that I Myself incline towards you and hold dialogue with you, who are still far away from your perfection! I speak to all of you and make My will known to you, which only consists of you changing yourselves back to what you were in the beginning. And you all can hear Me when you listen to the vessel.... the person whom I have chosen to be able to address you **all**. I only require of you that you open your hearts to Me, that not only your ear hears the words but the heart can hear Me.... and that you now also comply with it, that you now comply with My will and live such that you change yourselves.... that you transform the selfish love in you into pure, unselfish love and thereby come close to your perfection. It is an unusual gift of favour, which I offer to each of you, and one day you will bitterly regret it, if you completely pass it by. Because there is no longer much time left for you until the end, and not to have made use of the last great favour will throw you far back, and in the end the new banishment will again be your lot. And I want to spare you that, that is why you are also to lend your ear to those who bring you My messages, who I have appointed to send you admonitions

and warnings and who have the right from Me to be allowed to call themselves My messengers, whom I always and constantly instruct and who are to do the same to you so that you also learn about My will and seek to fulfil it. In which trouble you are, that you do not know, because the world cannot offer you what your soul demands. It can only **hinder** you to satisfy the soul's desire. And the soul is in great spiritual trouble, because earth life is soon over, and the soul was not respected. Its state in the kingdom of the beyond is therefore miserable; it stands naked and bare at the gate to the hereafter and has nothing to show of spiritual goods.... And I want to remedy this great spiritual misery and address all of you. But since you possess free will I cannot persuade you to accept it, but you should always bear in mind the fact that you are in possession of a great grace when your God and father Himself addresses you, and that one day you will have to answer for yourselves whether you have made use of this grace.... For once you must accomplish the transformation to perfection, and if you do not achieve it in this earthly life, then you run the risk of having to go through matter once more.... But this is so dreadful that I use all means to move you to this change before, so that the fate of new banishment does not hit you when the end has come....

Amen

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God's word most effective gift of grace....

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April 13th 1951

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

But the most effective gift of grace, the gift from which you can directly draw strength, is My word, the outpouring of My strength of love and thus the surest means to reach ascent. I have bestowed My blessing upon this word, and everyone who accepts it experiences the wonderful effect of My word on himself. You humans all need a lot of strength and it is a special grace that I convey My word to you even without your will to accept it.... yet it can only become effective on you when you are aware of your state of weakness and seek and hope for help in the acceptance of My word.... Then the word will have become a source of strength for you. The word is an extraordinary gift of grace to you because it contains extraordinary strength which can be received by anyone who listens attentively when it is offered to him and eagerly moves it in his heart. My word is the connection between Me and you humans; I descend to you because you cannot come up to Me from your strength alone, for the path to Me is infinitely long as you are still weak. But where you are supported by My strength of love you will effortlessly reach your aim. But anyone who spurns My grace and therefore also rejects everything that comes from above as a visible sign of his unbelief cannot become blissfully happy, for in his weakness he cannot rise from the ground onto which My adversary threw him when he denied Me. And it is a denial of Me if My word is not acknowledged as originating from Me either, if the

human being in his arrogance does not bow down before his creator, if he does not take hold of His merciful hand, if he believes he does not need His help and therefore cannot receive grace and strength either. Then he remains weak and unable to walk the path upwards, then he is heavily burdened with the sin of arrogance which presses him to the ground. And then he cannot be helped because he does not want to be helped.... For without My grace no one can become blessed....

Amen

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Meaning of the gift of grace.... Power gift....

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June 14th 1961

Always accept My word as given to you so that you will pass it on and fulfil its purpose: to bring strength and light to people who walk in darkness and are powerless.... Again and again it is necessary for you humans to know the **significance** of the great gift of grace which I convey to you because you are in great spiritual need. Your thoughts and aspirations predominantly belong to the world; yet you think little of your God and creator, and therefore you rarely establish the bond with Me, in which alone I could impart strength to you for your pilgrimage on earth. You should not believe that the life energy at your disposal was only given to you in order to fulfil your earthly wishes.... You should use it to acquire **spiritual** strength, which means that you should use the strength of life to work with love, which will then certainly also earn you spiritual strength. For you need spiritual strength for your ascent upwards, for the maturing of your soul.... Spiritual strength will not be lost to you when you have ended your earthly life and lost all vitality.... Your task in earthly life is to acquire spiritual strength, and you receive spiritual strength through loving activity, through heartfelt prayer to Me and through listening to My word, which is a direct transmission of strength and which, once again, only informs you of My will: to shape yourselves into love, without which you cannot become blissfully happy. Believe that you only have to strive on earth to increase your spiritual strength. And believe that I want to supply you with this strength and therefore speak to you. And when you hear My word from above it is truly a gift of grace with an extraordinary effect, for it gives you what you lack but which you need in order to mature during your earthly life in order to be able to enter the kingdom of light and bliss when you have ended this earthly life.... My word, which I offer you, is everything: it is the bread from heaven, it is the manna which comes from heaven and is nourishment for your soul.... it is a light that dispels darkness, it is the source of strength from which you can constantly draw the water of life.... It is the proof of My love for you humans to whom I can be present if you also show Me your love.... It also proves My wisdom and power to you, for you are introduced to a knowledge which gives you a clear picture of My nature.... My word is the illumination of My divine strength of love, and this can never remain without success, it has to take effect on yourselves, on your soul, and lead you to **perfection**. And therefore I want to address all of you, that is why I convey My word to earth and only ever instruct you to pass it on to your fellow human beings, and again and again I make the significance, the effect of the great gift of grace, understandable to you, so that you listen to Me and thus receive strength in abundance through the conscious utilisation of My grace by listening to the word and also living it out by fulfilling My will, which I proclaim to you through My word because I love you.... And you should believe that your God and father addresses you Himself, for I want to win back My children who have been distant from Me for an infinitely long time, I want to show them the way back and also impart to them the strength to be able to walk it.... I want to receive them all into My kingdom again and prepare for them the bliss they were allowed to enjoy in the beginning.... The father wants His children back who once left Him voluntarily....

Amen

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These are the favours of the work of redemption, which Jesus Christ has acquired for men, that they are able to overcome their weakness of will, that they are no longer unable to resist the enemy of their soul, that power and favour flows to them unmeasured when they desire it, and that the slightest will towards God also lets them feel this power from God and that this is expressed in increased spiritual striving. The state of humanity before the redemption through Jesus Christ was pitiable.... it lacked any will to ascend, for people did not believe in life after death and only focussed on earthly advantages and physical comfort. They did believe in a God who could mould their earthly life according to His will, and so their pleas were only for the improvement of their earthly existence. No attention was paid to the soul and its moulding, and this resulted in a worldly-minded humanity to which spiritual striving was alien. This was the work of the adversary, who still had too much control over people's will, but who also drove them to be unkind to each other. For the sake of earthly well-being all means were right for people, and their thoughts and endeavours were evil and unloving. And at this time the lord descended to earth.... At this time lived the man Jesus, in Whose heart the desire for God was overwhelming and Whose goal in life was union with God.... Union with God was only possible in the most intimate love, and Jesus gave love to all people, He was inexhaustible in His love, and He took eternal love into Himself. Jesus saw people's weakness and that they lacked the will to do good.... He knew that only love could bring them salvation and He preached love to all people in order to snatch them from the power of the adversary. (But the will of the adversary was stronger and so he repeatedly forced the human will down).

By completely subordinating His will to God's will, by praying "Father, not My will but Yours be done...." Jesus Christ made God's will His own, He surrendered His will to God and took away the adversary's power over His will, and thus through His death on the cross He broke the adversary's will and likewise took humanity, for whom He died, away from the adversary's will, for the man Jesus suffered death on the cross in order to thereby set people free from their tormentor. And God accepted the sacrifice, and He gives increased strength to every person who wants to avail himself of the grace of the work of redemption and likewise surrenders his will to God.... For anyone who follows Jesus will also have the desire to flee from the one who wants to bind him. But if he does not recognize Jesus Christ, he belongs to those who are still bound by the will of God's adversary. He still has power over them and their own will is not strong enough to escape this power. He will always bend under his will and can therefore never be free. Jesus made the sacrifice for people who were too weak on their own (themselves?).... He opposed the will of the enemy with His strong will and the adversary could not withstand this will. For Jesus claimed the power from God, which flowed to Him through His intimate connection with God. And anyone who recognizes Jesus Christ as the divine redeemer will likewise be able to make use of God's strength, for this is the grace of the act of salvation, that the human being's will becomes strong in order to be able to resist.... that the human being receives the strength he needs to ascend. Jesus Christ has shown people the way that leads to the heights. This is also a grace, that man can take Him as an example so that he can live his life on earth according to His example.... in love and righteousness.... And anyone who is serious about following Jesus, who endeavours to shape his soul according to His example, who is constantly active in love, who patiently takes up his cross and only ever prays: "Father, Thy will be done....", will be strong and will escape the enemy of his soul. For by recognizing Jesus as the son of God and redeemer of the world, he has a right to the graces he has acquired from Him. The path upwards will become easy for him, he will never need to walk it without guidance, for the image of the saviour on the cross will always shine before him, and he knows that Jesus Christ died for him and that he has been spared immeasurable torment as a result. He knows that nothing will be too difficult for him because Jesus has given him strength through His death on the cross. He knows that his will will not waver when he asks Him for mercy, and he knows that the power of the adversary has diminished, that he can overcome him if he wants to, because the strength comes to him through his will. If this will is turned towards God, then the love of God takes hold of him and frees him completely from the power of the adversary. Before, however, man's will was so weak that he was not freed from that power. And Jesus took pity on this

weakness of will.... He set His strong will against God's adversary and defeated him. And he who recognizes Jesus Christ will likewise defeat him because he consciously makes use of the blessings of the work of redemption....

Amen

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"He who believes in Me...." graces of the work of redemption....

B.D. No. 3445

February 23rd 1945

To request the graces of the work of redemption is the order of the day. For now it will be proven how much stronger the will of the person can be who asks for strength and grace for the sake of Jesus Christ's death. Jesus Christ died the most painful death on the cross in order to spare people suffering. He took people's suffering upon His shoulders, He carried the cross for them, and consequently people can be spared suffering if they faithfully place themselves under Christ's cross, if they call upon Jesus Christ for His assistance that He may take their burden from them and carry it in their place. And the human being will be strengthened after this call, for the divine redeemer Himself imparts the strength to him as grace of His act of salvation. And his will will grow stronger, every anxiety will leave him, he will strive upwards with increased strength and earthly suffering will hardly touch him because Jesus Christ will help him to bear it. Yet how few call upon Him for help.... how few have faith in Him and His act of salvation, and how rarely are the blessings of the act of salvation requested and thus consciously received.... They call upon God but do not acknowledge Him in Jesus Christ, and therefore the suffering on earth has reached a level which seems to be overflowing.... And people have to bear it themselves. They have to take it upon themselves because they don't believe in Him.... And this is why the hardship is so great and humanity is weak-willed because it goes its way without Jesus Christ and therefore, as tremendously burdened, has to go through great purification suffering.

God wants to give people the opportunity to recognize Jesus Christ while they are still on earth by letting them take the path to Golgotha Himself, which is to melt their soul shell, which is to ignite the spark of love in them so that they will now also take the path of following Jesus and get to know Him as the redeemer of the world. And if the suffering only helps them to achieve the aim that they will not reject Jesus Christ at the end of their days, then they will have gained much, and one day they will be grateful and also bless the suffering which has brought them this realization. Yet they can only reduce it on earth if they deeply believe in Him and ask Him to help them carry the cross.... His confessors, however, will lose all weakness of will, they will go through the time of suffering undaunted, for they draw strength from Him, they make use of the blessings of the act of salvation, and thus they will no longer lack the strength by means of which they will master everything the world demands of them and will not be depressed by suffering either. For Jesus Christ bears the suffering for them, He died for the sins of humanity, and thus He also took the punishments of sin upon His shoulders.... And the human being can emerge from his earthly life purified if only he asks for forgiveness of sins in profound faith in Him.... He does not need the means of purification, suffering.... whereas unbelieving people can only be saved through suffering if they are not completely hardened in spirit. The graces of the act of salvation are available to the human being without limit and he can always and constantly request them. Yet they remain ineffective on those who reject Jesus Christ, and their earthly fate is truly not easy, since it is the time of the end which has to be utilized if the souls are still to be saved. Anyone who believes in Jesus Christ does not know that he is lost, for he takes refuge on the cross in every adversity.... And he will not ask in vain. His suffering will be bearable, his will will be strengthened and his strength to overcome every spiritual and physical adversity will be increased, and he will pass his battle of life and his earthly path will be successful.... he will mature spiritually and gain eternal life.... For Jesus Christ Himself has given him the promise: "He who believes in Me shall not die but have eternal life...."

Amen

Most important grace of the work of redemption: strengthening of the will....

B.D. No. 7033
February 4th 1958

You always have an inexhaustible source of grace in Jesus Christ, who acquired grace for you without measure through His death on the cross. What you are not able to do because of your own weakness will be easy for you when you draw on the treasure of grace, to which everyone has access, from which everyone can supply himself as needed. So if you lack strength, earthly and also spiritually, the way to Jesus Christ is always open to you, to ask Him to strengthen your strength and to direct your will in such a way that you also utilize this strength according to His will. And His will is that you always remember His death on the cross, which He endured for you and your guilt of sin.... His will is that you follow Him in the guidance of your way of life, that you therefore make use of the graces of His work of redemption in order to be able to lead a life in love.... that you constantly ask Him for strengthening of your will and supply of strength to do justice to His divine will.... He has acquired graces without measure for all people through His death on the cross, but these graces must be requested, and therefore He Himself must be acknowledged as God's Son and redeemer of the world, in Whom the eternal love embodied Himself in order to help you people, to free you from your enemy, which you would not be able to do without the help of Jesus Christ, without His grant of grace. Because you are weak, lightless beings, for the sake of this weakness of yours God accomplished the work of mercy and thereby turned an abundance of grace towards you, which all people can claim. The adversary of God wants to keep you in weakness, and alone you are not able to break away from him.... But if you request the help of Jesus Christ, He can provide you with strength for the sake of His death on the cross, He can give you something; but you must ask for and gratefully accept this delicious gift if it is to become effective for you. For you cannot be redeemed abruptly if the will to become free from the fetters of the adversary does not awaken in you.... But your will will be stimulated again and again by receiving knowledge of Jesus' great work of love and mercy. By becoming aware of your own weakness very often, by being shown a way to master this weakness. This is also an undeserved grace of God, which you should take into account, because you cannot be led to Jesus Christ by force, you have to go the way by your own free will. But you will not regret it once you have been touched by the power of grace and your gaze and your desire turn to Him again and again, Who wants to and can help you as long as you are of the same will. The fountain of grace is inexhaustible, and who has only once addressed the request to Jesus Christ to help him, he will experience His help in so many ways, the currents of grace will touch him again and again, and his will will become stronger and stronger to let Jesus Christ redeem him from death and sin, from the jailer who held his soul captive for endless times. You humans are completely devoid of any power for eternities, but as humans you possess the power of life, which alone would not be enough to set you free from God's adversary. But this life force enables you to direct your thoughts and steps to Jesus Christ, and it also enables you to perform works of love according to His divine will. But you first need a strengthening of your will, which the opponent of God still keeps bound. And this strengthening of will is one of the most important graces of the work of redemption, and if you desire it you will receive it, and you will truly be able to fulfil your purpose of life on earth, but without the help of Jesus Christ you will remain weak and in bondage to God's adversary.... The graces of the work of redemption must be claimed, if man wants to become free from his power and return to Him from whom he once took his origin....

Amen

Using the graces of the work of redemption....

B.D. No. 6383
October 22nd 1955

Only few people make use of the graces of My act of salvation.... I died on the cross for all people, everyone can be redeemed from sin and death through My work of mercy, no human being is

exempt unless he himself offers resistance by not acknowledging Me and My act of salvation, by excluding himself from the circle of those 'redeemed' through My blood.... that he thereby consciously becomes a follower of the one who is to blame for sin and death.... Every person who places himself under My cross, who carries his burden of sin to Me, will become free; the kingdom of light, which was closed before My death on the cross, is opened to him. For I have made the sacrifice of atonement for him so that he will become free from all guilt. But anyone who does not accept My sacrifice avoids the cross, he stands apart, and My act of love and mercy remains completely without impression and effect on him.... even though the sacrifice was also meant for him, even though he can also release himself from all guilt. But he cannot be redeemed **against his will** because he voluntarily sides with My adversary. My act of salvation was meant for all people, yet only very few make use of it.... The spiritual hardship on earth could not have taken on such proportions if He, Who sacrificed Himself for humanity so that it might attain beatitude, were more remembered.... if you humans would remember the immense love of the man Jesus, which was meant for all of you, the people of the present, past and future.... whom He wanted to redeem from the great guilt which separated them from Me. The man Jesus was so full of love that I Myself was able to dwell in Him, that His external form was able to shelter Me in all fullness and that His love gave Him the strength to suffer and die for you humans on the cross.... And you should always remember this infinite love and also want to share in the blessings which the man Jesus has acquired for you.... They are so abundantly available to you, and you need only ever call upon Him for salvation, and your call will not be in vain, for the work of mercy was only brought for you so that you could experience help in your weakness, in every spiritual and earthly adversity.... For you should become free from your jailer, from the one who has kept you in bondage for eternity and in whose chains you still languish and would languish forever if you did not call upon Me Myself as your redeemer Jesus Christ to set you free.... Why do you not make use of the graces of the work of salvation?.... Why do you not ask Jesus to strengthen your will?.... Why do you not carry your burden of sin under His cross?.... You can never free yourselves from that power on your own, you must have help, you must surrender yourselves to the saviour Jesus Christ and thereby declare your will that you detach yourselves from My adversary.... And you will succeed with ease, because the man Jesus died for this, that you will be strengthened to resist the enemy of your souls.... But without Me you will achieve nothing, without Me you are too weak and you will remain eternally bound in his power.... You have to make the decision yourselves, but you humans should not reject the divine redeemer Jesus Christ, you should not presume to regard Him merely as a human being, you should ask for clarification if the mystery of God's incarnation is not yet comprehensible to you.... you should demand and request the truth from God.... And the right understanding for this will be given to you because I want to redeem all of you, because I died for all of you on the cross and therefore want you to recognize and acknowledge Me and My work.... because I want you to also become free from sin and death and be able to enter the kingdom of light which I have opened for you through My death....

Amen

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Saul-experience.... grace....

B.D. No. 5803

November 12th 1953

An unusual experience can always be assessed as grace, because it can always contribute to directing a person's thoughts in the right direction, but it can also just as easily be considered and assessed purely earthly and then grace will also have passed a person by without a trace. And would you humans remember all the events which have affected you yourselves, which have always been conducive to seeking and finding the connection with the one Who directs your destiny.... If you had recognized a finger pointing from Me in every unusual occurrence, then truly no ray of grace would have touched you without influence, and you would feel unusually richly endowed with grace.... But you humans pay little attention to My obvious guidance; you experience everything as a matter of course, and what appears unusual to you is merely coincidence, it is just a strange coincidence of

events for you which, however, are insignificant.... You expect signs and wonders.... you claim infallible evidence of My being and My working for each one of you which, however, would not be beneficial for your soul because it would be prevented from its own activity of will and would now be driven by realization to want and act, by a realization which it should gain in order to have a beneficial effect. That which you humans would do under compulsion could not be assessed as a voluntary deed.... Therefore, for the time being I exclude everything that could have an effect on you as compulsion without, however, leaving you empty-handed.... But where a soul is strong enough that it does not consider even a powerful experience as compulsion of faith, there is also no danger of bondage for this soul....

(12.11.1953) Weak souls would feel impressed by unusual gifts of grace and thus also believe if they had previously been unbelieving.... But a strong soul cannot be shaken, for every event is not 100 percent proof.... Every event that affects a person in an unusual way need not **necessarily** affect him, for he can find many explanations for it, such as sensory illusion, health disorder, natural phenomenon.... He can explain **everything** to himself naturally if he wants to, and a strong-willed soul will much rather accept **this** explanation than believe in a hundred percent proof than in a revelation on My part. Yet his thinking can be shaken by such events which affect him unusually, and he can learn to change his thinking.... He can accept the possibility and now reckon with such a possibility.... which is why his own will still has to decide. Far be it from Me to induce a person to change his will through unusual phenomena, which are described as a flow of grace, such that he thus has to believe what he previously did not want to believe....

Yet a soul which strives for truth, whose actions and thoughts are based on the will to do what is right.... I come to the aid of such a soul insofar as I confuse it before and it now has to arrange its thinking anew and the human being now finds a happier solution than before. Every unbelieving person is helped by Me to change his thinking through unusual experiences. Yet most blindly pass it by, always looking for a purely natural explanation and contenting themselves with it.... Thus they were touched by a grace which they did not allow to take effect in themselves.... Every man has Saulian experiences that **could** change him into a Paul.... Saul interpreted his appearances as an obvious revelation, and the voice he heard.... which can be heard in many people's hearts today.... was for him without doubt the voice of God.... But it did not sound any clearer or more convincing than today when I address a person to warn or admonish him, to win him over.... But **his** ear listened to it, whereas **today** people close their ear.... His intellect made an effort to draw the **right** conclusions, thus a slight impulse was enough for a change of will, and he reproduced his experience **as** it had affected him.... which many people would have passed by without letting it have an effect on them.... I know every soul, and I give to every soul what it needs and serves it for beatification.... yet not every soul accepts what My love offers it.... Not every soul allows the blessings to take effect in itself, yet every soul can receive without restriction.... However, it will never be compelled to accept grace and therefore its freedom of will will never be impaired by such unusual experiences that it **has to** believe.

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Misfortunes of life are graces....

B.D. No. 2488

October 1st 1942

Whoever has decided in favour of God also remains in His grace, because every adversity in life is grace, which should promote his ascent to the heights. Only through constant struggle can a person mature until his life has become one of uninterrupted service in love. Every resistance increases his willpower if he tries to overcome it.... it increases his urge to be active, without which life would be a decline, because activity alone is the epitome of life. Without resistance, however, the urge to be active would also slacken and earthly life would not lead to the success which is its ultimate purpose.... to the maturity of the soul, which can only mature through struggle and constant activity.... provided that the activity is a service in love and is not carried out in a destructive sense. But anyone

who strives for God will never disregard the commandment to love his neighbour and thus also try to overcome every adversity in life without harming his neighbour.... thus his struggle for life will be carried out in compliance with the commandment to love one's neighbour. And this is decisive as to whether all hardships and adversities of life, which God imposes on people out of grace, also work as grace, whether they are overcome as touchstones on the path of earthly life and therefore benefit the human being's soul. For grace must also be recognized as grace. However, anyone who strives towards God will humbly accept everything imposed on him by God, and for him every suffering will only be a proof of God's love, which should bring him maturity of soul....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Much suffering - Much grace....

B.D. No. 4117

September 7th 1947

Excessive suffering is an exceptional grace, even if you find this incomprehensible; for My love does not want to let you humans slide into the delirium of the world and confronts some of you with hours of starkest adversity in order to bring you back to your senses, or the soul would remain empty-handed and not progress in its spiritual development. Suffering must always be considered as a means to render the human being helpless and make him aware of his weakness, and as soon as the suffering has contributed towards the fact that the soul turns to Me, that it appeals to Me for help and humbly entrusts itself to Me, it is a great blessing and should therefore be viewed as a gift of grace. For suffering leads to Me, whereas the joys of the world as well as all earthly pleasures will achieve the opposite. Suffering motivates people to pray, without prayer it is impossible to make contact with Me. Without prayer you cannot be given the gift of grace, because prayer expresses the will and the longing for Me and thus enables Me to meet the human being and, as fulfilment of his prayer, give to him what he needs.

If, however, the human being is spared suffering, the body will continue to reject the spirit when it wants to communicate with the soul in order to give the person the right guidance and instruction. But it is absolutely essential for spiritual progress, for reaching a high degree of maturity, that the soul be instructed by the spirit and that the soul will thus unite with the spirit. For this purpose I must absolutely grant help to the soul with My strength and therefore must first be asked for it, because the human being's will is decisive and suffering impels its decision. Suffering can also harden a human heart, in which case the person will drift away and no longer strive for ascent, and then there is no other means that would be more successful. But as a rule suffering leads to Me, generally a human being perfects himself through suffering and then it has fulfilled its purpose. Subsequently, you should be grateful for it and also acknowledge it as a grace; for earthly suffering is not a permanent condition and extremely beneficial, providing you want to mature. Then you will be eternally thankful to Me, and in the state of realisation earthly life will be easier for you to understand and you will also be able to cope during the time of great need, for then you will not live your life alone but with Me, because you will open yourselves to Me in prayer and thus receive strength which you, in turn, can use after your own will and with certainty will use for your spiritual ascent, as you are destined to do....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Premature departure last mercy....

B.D. No. 3169

June 24th 1944

Countless souls pass over into the spiritual kingdom in an immature state when they die, and their fate is therefore not very enviable. The kingdom of light is closed to them and they are in an environment which is adapted to their immature state.... but which is not at all suitable for them, for in these souls selfish love is particularly strongly developed, which is why they practiced little love for their fellow human beings on earth and were unable to achieve a high degree of development. This

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selfish love now makes them feel their inadequate fate with particular difficulty, for they will not be able to satisfy it anywhere. Although its own desire presents it with everything it desires, as soon as it tries to grasp it it realizes that they are only illusions, and this realization is all the more agonizing the more it desires earthly goods. It has not yet overcome matter in earthly life and takes the desire for it with it into the beyond, and consequently it does not feel the need to hand out and make the souls who share its fate happy, because it had little sympathy for the suffering and worries of its fellow human beings on earth either. And yet God still grants these souls favors and gives them new opportunities for development so that they can still reach higher maturity in the beyond. For due to their inclination towards earth, which is characteristic of all immature souls, they still predominantly stay close to earth, and they can now see the destructions carried out by human hands, they recognize the worthlessness of earthly goods, they see the earthly hardship on earth and can even feel prompted by it to express their will to help. And thus the earthly hardship contributes to a change of thinking in individual souls, and they overcome ego-love and are now at the beginning of their higher development in the beyond. This grace is still granted by God to countless people today, so that people's lack of love will indeed bring about their earthly end, since earthly life is not used for the souls' higher development, but that the now departed souls are nevertheless allowed to stay close to earth in order to change their attitude through people's suffering and misery, in order to realize the worthlessness of earthly possessions and to suppress their desire for them. However, if self-love is exceptionally strong, then this earthly hardship will not contribute to the change either, then the desire will only become ever more intense for the goods of the world and the being's own imagination will make it believe all the things it longs for. But then the state is also exceptionally agonizing, and the soul is in greatest danger to develop regressively and to no longer use the last grace in the kingdom of the beyond. This danger is great, and yet the death before the last end is still a blessing for such immature souls, for then there is no longer the opportunity to mature in the beyond despite a low degree of maturity. Premature death is therefore proof of divine love, which still wants to bring salvation to such souls since they have failed in earthly life. It is a last resort to change into love, and God leaves no means untried in order to still bring salvation to all beings before it is too late. Yet how it uses these means is left up to its free will....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Acquiring graces in the afterlife.... activity in spheres of light....

B.D. No. 2450

August 16th 1942

The time of earthly life rich in grace comes to an end with the human being's death, for then his soul returns to the spiritual kingdom and is either richly blessed with spiritual possessions or poor and meagre, depending on whether it has utilized the blessings which were at its disposal during earthly life. As soon as earthly life is over the supply of grace ceases insofar as that the being now has to struggle for it itself, that it therefore only acquires new favours through its right attitude towards God.... that it is therefore granted divine grace, i.e. with His help, if it professes God, thus acquires His emanation of love through the will to work with love. This is a favour in the truest sense of the word, since the test of earthly life should actually bring final perfection to the human being and now God, out of greater than great love, will not deny the being His help in the beyond either, in such a way that He grants the being an insight into the suffering of other souls and thereby wants to cause the former to help these suffering souls. Through this will to help it acquires God's grace again, which God hands out unmeasured in order to save the souls from darkest adversity. And the soul thanks its creator when it has become knowledgeable, i.e. when it can receive God's emanation of love, for then it is full of bliss and praises and glorifies God uninterruptedly.... (16.8.1942) The spheres of light are now accessible to this soul, they are its constant environment. It no longer has to fear a decline, it can only enter ever brighter spheres of light, but no shadow will ever cloud its bliss.... And now its otherworldly activity begins, which brings it supreme satisfaction, for it only carries out what deepest love impels it to do, and therefore its present activity is blissful. A loving soul is only anxious to give

happiness, thus to hand out what makes it happy itself, and since it has gone through the state of lightlessness itself and felt the agonizing lack of freedom, it wants to help the souls in its love who have to endure the same fate. For now it also knows that it thereby fulfils God's will; it feels as if it is permeated by the divine will and carries it out without resistance. And yet it does not curtail the freedom of will of the souls it wants to lead upwards. Hence its work is laborious and requires utmost patience, yet its love will not let it tire, and the effort will also be rewarded, for it feels utmost bliss when the soul listens to its whisperings and begins to detach itself from the world. This work on the souls in the beyond and on earth is redeeming activity, the significance of which the human being on earth only rarely realizes, for only the knowledge of eternal bliss makes the necessity of such activity understandable. But as soon as the soul in the beyond is in the realm of the divine emanation of love, it also knows about its task and its importance, and it now fulfils it with a devotion that is only based on its love. love and beatitude are inseparable, the soul has to prepare beatitude with love because it constantly receives beatitude, and it has to help the still bound souls to remove all obstacles which prevent access to beatitude.... The soul must pass on the knowledge through which the unfree souls also attain freedom and can now likewise enter spheres of light, eternal bliss....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Remorse of souls who rejected divine gifts of grace....

B.D. No. 4887

May 1st 1950

Souls will find themselves in serious spiritual difficulties if they have been approached by Me in the Word and did not accept it as the Father's voice. For they have the ability to recognise it, they merely lack the will to consider it seriously. Yet one day these souls will realise it and then their remorse of not having utilised My precious gift of grace will be huge and their self-reproaches will be inconceivable torments. Anyone who is offered My gift of grace is in fact being called to work spiritually, because I know his soul's degree of maturity and want to further its progress. He is capable of understanding as soon as he is willing to live in truth. Hence he will face the crucial decision to either follow eternal truth or the world, and it is then up to his will to choose which path to follow. Consequently, a person who can choose between two directions and voluntarily takes the wrong path has to be answerable for it. The soul is subconsciously aware of this and therefore in difficulty, even if the human being's intellect wants to dismiss such considerations. Then soul and intellect will argue about significant spiritual disagreements, and blessed is the person whose soul is still able to convince the intellect of its error before it is too late, that is, before the soul leaves its mortal shell.

But if it enters the spiritual kingdom in a state of darkness then it will experience the light, which should have illuminated it, like a fire within itself. For even in a state of ignorance the soul will remain conscious of the fact that it dwells in darkness due to its own fault, because it had fled the light that was ignited by My love and grace. Then it will live in great anguish and long for this immense gift of grace, which it cannot receive again once it has been rejected. Although it can be helped by the beings of light they will not appear to the soul as carriers of light, instead the soul's free will is tested in a different way, so that it will have to make a crucial decision again.... to follow the souls of light, which do not identify themselves but want to be of help.... or to remain obstinate and decline the light beings' assistance. Just as the human being on earth is not forced to accept the light that shines to earth from above, the souls' will in the spiritual kingdom also decides whether they should accept the help that is constantly offered by My eternal love in order to guide them towards progress.

On earth, however, they have an exceptional gift of grace in My Word, which will result in their spiritual maturity with certainty. Therefore, it is irresponsible to ignore My Word which is offered to people from above, and to be indifferent or completely negatively inclined towards it. And, understandably, it has to be extremely depressing for a soul to know that it had ignored the most certain means for attaining eternal life and has to dwell in an unfortunate state in the spiritual sphere of darkness and misery. Yet it was of its own free will, it will have created the pitiful state of its own

accord and now either has to endure it or voluntarily strive to change, thus make use of every opportunity My love and mercy provide so that it will still be able to ascend and enter the kingdom of light, if only after an infinitely long time. Only the soul's will creates its fate in eternity.... its will awakens the soul to life, just as it can cause its spiritual death....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

End of the time of grace.... greatest suffering....

B.D. No. 2369

June 15th 1942

The time of grace will soon be over and humanity's mind will not change. People become more and more unloving and fall deeper and deeper into satan's trap nets so that they tear each other apart and are devoid of all love. And God uses every means to snatch them from this spiritual low.... He takes away their earthly possessions in order to detach them from matter, and He tries to make them think through all kinds of tribulation. He puts them in situations where they should turn to Him for help; yet every means fails and the spiritual state is not remedied. And the time is not far off when God's rod of chastisement will hit people, for the time of grace is approaching its end. And that is why the earth still has to endure unspeakably severe suffering because this suffering is a favour as soon as it does not pass the human being without a trace and brings salvation to the soul. Yet the human being's will cannot be forced, and if the suffering does not let him find the right path there will no longer be salvation for him and he will belong to those who will feel the lord's power on the day of judgment and thus be found to be unfit. And people cannot grasp what this decision means. They cannot imagine that their soul will again have to endure a state of unspeakable agony for thousands of years. But God, Who knows this, will leave no stone unturned in order to spare them this fate, but He cannot forcibly turn the will of man towards good. But the coming adversity will be so great that the natural feeling will be awakened in every human being to help his fellow human being if he has not completely renounced all love. If he is still capable of love, even if only to the smallest degree, then he will awaken in the face of this adversity and also act lovingly. However, anyone who still passes by this adversity without being willing to help has extinguished every spark of love and there is no longer any possibility of ascent for him. They are so distant from God that they are outside of God's emanation of love, which therefore means the same as that the spiritual substance hardens again into hardest matter.... And now the change on earth begins anew in greatest agony of being bound.... If the unspeakable suffering comes over the earth beforehand, then this is still an act of God's mercy because He wants to spare the souls the unimaginable suffering of another earthly change. But it is not recognized as such, rather the suffering is a cause for increased rejection of God because people, in their blindness, do not recognize the spiritual connection. Yet enough information is given about it and therefore the lord raises up prophets and lets everything be announced to them in advance, He does not let the time approach without indications, He constantly sends admonitions to people and informs them of the meaning and purpose of the earthly change.... Yet they close their ears and reject the divine gift of grace without hesitation, and therefore there is no longer any salvation for these people, no way to keep them away from the abyss if they do not listen to the final admonitions and warnings. They can only ever be made aware that the spiritual low is the cause of the coming suffering and that this must first be remedied before the suffering can be stopped by God. Anyone who remembers these admonitions and warnings when the last time of grace dawns, the time of the most painful life on earth.... will still be able to avert the worst from himself in the last hour through God's call; he will not belong to those who are condemned to endure a state of utter helplessness and unimaginable torment for eternities....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The power of faith is grace, but it only becomes effective through the will....

B.D. No. 4966
September 12th 1950

The grace of the almighty God is unusually noticeable in the last days when earthly hardship takes hold of people which seems almost unbearable, and anyone who only turns to Him in his heart will be seized by His love and filled with His grace. The righteous person who professes God will increase in knowledge, and this knowledge alone is a grace, for it helps the person to gain strength of faith and, as a result, the power of resistance. The person who makes use of God's grace will no longer feel weak, he will live consciously in the hope of soon being rescued from adversity. Strength of faith is a grace, for the human being himself will no longer work on himself in this great adversity of the end time such that he will attain increased faith on his own; yet God sees the will turned towards Him and also helps where the human being is weak, He puts a faith into his heart which is unshakeable and which allows him to endure the last time on earth. He puts faith into his heart.... but this does not mean that God allows people to believe indiscriminately through His grace. The power of faith is indeed a grace, but it only becomes effective on the one who **wants** to believe and asks God for help in his weakness. Truly, every person could experience God's grace and mercy, but it requires a will turned towards Him, and this is recognizable to God at every hour. It will be a time of adversity which is not yet imaginable to you humans on earth, and good people will fear their fellow human beings who have become true devils. In this anxiety and fear they will become weak and call to God in supplication. Then they will obviously feel His grace, a confidence and peace will fill them and every weakness will be over.... They feel His presence and trustingly place themselves in the hands of God. Only the call in spirit and in truth is enough to be able to experience God's grant of grace in the last days, and from that moment on people will walk their path more easily because they feel that they no longer walk it alone.... Wanting to recognize God and striving towards Him also makes the human being a beneficiary of divine grace, then he can no longer be weak, then he will look at everything with the eyes of the knower and that calm will enter his heart which can be described as peace in God, for he is now constantly united with God in spirit, he constantly feels the father next to him, he constantly senses His strength and might, and he knows that the end is approaching, that every day can bring him salvation from earthly adversity, that he will be saved through a miracle.... He knows that the coming of the lord in the clouds signifies the end of his earthly adversity and he awaits it with a believing heart, for his faith now has the strength which enables him to persevere and remain faithful to God until the end....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

God sets increased graces against the work of the adversary....

B.D. No. 7821
February 9th 1961

The power of the adversary in the end time is great, but only because you humans yourselves grant him this power. His appendix.... thus everything spiritual that still walks the earth unredeemed as a human being.... supports this power itself as soon as it is active in his will, as soon as it allows itself to be influenced by him, who can only exert his influence on its soul in time as a human being. However, as soon as the human being resists him he also has no power over him, for spiritual coercion is impossible for him since it concerns the human being's free decision of will. Hence you can never say that you were overpowered by God's adversary against your will, but if you allow yourselves to be influenced by him and misused for evil activity, then this is your free will.... You therefore strengthen his power.... And this becomes more and more apparent the closer the end is. You don't resist his influence, you are always willing to give in to his urging, and therefore you strengthen his power which he now uses in the most shameful way by increasingly trying to dissuade people from believing in God, by driving people to most shameful deeds. And the human being does not defend himself.... and yet could do so if only he would call upon Jesus Christ for help against him.... Such a call will never be in vain, the human being will receive strength to resist, he will recognize the evil which wants to pull him down, he will resist and, once he has made this attempt, he will turn to God ever

more in order to get free from the adversary. But only a few people seek help from Jesus Christ. Few only recognize the adversary's game and seek to prevent it.... He has the upper hand, people have mostly fallen prey to him, and therefore the apostasy from God, the apostasy from faith in Jesus Christ as divine redeemer, is becoming ever greater and more obvious, for this is the adversary's ultimate aim, to deprive people of all faith. And his increased activity in the last days is the reason why God also pours out increased grace upon people in order to help those who do not want to surrender to the adversary but are severely oppressed. They receive grace upon grace, they are given strength to resist and God Himself stands by their side so that they need not succumb.... This is why God also addresses people.... He lets His word reach them again, He speaks to them through the mouth of a servant, and He gives them extraordinary strength through the supply of His word. And thus every person **can** free himself from the adversary's power who only seriously wants it. For the human being's will is decisive, the will alone curtails the opponent's power or strengthens it, and the human being's will is free. But the human being must also request the strength to resist in order to thereby give expression to his will which is directed towards God.... He must seek the connection with Jesus Christ and remain in this connection, because then he is also connected with God Himself, Who embodied Himself in Jesus Christ.... For God and Jesus Christ are one.... And as soon as you humans only believe this you will also constantly request strength and never be at the mercy of the adversary's will to destroy, for Jesus Christ.... Whom you now acknowledge.... has overcome him, and to His power he must give way. And he will also have to let go of you as soon as you hold on to Jesus Christ, for if you stand on His side then the adversary will have lost you to Him irretrievably, then God Himself will fight on your side and you will be victorious and no longer need to fear him, he will let go of you because he flees God and His light....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Extraordinary gift of grace obliges to pass on....

B.D. No. 4715

August 16th 1949

The grace of being spiritually instructed is not given to a person arbitrarily but always requires the will to use this spiritual instruction according to its purpose. Therefore the instructions, i.e. the knowledge gained through them, always have to be passed on so that fellow human beings will also benefit from what is offered to a person from above. Then grace will also become effective in the human being, then he will mature in his soul. Therefore, on the one hand the recipient of spiritual gifts is exceptionally gifted, yet he has an obligation which he absolutely has to fulfil, otherwise God's grace will remain ineffective in him. And thus this knowledge received from God has to be advertized in all directions, it has to be spread, it has to be brought to all doors and offered, yet it remains up to the messengers whether they are joyfully received and listened to, for every effect of grace requires free will. But if the bearers of truth make an effort to pass on the divine word then many doors will open, many hearts will be willing and able to receive it, many will therefore also be allowed to participate in the gift of grace and the souls will mature. Anyone who wants to work actively for the kingdom of God will always find a field of work, and now he must also prove himself worthy of the undeserved gift of grace which has fallen to him.... he must speak everywhere and mention the divine activity, he must convey His word to all those who are willing to listen to God and yet are unable to hear Him directly. And the living water will refresh and refresh all who are hungry and thirsty.... And thus recognize your task for the first time; believe that it is important and significant and that you should therefore place this task before the earthly one; believe that you are guided and that everything meets and moves you as it is necessary for your spiritual work; believe that God is always close to you and guides your paths, that He Himself brings people together who should work together or mature in each other, and consider nothing as coincidence.... Everything is divine providence, determined since eternity, because it has been recognized as good since eternity and not otherwise. And no matter how unreal it may seem to you, the spiritual is the only real thing, whereas everything earthly-worldly is only an appearance which fades away if God wills it, which does not exhibit and cannot give birth to

anything permanent if the spiritual light does not shine and have a life-awakening effect. Anyone who is destined to work for the spiritual kingdom will only ever lead to the aim, which is called the redemption of erring souls. Everything will happen in his life in such a way that his fellow human beings will be given the opportunity to gain insight into the truth and that they will be pointed to their earthly task.... to redeem themselves through love.... Whoever is active in this sense, that he helps his fellow human beings to salvation, will also receive His blessing as a right and diligent labourer in the vineyard of the lord now and one day in the spiritual kingdom....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

"Man can do nothing without divine grace...." (danger)

B.D. No. 2136

November 1st 1941

A person becomes aware of his lack of strength as soon as he is a believer, for then he recognizes himself as a weak creature without God's grace. Consequently, a believer does not need to be particularly reproached for his own weakness, for he will rarely consider himself capable of reaching God through his own strength. The believer sees in God the most sublime and perfect being and is aware of his lowliness and weakness. He will therefore always ask God for the strength for his earthly life, for his ascent to the heights. He will ask God for grace because he knows that he cannot ascend without divine grace. However, if a person lacks faith, he does not see himself as a powerless creature. Rather, he is firmly convinced that it is up to him alone to achieve what he sets out to do, be it earthly or spiritual success. For the most part, he only strives for earthly success and spiritual endeavour is unimportant to him. For him, however, it is a real danger if spiritual success is only justified by a gift of grace. For since he regards himself as powerful, he has no concerns that he would be incapable of moulding himself according to God's will and therefore makes his spiritual maturing dependent on whether God has chosen him, i.e. whether He has bestowed His grace on him.... i.e. has destined him for bliss. And thus he switches off his free will, which allows him to ask for grace. He has no deep faith and therefore cannot and will not believe this teaching when he is reproached for his powerlessness.... on the other hand, he waits for divine grace to take hold of him without his intervention, if this is the divine will. True faith allows the person to pray in the right way, full of humility and submission to God's will, yet it is always his own will which prompts him to pray, whereas the unbelieving person does not become active himself but waits for what he should ask for, i.e. request from God. And this attitude can be the result of the fact that a person is taught that he is unable to do anything without the divine gift of grace and therefore does nothing to become worthy of this grace.... The teaching that man can do nothing of his own strength does not determine him to ask for the supply of strength, but it determines him to wait inactively, and it is therefore better to hold up to him only the weakness of the will, so that he endeavours to remedy this weakness and now struggles in prayer to strengthen the will. For the strength can be given to him by God, but the will cannot be forcibly stimulated into action. He must strive towards God of his own accord, then divine grace will also come to him and he will recognize his weakness in the face of the eternal deity....

Amen

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**Divine grace must be asked for.... not indiscriminately....
(predestination)**

B.D. No. 1807

February 12th 1941

Whoever feels drawn to Me, whoever flees to Me in every adversity and tribulation, I will hear his pleas. For he recognizes Me as his father and his plea is childlike and trusting. And the father is always willing to reduce the hardship of His children, and thus I also want to save you and give you peace. It is only necessary for the sake of your souls that you come into distress so that you seek Me and your hearts cry out to Me. For only suffering brings you closer to Me. However, you will

never be forsaken if only you do not pray to Me, if only you do not turn away from Me. And therefore always trust in My love and wait until help comes to you.

It is never man's own merit if he reaches the heights, but it is God's grace that brings this about. However, it must not prevent man from working on himself, he must never think that he does not need to do anything, but can only rely on the grace of God. He will only be appreciated by God's grace if he proves through his deeds, his behaviour, his thoughts and actions that he **wants to** ascend. This will, which now lets him ask for God's help in prayer, now earns him the grace which again brings about the perfection of the soul. Divine grace is therefore by no means a gift from God that is given to people indiscriminately, with which one person is given while another person has to go without.... No, divine grace is available to every person without measure. No human being will ask for God's grace in vain. But it can never be imparted to a person without it being requested, and therefore the only merit of a person will be that he turns to the heavenly father again and again in prayer and humbly asks for His grace. Everything else will then be accomplished by God's love itself in a person who thus surrenders his will to God and consciously avails himself of God's supply of strength. And it is therefore wrong to assume that God bestows His grace on people at will.... This would be an act of the greatest injustice, for then only those people could ever be saved who were chosen by divine grace. Consciously striving for perfection would then lose all meaning, because the question could understandably be raised: Do I belong to those whom God has chosen for the eternal kingdom?.... Such a view would have to lead to the human being neglecting the work of the soul and only ever wanting to raise the objection that only divine grace can make him free, but that this cannot be attained, but that the human being must wait in peace and patience until God's grace flows to him and, if this is not the case, he must perish eternally.... Anyone who holds this view is in a terrible spiritual condition. He must doubt God's love, His goodness and mercy, he must also regard his earthly life as useless if God's grace is not bestowed upon him.... And yet it is up to the human being himself to make unlimited use of divine grace. Every person is free to come to God as often as he wants, i.e. to request in prayer everything that is simply called grace. The more sincerely he asks for it, the more abundantly God provides for the earthly child and only then can he walk on earth in a way that is pleasing to God.... His way of life is therefore no longer his own merit, but the fact that he can lead it as he now does is now the work of divine grace,.... Every person can ask, so he will also receive according to his prayer. He will be granted God's grace and will now successfully cover the path to the heights....

Amen

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Prayer for grace and strength....

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When you approach Me from the bottom of your heart with a request for strength and grace you will certainly receive it, even if it is not instantly recognisable as help, since grace and strength affect the soul more than the body. The human being as such can still be subject to affliction but it will not touch the soul as much, so that the human being remains calm and collected due to his soul's strength, and yet the physical affliction still needs to be overcome. Thus I do not always remove it from the person but I will give him the strength to bear what I inflict on him. He will not experience something as severely as someone without faith who does not desire and request My gift of strength. Not the misfortune itself constitutes its severity but the state of the human being who, being weak, is doubly affected by every hardship. But My grace and strength is always at your disposal and, providing you make use of it, even the most difficult earthly life will be bearable for you and always of benefit for your soul, because as a result of My strength and grace its shell will be gradually dissolved.... For as soon as the human being joins Me, as soon as he makes contact with Me by praying for strength and grace, I will be able to reveal Myself to him by giving him strength, and depending how much I can develop his soul, his earthly ambition will be reduced accordingly.... The strength of My grace urges the soul towards the spirit within itself and away from material possession.

My grace and strength has the effect that a person becomes inwardly strong, that he disassociates himself from the external world and tries to make contact with the spirit in himself, and thus he achieves spiritual progress when he tries to alleviate worldly hardship with My support, with My supply of grace and strength. But such a request will never remain unfulfilled, a person who approaches Me with this appeal will never fail to benefit. And he will also always notice how much stronger he is after a heart-felt prayer to Me, albeit worldly hardship is not yet resolved.

On the one hand this is intended to make the person aware of his weakness and lack of strength and to encourage him to approach the One Who can remedy it, but on the other hand it should also strengthen his faith when he receives such obvious help after his heart-felt appeal to Me. A soul which strives towards Me will always derive spiritual benefit from the body's distress, because it will always take flight to Me and every heart-felt prayer will provide it with strength and grace, which will then take effect in accordance with its state of maturity... visibly and noticeably for the body too or just perceptible for the soul, depending on how suitable it is deemed by My wisdom and love. But I will never leave anyone without strength who requests it from Me.... For I will fulfil every appeal for spiritual wealth and, providing it is beneficial to you, also for earthly help. And thus you will be able to feel Me even during utmost adversity, you need not be discouraged and despondent providing you entrust yourselves to My love and grace, providing you want to accept My strength and confirm this in sincere conversation with Me. I know of all your difficulties, your weaknesses and doubts, but I want you to hand them over to Me in prayer so that you know when they are removed by My love, by My supply of strength and grace.... so that you will learn to recognise Me in everything that affects you. I speak to you through hardship just as I reveal Myself to you through help.... And if you stay in close contact with Me you will not fear any hardship, no matter how harsh it appears to be, because all strength and grace is at your disposal due to My love. I will take care of you until the end of your life, physically and spiritually and, providing you believe this without doubt, you will lose all fear of every severe hardship facing you, because you will always be able to overcome it with My grace and My strength....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

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

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

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

Amen

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Bliss by grace....

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Truly, you can only become blessed by grace.... Understand that you all voluntarily chose death when you renounced your love for Me, when you fell away from Me and thereby sinned against Me and fell into the abyss.... This apostasy from Me once took place, otherwise you did not walk on this earth, because your being as man is only the **result** of that former apostasy from Me. You yourselves therefore rejected Me and My love, and this sin weighs so heavily upon you that you yourselves will never be able to bear it away.... that this is why Jesus Christ came to earth and accomplished the act of salvation on the cross for you, which redeemed your original sin. But you originally emerged from My love, and this love also no longer lets go of you.... This love gives itself to you perpetually, it does everything to draw you back to itself again, and because of your great guilt of sin every work of love towards you is therefore a 'grace', an undeserved gift, which I give to you to help you again to beatitude.... You can only become blissfully happy out of grace, for everything has to happen from Me, because you yourselves are in complete lack of strength and are no longer able to lift yourselves out of the abyss into which you have plunged yourselves.... I have to give you strength, and I have to pull you on and on.... upwards to the height. Where I should punish, I allow grace to prevail; where I should deny Myself to you, I give Myself to you, even though you yourselves do not deserve it. This is therefore to be understood by 'grace', that you are not entitled to demand, since you have made everything a joke to yourselves through your apostasy from Me, but that I continue to give to you voluntarily, that I do not pay attention to your great guilt and still give to you with My love.... Only I cannot give you 'happiness', because you must acquire this yourselves, by you now also fulfilling My will, by you keeping My commandments, which demand love from you towards Me and towards the neighbour. But that you can do this, that is also a gift of favour from Me, because I give you power in every way.... But you have to accept and use all gifts of grace voluntarily, for although the measure of grace is exceedingly great you will nevertheless not be forced to accept it.... but this is determined solely by your free will.... which I cannot and will not judge, because this violates the law of eternal order, because this calls My perfection into question, Who cannot create anything but perfection, and free will also belongs to perfection.... And since you yourselves have left perfection through your apostasy from Me, since you have completely changed your nature, only My never-

ending love can still save you by showering you with blessings which, however, are available to every person but are not **equally** utilized by all people. And when you now believe that I Myself determine the degree or time of your happiness, then you are in erroneous thinking, because exactly in it consists of **My** happiness that you voluntarily return to Me, that you return the love to Me, which I give to you.... that you change your nature again yourselves back into your original being, where My love could radiate through you constantly. I truly have the power at any time to make you perfect again with one blow, but in this I see neither love nor wisdom, nor happiness. My aim is **right children** who are urged on to the father through love, who show Me a heart full of love and long for union with Me.... But due to your former fall into sin they would never reach the final aim if I did not grant them grace upon grace, if I Myself did not give Myself to them again and again. Therefore you can 'only become blessed out of grace', but you also have to use these graces voluntarily, and that is why people's degree of love and maturity is so different, although the measure of grace is not reduced for anyone, but it depends on the acceptance of the graces that they can also be effective on you. But without grace without My loving help you would be completely incapable of taking the path of return to Me, and whether you lived on earth for eternities.... as long as you resist Me and My love you will not avail yourselves of My blessings either, and so long will you remain distant from Me, you will condemn yourselves, for you will create every fate for yourselves.... Bliss or wretchedness.... You will only then finally return to Me when you let yourselves be seized by My grace and love, no longer offer any resistance and now also reciprocate My love yourselves, which will then also unite us for all eternity....

Amen

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Evaluating grace....

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You shall be allowed to take grace for grace out of My abundance.... This is My promise, which I will also fulfil true to My words. And as long as you humans stay on earth you will need help to reach your aim of returning to your father's house. You would be helpless and abandoned without Me, for you would stand on the path without strength and light and feel unable to ascend because you would neither recognize the path nor be able to muster the strength to ascend, for the path into the father's house only leads upwards and ascends steeply, and it is difficult to travel if it should be covered without help. Help is always available to you because I love you and long for your return to Me. And therefore I pour out grace upon grace upon you humans, and you need only evaluate them in order to effortlessly cover the path to ascent. I help you wherever possible, and I offer you My help without demanding anything in return from you other than just the one, to accept the help. For this has to be accomplished by your free will; you have to be willing to reach Me yourselves and therefore also take My hand when it presents itself to you. And that is 'making use of the gifts of grace' which I bestow upon you. Every day anew I approach you with My gifts of grace, every day you can hear My word, you can listen to it or read it, you can hear it directly from Me.... but it always demands your own will to hear **Me Myself** in the word.... it requires an opening of ear and heart so that it can resound in you. Only then will you also evaluate the gift of grace, My word, and it will become effective in you. Through My word I now seek to bring light to you.... and if the light is to shine in you, if it is to illuminate your spirit, then you must move it in your heart, think it through with your intellect and want it to bring you blessings.... And again you will use the gift of grace correctly.... You must continue to live out the word, that is, do what I ask of you through the word, which your heart and intellect have previously taken a stand on. Then you will not only be hearers but doers of My word, and again you will have let the gift of grace become effective, for acting in accordance with My word will always let brighter light flare up in you, the flame will spread and you will be in an abundance of grace which will make the way home to the father's house easy for you, because every grace is help, offered to you by Me Myself, so that you will effortlessly cover the path to Me, Who longs for your return. And if I long for you it is also quite natural that I Myself do everything to win

back My children, and since I do this out of love for you, My living creations, it is all grace, for it is not your merit but pure gifts of love which you receive **undeservedly**. Graces are benefits which you do not have to claim because you once voluntarily turned away from Me and had actually forfeited all love from Me. But nevertheless I help you because My love is infinite and does not want to let you get lost. For you certainly left Me voluntarily but I will not rest until you voluntarily return to your father's house again. And I will continue to bestow blessings upon you until you also burn with love again for your God and father of eternity.... until you also want to go to Him and now your return home is also secured through My everlasting gifts of love, through graces without measure and number....

Amen

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