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Spiritual Emergency

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## Spiritual flattening....

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**T**he spiritual flattening has taken on frightening proportions and people themselves are not aware of it, precisely because they do not take the maturing of their souls seriously. They live and everything happens according to the worldly point of view, i.e. impressions are only ever received and utilized from outside, and what should happen inside a person remains unnoticed because it cannot be seen by fellow human beings. People don't take their own spiritual development seriously but they are so overwhelmed with external impressions that they don't notice their spiritual deficiency and rather believe that they live correctly and in accordance with God's will because they are taught in this way. And this spiritual shallowness is such a great evil, for countless people suffer from it who are satisfied with customs and traditions, with ceremonies and ostentation which only keep the soul in ever denser darkness. But all of these people have been given the gift of understanding by God, all of these people can think in quiet hours about what is prescribed to them as alleged 'means for the salvation of the soul'. All these people have the opportunity to approach the father in silent childlike prayer for the **right knowledge**, for doubts will creep into all these people from time to time as to whether they are serious about fulfilling God's will.... Yet only a few use their intellect and with God's help also attain the right knowledge.... The majority, however, let others think for them and blindly and unthinkingly follow the leaders who act just as conscienceless and live a superficial christianity devoid of all seriousness. But one day people will not be able to pass on the responsibility to their 'leaders', everyone will have to answer for himself, for every human being will be shown ways and means to tread the right path which, however, can only ever be found if a person is **truly serious** and calls upon God for truth, light, i.e. true knowledge. The spiritual shallowness is already so deep that people are no longer able to recognize the thickest nonsense as such or that they feel comfortable to move in it. And this spiritual flattening could only come about because God's adversary was able to force his way in wherever there was a lack of prayers **in spirit and in truth**.... He succeeded in building up an illusory world which seemed to people to be a fully adequate substitute, into which they preferred to take refuge rather than into their 'quiet chamber' where they could have prayed in 'spirit and in truth'.... People seek pomp and splendour and do not know that satan is always hiding behind it.... People enjoy what they can offer to the eye but they do not look inwards into their heart where they could truly discover far more of the glories in intimate union with their God and father, Who **only** wants this intimate union with Him in order to then pour out His gifts of grace in abundance. And this intimate connection can be established **everywhere** but will never take place where the eye is directed towards earthly objects of all kinds.... You humans should make better use of your intellect, you should turn away in disgust from the works of satan who seeks to blind people and who has also succeeded in making them unreceptive to a true light, because the dazzling light has taken away their ability to recognize a gentle light.... You should only ever call upon **God** for **true** light, but do so by praying in **spirit and in truth**, which He will truly also answer and no longer let the person walk in darkness who earnestly desires light....

Amen

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## God reveals Himself in times of spiritual hardship....

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**E**very thought you send to Me in spirit and in truth is received by Me, and I really seek to answer your questions truthfully. But you, too, must try to accept this answer without prejudice.... You

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should feel like empty vessels which I want to fill with the correct contents that can only be beneficial for all of you.... And you should know that My love for you is limitless, that It will therefore use every means to help you, who are so close to perfection, to achieve this final goal, for which there is not much time left. You should also know that My adversary has immense power during the period before the end, which is granted to him by people who do not seriously strive for their final perfection themselves.... and that he will also succeed in achieving many people's downfall again, whose earthly progress will then have been in vain. Since I know everything, even the fact that many still undecided souls are too weak to resist his shameful actions.... and since My love is infinite and I truly want to liberate all people from his hands yet cannot contravene the law of eternal order, I will act within the framework of eternal order by helping all those who will merely raise their thoughts to Me, whose will is not against Me, even if they have not yet openly decided for Me....

But I want to help them make the right decision. Thus I have to give them light and strength so that they can learn to recognise Me one day and then also muster the strength to resist My adversary and to strive towards Me. I Am by no means a God Who could not be reached by you.... I Am love, and love is never distant from Its living creations, It always and forever pursues them, even if they are still extremely remote from Me. First you have to learn to recognise this God Who, as Father, takes a personal interest in the fate of every individual human being and for Whom you therefore should never search for in the distance. One heartfelt thought from My child calls Me to him, and I will be and remain near to him, for the child's love will not allow a separation again.... And I will reveal Myself to him.... And this is My great help, which I bestow on humanity in the last days who suffer utmost spiritual hardship.... I will speak to people Myself, and all people who merely open their hearts to hear Me speak from above may hear My Words....

I will impart light and strength to them through My Word, which they need for their perfection. And thus I Am at work Myself.... your eternal God and Father.... to lessen My adversary's activity, to offer people a rescue anchor which enables them to escape the danger of yielding to his activity. I speak to people Myself, and use for this a willing instrument which serves me knowingly and allows My direct action on and within him.... because I do not impose My will on humanity but it should freely decide whether to accept My Word or not.... But I Myself speak to all people.... because I Am motivated by My infinite love which will never end and which is always willing to help. And you humans should believe that the spiritual hardship is vast, because you are approaching the end. You should also know that the end is the result of My love.... For I know what needs to be done, I know when the time has come that I have to restore lawful order again so as to continue with the work of return for the fallen spirits.

But I also know where and how help can still be given, and I truly use every opportunity to open people's eyes while they are still on earth in order to reveal Myself to them.... My sheep recognise the voice of their shepherd.... and they follow it. However, My voice will sound in the universe too, for My Word is also heard in infinity, it speaks to all self-aware spirits and permeates them with light and strength.... Thus you will not be able to say that you cannot or may not hear Me.... For then My love or My might would be limited.... And even if I Am and remain unattainable for My living creations I Am nevertheless intimately united with them through love, and so close that every living creation can hear Me if he loves Me too and thus has established the unity again, as it was in the beginning.... For in the beginning all beings could hear My Word, and this was their beatitude, and one day it will be their beatitude again when the light of My love permeates the beings once more as before....

Amen

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# What is mental distress?

**Spiritual distress.... sense of responsibility.... harsh reminders....**

B.D. No. 1808

February 18th 1941

**H**ow irresponsible people act towards their souls when they close themselves off to the right realization and reject all help sent to them. Every admonition and warning is in vain, they attach too little importance to their lives and also have no sense of responsibility. And yet God, in His longsuffering and patience, repeatedly endeavours to educate them to think correctly, but they do not recognize this. And the more stubbornly they close themselves to His word, the thicker the soul's covering becomes, and it takes very strong shocks for this covering to burst and the soul to become free. The spiritual distress is far greater than the individual person is able to recognize. Only rarely is a believer present where several are gathered, and this believer is ridiculed where he should be heard.... Only rarely does the divine word penetrate people's hearts, for the world wants to hear something else, it wants to be entertained in a worldly way, it wants to be distracted and enjoy earthly speeches, it does not want any teachings or references to the death of the body; it only wants to live, i.e. to utilize and enjoy earthly life. And the divine words are an obstacle to this, they inhibit the urge for earthly life, they inhibit the ecstasy of joy and curtail earthly enjoyment. The more limited people are, the more difficult it is to explain the divine activity to them, for then they have no understanding for spiritual experiences, and they now try to compensate for the lack of understanding with an increased desire for the world, for they perceive what is incomprehensible to them only as pressure and burden and want to escape this by paying homage to the world all the more. And without the will to recognize the truth it cannot be offered to them, and if it is offered to them then they do not understand it because they do not have the will to do so and the desire for God is only weakly developed in them. And therefore God must send them other admonishers who will silence all desire for worldly pleasures in them. He has to touch them harder because they do not pay attention to light touches, because they do not sense God's closeness when He makes Himself known to them. And so an ever harder lot will be imposed on humanity and it will have to languish under the pressure and find no compensation in the world and its supposed pleasures. Life will be so hard to bear that true comfort will only be found with God.... in His word, which promises His love and mercy to everyone who turns to Him and surrenders the world....

Amen

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**Spiritual hardship greater than earthly.... The adversary's activity....**

B.D. No. 5526

November 6th 1952

**T**he spiritual adversity is far greater still than the earthly one, for people no longer know the truth and every error is an obstacle towards ascent, every error is spiritual standstill or even regression, for error is My adversary's work in order to obstruct the path to Me, in order to make it impossible to find. Every error reinforces his power and provides him with new opportunities to spread darkness across the human race. Everything is an error which contributes towards complicating the realisation of Me, everything is an error which prevents people from seeking and finding contact with Me.... It is My goal and intention that people shall unite with Me, that they long for Me and seek to satisfy this longing of the heart.... My aim is to gain My living creations' love.... Anything that contributes towards this is good and never My adversary's activity. However, anything that prevents people from finding this contact with Me, anything that diverts their eyes from Me is My adversary's doing. And thus you can easily recognise him in everything you are offered, be they spiritual doctrines, messages

from the spiritual kingdom or events of any kind.... You must always try to realise what is intended by this.... And if it leads you away from Me and towards the world or if it impedes your heartfelt bond with Me then you will also know that it is My adversary's work who tries to push you humans away from Me. He also uses means which are intended to feign My activity, he does not shy away from seemingly working for Me in order to convince the gullible, who do not recognise him and accept what he offers them. People's gullibility encourages his activity, for they accept anything without serious scrutiny at the slightest occasion which requires their faith. That is how cunning he is, to seemingly strengthen the faith and yet to divert it into the wrong direction.... The truth is constantly sent to Earth, it is constantly conveyed to people and yet, the worst errors and lies are far more likely to be accepted than just a glimmer of truth, which would enlighten their spiritual state. My adversary, however, stands on solid ground, he stands on ground which people themselves have made firm and tenable.... My adversary works where people believe they are entering **My** territory. This, too, is his cunning, which can only be exposed again through the pure truth which **I** send to people through My Word. Yet this, My Word, can only enter with great difficulty where My adversary has carefully closed all doors. And people themselves support My adversary and uphold his power.... This is why the spiritual adversity is so indescribably great and yet cannot be forcibly eliminated, because the human being has to strive of his own free will to enter the light, then he will soon be illuminated and the ground beneath My adversary's feet will begin to falter. Nevertheless, without the truth spiritual hardship cannot be reduced, for the truth teaches love, but anyone in possession of love will also recognise the adversary's activity and release himself from him, given that his love also gives him the strength to escape from him, since due to his love he establishes unity with Me and thus I support him by imbuing him with light and strength....

Amen

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### Spiritual adversity: untruth.... false picture of God....

B.D. No. 5556

December 14th 1952

**Y**ou will only be able to control the spiritual adversity if you spread the truth, for the spiritual adversity consists of the fact that humanity walks in error, that it is blind in spirit, that it lacks the right knowledge.... that it lacks the truth. For as soon as they correctly recognize the correlation between the eternal creator and people, as soon as they know the purpose of their earthly life, they will already have a certain degree of love, because then they will already love Me as their father of eternity, Whom they will learn to recognize as supremely perfect, as wise, powerful and supremely good when they are taught the truth about Me. Truth presents Me in such a way that they can love Me, but error gives a distorted image of Me so that people may fear Me but are unable to love Me. For if I am portrayed to them as a God of vengeance, as a God of wrath, as a God Who **punishes** sinners, then this is a distorted image of My nature, Who is, after all, **love Itself**. If I wanted to keep people under compulsion by means of commandments I would not be a God of love either, not a father Who wants to let His children work in complete freedom, but I would be a tyrant Who only ever uses His power and strength and behaves differently towards people than a father does towards his children.... For My only commandments are My commandments of love which, however, cannot be fulfilled compulsorily either, because love requires the human being's free will again. I do not plunge people into the abyss but they are in it and I want to pull them up to Me.... not I do condemn people eternally but they keep themselves distant from Me and are therefore in a dreadful state, and I want to redeem them from it by virtue of My love.... But how do people present Me? Also on the part of those who believe to be active for Me and My kingdom? What useless formalities are demanded of people and how insignificant is the most important thing seen.... the life of love, which alone is valued by Me.... The teaching of Christ, the divine teaching of love, which the man Jesus proclaimed on earth, is certainly still preached today, yet they are only words which fall on people's ears, they are words which are no longer spoken vividly enough by the proclaimers because they lack the power of persuasion which alone My spirit can bestow upon them if the proclaimer lives in love himself. But My spirit must first be able to work

if My word is to penetrate people's hearts, and where My spirit works there will also be truth. But love has grown cold amongst people and therefore truth can no longer be found, nor is it recognized as such by people when a bearer of truth wants to bring them light. And the path to Me cannot be found, for it does not go via misguided teachings. You first have to learn to recognize Me in My nature in order to learn to love Me, and only the pure truth which originates from Me gives you light.... But then the spiritual adversity will also be remedied for all people who are of good will....

Amen

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## **Confused thinking - Spiritual adversity.... Free will....**

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December 26th 1952

**P**eople's thinking has become confused. And spiritual adversity has to be understood as meaning that they are without realisation, that they are far removed from the truth and therefore are also distant from Me, because they live without love, since love inevitably unites them with Me and the truth. How else could they be helped if not through constantly admonishing and motivating them to love.... But they cannot be commanded to love, it can only be presented to them as the most important commandment which has to be fulfilled without fail if the human being wants to reach his goal on earth. The human being has to know that he will not even move one step forward without love, yet it cannot be forcibly demanded or it would not be love, at best it would just be an act intending to feign love.

You humans should not forget that love is something divine, and that I gave you the commandment of love in order to show you the path towards the deification of your nature.... But by no means will I ever exercise the least amount of compulsion on you which, however, is implied in the true sense of the word 'commandment'. And thus I allow you to decide everything, you may exercise self-determination; I can only instruct you such that you will take the right path of your own accord.... And therefore I constantly endeavour to guide people into right thinking, to instruct them correctly, to convey My Word to them through servants who are wholeheartedly devoted to Me, to explain the pros and cons of everything so that they themselves will make the right decision and carry out what will lead them to the goal.... so that they will live a life of love and become again what they had been in the beginning. Yet I meet with unyielding resistance.... People don't accept My loving instructions, their thinking is so confused that they are no longer capable of understanding simple, clear information about the correlations.... and neither do they want to understand them....

My loving Words bypass their ears and don't reach their hearts, therefore the strength of My Word can no longer be effective on people.... The spiritual adversity is huge because people's will has to remain free and they are no longer motivated from within; they have no desire for correct explanations, they are comfortable in their spiritual darkness, they don't desire any light.... and if the light comes to them they won't let its rays enter their hearts, they turn away and towards deceptive lights which flare up everywhere along the path.... And full of compassion I look upon My living creations unto which I would like to bestow happiness and who will not accept anything from My hands. I see them wander about, each one on other paths but not entering the path which indeed leads uphill, but with certainty towards Me.... I also see those who are looking for Me but who will not accept advice where I can be found, who have to travel many paths before they will find the right one.... I would like to spare all of them their wasted journeys, I would like to make their ascent to Me easier, I would like to provide everyone with a guide....

Yet I can only ever call to them with enticing Words: Come to Me, all ye that labour, and are heavily laden, and I will give you rest.... I can only call but not force them to take the right path.... They don't listen to My call of love because they can't recognise My voice as long as they are without love. And this is what I describe as spiritual adversity, the fact that there is indeed help and that it is more than abundantly bestowed upon you by Me, but that you humans don't want to accept it and therefore determine the end yourselves which you are approaching; I Am able to help you, I also want to help



you but you yourselves have to want to be helped.... For your will is free and shall forever determine your fate....

Amen

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### **Idleness of life.... church christians....**

B.D. No. 6309

July 11th 1955

**P**eople must be directly influenced, for they pay little attention to the fate of their fellow human beings and remain unaffected by it, thus they do not draw any conclusions which could favourably influence their way of life. People's indifference is far worse than a blatant rejection, for such arises from ignorance and can still result in a change of attitude, whereas an indifferent person is nowhere to be touched and therefore will be lost without salvation if he cannot be roused from his indifference.... which always requires a distress of his own life. People can find themselves in a spiritual void despite church faith and seemingly religious life because their **soul** is not involved in any way, because only purely mechanical demands are fulfilled and a **spiritual** attitude towards it is completely missing. These people will outwardly be counted among the 'righteous', among the 'faithful'.... But they are always only church christians for whom their christianity is a worldly affair like everything else.... To teach them that they lack the spirit would be unsuccessful, for they have too high an opinion of themselves and do not accept such teachings, always relying on the fulfilment of what is demanded of them ecclesiastically.... And yet, their life is an idle one if it does not reveal a change in love.... And these people often have to be touched hard so that they wake up from their soul's sleep, so that they reflect and ask themselves what might be the reason for such strokes of fate.... They must be affected themselves, only then will it be possible for them to seriously consider spiritual questions, and then the strokes of fate will have been a blessing. As soon as a person is willing to love he will also be affected by his fellow human being's fate, and then he can draw spiritual benefit from everything he experiences around him.... But people's hearts are hardened, love has grown cold.... No matter how great the misfortune.... it does not trigger a warm feeling in the fellow human being, and even less does it determine him to reflect on the cause or to change his way of life. It is a danger in which people float because of their indifference, for all remedies remain without success as long as they do not let themselves be touched by it. And therefore ever more severe blows have to come upon people, and the adversity will not abate because it alone can be heard as a wake-up call and bring about a change of heart.... For everything will still be tried which could serve the salvation of those souls....

Amen

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### **What is spiritual hardship?....**

B.D. No. 7209

November 17th 1958

**Y**ou humans are not aware of the immense spiritual hardship you suffer because your senses are still captivated by the world and thus you cannot even assess the darkness surrounding your thinking. Every day can be the last one for you on this earth.... No-one knows the hour of his death, and no-one can extend his life for an hour.... And you do not consider this.... or you would prepare yourselves for what will come afterwards since you know, after all, that you cannot take anything with you when you have to pass away from earth. But what is your soul like? Do you ever seriously contemplate what your fate will be afterwards? You resist such thoughts, you push them far away from you once they emerge, and yet your soul can be in a state of distress because it has to leave the body without light when the hour of passing away has struck.... when it finds itself in profound darkness in the spiritual kingdom wandering about deprived and unhappy because it doesn't know where to turn to in this darkness. It is you, it is your actual Self which cannot vanish even if the soul had to leave the body.... But don't think that you will no longer exist, that your existence will have come to an end with

the death of your body.... Your existence will be just as real as on earth, and you will experience suffering and torment just as much and even more intensely because you suddenly realise that you lack all strength to change your situation.... a fact which is extremely agonising to you because you have to endure it due to your own fault. For if only you lived a little more consciously on earth the soul would not enter into the beyond in such a wretched state, because a small glimmer of light would show the path it has to take in the beyond in order to ascend. For every soul has the possibility to continue what it had failed to do on earth, if only it has the will to do so. But whether it makes use of this possibility is up to itself but first it requires a small glimmer of realisation without which it will remain helplessly and miserably in the same state.

And if only the human being on earth would actively endeavour to gain faith in life after death, to live a life after God's will, if only he would try to discard his faults and weaknesses and be lovingly active towards his fellow human being, he would leave the profound darkness and step into a faint twilight, and if he enters the kingdom of the beyond with such a faint light his soul would get on better, it would recognise its further task and try to fulfil it.... For it will not be entirely blind and spared the worst suffering. Yet how many people don't even consider their soul's salvation just once a day, all their thoughts and intentions only relate to the material world and to the attainment of purely earthly advantages.... The immense spiritual hardship consists of the fact that people are entirely unaware of why they are on earth, that they only ever think of 'life itself' as important and never ask why they were given this life. And in this darkened state they are approaching the end of the earth which will suddenly and unexpectedly come upon them and finish innumerable people's lives prematurely who don't even consider pondering thoughts of death because they believe that they have plenty of time left. All these people are so earthbound that they will also remain within the sphere of Earth when the end has come.... so that an ascent in the beyond will be impossible for these souls because they will not be able to detach themselves from the material world for a long time.... And many of them will have to take abode in matter again because they are not yet mature enough for a spiritual sphere. And this is the beginning of the state of torment again which they had long overcome already.... But people do not believe it if they are being admonished to make use of the short time on earth for the salvation of their soul; they do not believe it and cannot be forced to adopt another way of life either. Only the love of knowledgeable fellow human beings can try to influence them, and occasionally love will indeed be able to achieve something, even though every human being will keep his freedom of will. Yet the struggle for such a soul shall be continued until the end, the battle of light against the darkness shall be waged until the end, because precisely the forces of darkness are fighting especially fiercely and the forces of light must therefore not abandon the battle on their part. And just a small ray of light can ignite and penetrate the darkness, which always signifies the salvation of a soul which will be infinitely grateful for it, even if at first it is only surrounded by some twilight. Yet to have escaped the most profound darkness also means a detachment from the prince of darkness and to walk towards the light....

Amen

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## **Greatest spiritual need is faithlessness....**

B.D. No. 8592

August 21st 1963

**L**et Me speak to you, and then you will always be near Me, otherwise you would not be able to hear Me. But you must be close to Me in order to be able to receive the strength from Me which you need for your ascent to the height. And you are close to Me with every thought, which you send upwards, into the spiritual kingdom, with every thought, which is meant for Me. And when I can be near you then you can cover every step on earth without worry; it will lead upwards and bring you to the destination. That is why lack of faith has such an exceedingly detrimental effect on the course of development of man; he constantly remains standing on the same level, if he does not even sink back to the deep, because as soon as he does not believe in Me, he also seeks no union with Me.... His thoughts are exclusively turned towards the world and its goods, and he can in no way receive strength

from Me, but without which his life is an idle run.... If he would use his life power for love work then he would acquire power through it, but only rarely is a completely unbelieving man active in love because he is still dominated by My opponent who himself is devoid of all love and also prevents his following from love work. And if such a man is still to be rescued before the end or also before his own death, then this can only bring about great trouble, which still causes him to intervene helpfully, and can also teach him to think differently. But this hope only exists with few men because faithlessness is proof that the opponent completely controls him, and since he himself does not request help to be able to resist him, his earth life passes and brings him no spiritual success at all. And in the times of the end very many men are in this spiritual trouble.... The world completely captivates them, they think of nothing but the increase of earthly goods and the comfort of the body; every thought of a spiritual kingdom.... when it arises in them.... they immediately reject and therefore can also in no way be taught otherwise, because all compulsion switches off, because it is about the free decision of will of man on earth. Nevertheless, everything will still be tried on My part so that a little light will shine for everyone once, that sparks will flash up which he only needs to follow in order to reach a light.... I also meet completely faithless people and address them in some way.... If I cannot address them through My word, then they will be fatefully pointed to a super-strong power against Which they cannot raise themselves.... They will have experiences around them which can serve them all for reflection.... They will also experience things themselves which could prove to them a God and creator.... But as long as they are still fully attached to My opponent everything can also remain **without** impression, and then they irrevocably go towards a difficult fate, they will be banished anew in solid matter at the end of this earth.... And this is imminent.... For fewer and fewer people still establish the bond with Me.... fewer and fewer people believe in a God and creator, and the earthly course of life of these people is in vain, it does not earn the soul any success, and also the endless long course before in the state of compulsion was in vain, and the soul has to go through all phases of ascent development again in the dissolved state and cover a dreadfully agonizing way until the renewed embodiment as man after endless long time. When man passes away without faith then he will not be able to escape this fate, and that is why all My messengers are to try again and again to move men to faith.... Even if it is difficult it still need not be impossible because a person's thoughts can still change, for I wrestle for the souls until their death, and it is never hopeless, especially if a **loving** person takes care of such an unbelieving person, for love achieves much because love itself is a strength which no-one can resist in the long run. And when I admonish you again and again to diligent vineyard work then I also know that this alone is necessary and that it can also be successful insofar as that **every** effort in love does not remain without effect and can change a person's thinking.... and if it is still in the hereafter that a light still comes towards him there and he recognizes what you have offered him on earth. No love work is lost, and if you can cause a faithless man to carry out a love work, then this can already be the beginning that he is touched by a light shine.... it can move him to do good to his fellow human being again and again, and then the ice is melted which kept his heart bound.... It is never too late to bring a person to faith in Me, even if it is shortly before his death.... For then his path in the beyond will be easier, he will not sink into deepest darkness, for through faith in Me he has detached himself from My adversary, and he is saved for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## Great spiritual need in the end times....

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November 16th 1962

**Y**ou must not be surprised at the confused views of people in the last time before the end.... no matter in which field.... My adversary rules everywhere, and he influences the thinking of those who are not completely firmly united with Me. But My own will ask themselves how it is possible that such wrong thinking has set in amongst humanity, for they are guided by Me Myself in their thinking and therefore cannot understand the direction of humanity's thoughts, because they have little faith and go their way alone without Me.... and therefore My adversary can join them. Earthly and

spiritually people have turned away from truth, from natural feeling and from everything good and beautiful.... In contrast, they pay homage to the world in the most blatant form, i.e. they distort everything and have lost all feeling for what is right and good.... And spiritually they are in deepest darkness, they know nothing about spiritual correlations, about their God and creator and their task in life on earth and desire to know nothing about it either. They live in a completely wrong direction of will and therefore give My adversary unrestricted power which he uses in the most evil way. And help is impossible as long as the desire to gain clarity in all things does not arise in them. This desire must arise from them in the realisation that the world and its goods are transient and that their life cannot only be an end in itself but must be a means to an end. They can gain this realisation as soon as they have lived themselves out, as it were, as soon as they have enjoyed earthly what seemed desirable to them.... Hours of inner reflection can come which make the life they have lived so far seem stale and absurd, and then it is possible that they will undergo a change, that they will be accessible to the speeches of fellow human beings who walk the right path and try to convince them that their path is the right one. And people should take pity on the spiritual hardship of their fellow human beings and intercede for them..... For such prayers do not go unheard. Yet for the most part the adversary retains his power over such people, and the spiritual hardship becomes increasingly more threatening and also causes the transformation of this earth.... For as soon as the spiritual low point is reached a destruction of the old earth with all its creations is also justified, a total transformation of everything that contains immature spiritual substances for the purpose of ascent development. Before the end of a redemption period this disinherited state will always be amongst people because many people will walk across the earth at that time who still harbour much immature spiritual within themselves but whose time has expired, which was granted to them for release from the form. These people **can** reach maturity in the time until the end but they have to give up their resistance against Me, they have to change their will and turn towards Me.... Yet they lack faith in Me as God and creator Who can and will give them strength.... But without such they are too weak.... But they are constantly pointed to the power which gave them life, both through My word, which also reaches these people at times, and through their experience, their own fate and that of their fellow human beings.... For I reveal Myself to all people who only think about what earthly life gives them.... The human being is completely free to think, he is certainly influenced by My adversary or also by the forces of light, but he is not forced to think in the same direction as those. But as long as the human being possesses the ability to think on My part he also has to answer for how he has used his earthly life, for everything is done on My part to stimulate his thinking.... (11/16/1962) And therefore it is also possible for **such** people to reach maturity on earth which allows them to enter the kingdom of light.... who enter this earth in a still very immature state.... They may be of whatever nature they want, it is not impossible for them to change and reach perfection, because My grace flows to everyone in an unusual way and only needs to be utilised.... And I even take a very weak will into account by letting such people get into situations where their resistance decreases and it could be easy for them to turn to Me.... I use every means which still promises success so that the soul will not fall into the lot of new banishment.... But I must leave them the last freedom. And it is a great mercy if they are prematurely recalled from earthly life, because then they will no longer be able to fall deeper on earth and everything will truly be tried in the kingdom of the beyond to protect them from a further fall into the abyss. But then they will still stay close to earth, and they can also follow the fate of many people on earth who were close to them in earthly life.... They can also still think in the spiritual world, even if they are often confused, but time and again they are granted assistance by the beings of light which present themselves to them in the same garment. who join them in the same garb.... and talk to them.... Every effort is made to bring the souls on the path of ascent, always without compulsion of will but with loving care, which is sometimes also recognised and gratefully accepted.... But as soon as this period of redemption comes to an end the gates into the spiritual kingdom are closed, i.e. the separation of the goats and sheep has already taken place on earth.... Only those people remain who are faithful to Me and will be raptured to the new earth.... But the others are My adversary's followers, and they also share My adversary's fate.... They will be bound again for an infinitely long time. And therefore you should not pity the people who are called out of life, for there is still an improvement to be achieved in them, they have

not completely fallen prey to My adversary, even though they can still sink in the kingdom of the beyond, whereas those who stay behind certainly still have the opportunity to turn back until the end and will then also be saved from the downfall, but they will make little use of this opportunity and therefore face a dreadful fate. And you will also be allowed to regard the departure of your loved ones beforehand as an act of grace on My part, and as soon as you let loving thoughts and intercession follow them you will no longer need to fear that they will be lost.... These assurances on My part shall always comfort you and explain all strokes of fate, misfortunes and disasters where many people lose their lives.... For I want to reduce the number of the wretched who experience a new banishment as far as this is possible.... For it will be very high, after all, My adversary is active in the end in such a way that he has and retains a large following. Yet one thing is certain, that every single soul will be fought for on earth as well as in the spiritual kingdom, that everything will be done to guide people onto the right path and to provide assistance to the departed souls.... For all shall attain beatitude....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

# The intervention of God

## Spiritual decline....

B.D. No. 2212

January 15th 1942

The people of the present do not recognize where they are drifting. They are alive and yet dead in spirit. They find no connection with God because they do not seek Him. The earthly world means everything to them, but their train of thought does not go beyond that. And therefore every day is spent uselessly in a spiritual sense.... higher development is called into question, indeed, a spiritual regression is often recorded which has tremendously serious consequences. And even if people are made aware of their actual task on earth, they do not listen to such ideas because once again the world and its demands seem to be the only important thing to them. And thus their earthly course is a misguided one, for these people the earth is not what it should be.... And God's love and wisdom does not allow people to misuse their earthly life, to give it a different purpose than God has determined, for His instructions are wise and unsurpassable. But if the human being no longer recognizes God's wisdom he also disregards His instructions and this can only lead to the downfall of that which is supposed to develop upwards. But an upward development can only take place when the human being makes contact with the spiritual and ignores the world. But humanity is disenchanted, it hurries and chases after earthly goals, it is incapable of a spiritual connection because it is unwilling, for striving for the spiritual seems worthless to it since it does not result in earthly success.... And this is spiritual decline.... This is a state which God does not stand idly by but which He tries to remedy by shaking people out of their spiritual lethargy through events which strongly shake people's thinking. God has all power, and He will truly also prove His power to people so that they will learn to recognize Him and seriously try to think about the meaning and purpose of earthly life. And thus He will first take away from people what has occupied their thoughts up to now.... earthly goods and earthly pleasures. They should first recognize the worthlessness of this in its transience and, after times of disappointment, reflect on the only thing of value.... about the relationship between man and God.... He seeks to awaken in them the desire for imperishable good by abandoning to decay everything that has dominated their thinking up to now. And this is the purpose of the coming events which God inevitably has to let come upon people so that they will still utilize the rest of their lives for the salvation of their souls, which so far had to do without all care....

Amen

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## Spiritual need.... great earthly sorrow.... prayer....

B.D. No. 3361

December 9th 1944

There is great spiritual hardship on earth and My love is unable to banish it, for people's will resists My help. It is an unparalleled chaos and yet humanity cannot find its way back to Me because it has already distanced itself too far and no longer recognizes Me. It has no faith, it lives without love and therefore also without recognizing the truth. People live and yet are spiritually dead, they use their intellect and will wrongly, they ponder and research, they think and act but without consulting Me, they are completely ignorant of My will because they don't listen to My word when I bring it to them. They don't let themselves be taught by Me but listen to those who are ignorant themselves; they are incapable of hearing My voice themselves because they lack love and their spirit remains unawakened. And yet, they believe to stand in truth or they are satisfied with what they were commanded out of tradition. And I cannot bring them help because they do not accept it. And the hardship will increase, people will no longer know where to turn and they will lack all strength to

endure the coming difficult time. For the spiritual hardship can only be remedied through physical hardship, through earthly tribulation and suffering of an extraordinary kind.... the latter is intended to make them turn to Me in search of help so that I can assist them, yet I have to possess their will first.... The will, however, will only become compliant when the human being no longer has any earthly hope, when he realizes that there is no way out for him and that he is hopelessly lost unless help comes to him from above.... Faith must be born out of this adversity.... when everything around the human being breaks down, when only life is desirable to him; then he calls to the one Who gave him life.... then he gives up all resistance and bows before the lord and creator, and then he prays.... And this is how far I have to lead people, in spite of My love.... precisely because I love them.... I must intensify the hardship if they cannot be won any other way, I must keep Myself hidden from them beforehand so that I can then reveal Myself to them.... I must let them sink if they do not take hold of My hand which wants to bring them salvation.... I must seemingly act mercilessly because they do not submit to My love. And yet, My love is constantly active and concerned about their salvation. And therefore I always send My messengers to those who are in spiritual hardship, who want to escape the chaos and are unable to do so on their own. For they are too weak because they don't believe and therefore don't ask for strength either. But they have to gain faith themselves by letting their intellect become active and thinking in striving for the pure truth.... Then I will reveal Myself to them and they will also recognize Me as soon as they show Me love, which they demonstrate through unselfish neighbourly love.... For I have mercy on everyone who is of good will....

Amen

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### God's intervention....

B.D. No. 3773

May 17th 1946

**M**y will shall defeat human will, My intervention shall prevent people's intentions, and before long every power shall be weakened in as much as by itself it is helpless against My will.... For I will show the world that it cannot exclude Me and that I will redirect earthly affairs when human beings are no longer able to do so themselves. I allow events to run their course until it is clearly apparent which power wants to assert itself on earth, but then I won't hesitate any longer and disable this power, if only temporarily, so that the time shall be fulfilled. I will visibly appear before the end, i.e. I will once more approach all human beings as overwhelming Power which only expresses itself destructively because nothing else but fear can persuade people to call upon Me.... the fear of death from which they cannot be saved without My help. There is no other way to turn their thoughts towards Me. And earthly power will disappear into thin air; it is equally incapable of resisting the forces of nature through which I will speak. A sudden change will occur, all human considerations will become invalid, new problems will have to be solved, new difficulties will appear and much strength will be needed yet again to master the new situation.... And this is My will.

I have compassion for humanity which, in spite of the most severe hardship, cannot find its way to Me, which only takes notice of world events and does not detect therein the effect of its deluded reasoning and extreme distance from God.... which believes that all fault and origin of adversity rests in human will but not in their own spiritual poverty, which is the cause and which every human being should aim to resolve. And thus I will confront people with My will to make them realise that they are also at the mercy of another Power so that they will approach this Power for help.... that they will acknowledge Me.... because only then will I be able to help them. People are in urgent need of help, yet they close themselves to the strength they require. And to make them receptive of this strength I will allow severe suffering to happen. In just a short time you will hear Me, and the truth of My Word will be proven to you and blessed are those who believe before I provide them with proof, blessed are those who prepare themselves and constantly draw their strength from Me, for they need not fear the hardship, nor will they be harmed by the forces of nature, because this is My will....

Amen





# Mental depression

## The spiritual low is recognizable in times of need....

B.D. No. 2501

October 8th 1942

**T**he spiritual low will become particularly apparent when a general adversity will affect people and therefore turning to God is the only thing that could bring them help. But they will not take this path because they lack faith in a loving and merciful God. And this faith alone allows them to endure the most difficult things. But where faith is lacking, there will be indescribable chaos.... fear and worry will make people despair who do not know of one Who is close to them. And people will fear for their lives and no one will come to their aid.... yet they will not remember the one Who can help them. Their hearts are empty and so is their spirit, they only see the earthly horrors and hardships, they see everything around them falling apart, they see their possessions being lost and they have no consolation, no hope and no explanation for the terrible misfortune that affects them, for they do not realize the necessity of that which shakes their whole thinking. They will leave their neighbour in need without help, for they are only concerned with saving their property and keeping their lives safe. And it will turn out how distant people are from God, how they only pray to Him with their lips when they call upon Him or mention His name, but only very few will seriously remember the creator and commend themselves to Him and His grace, and these few will be mocked and ridiculed by their fellow human beings. In their distance from God, they lack all faith in an almighty, wise and loving creator. They only know the world and it is threatening to collapse.... And the spiritual low of people is clearly recognizable, because they are only attached to earthly life and do not think about their soul and life after death. They fear losing their lives and are therefore extremely worried, but they do not think about their spiritual hardship, which has a far more bitter effect in the beyond than the most difficult fate on earth can have. Yet the adversity is unavoidable, for the spiritual low will not lift without it, but God remembers the few who find Him in this adversity and are saved by it for eternity....

Amen

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## Spiritual low level necessitates upheaval of earth....

B.D. No. 7581

April 19th 1960

**Y**ou will not experience a spiritual renaissance on this earth anymore. A low level has been reached which almost cannot be surpassed because people merely exist with worldly intentions. They do not consider a spiritual life nor do they ask themselves whether they are fulfilling their real earthly task, because they cannot recognise any other earthly task except serving their physical wellbeing and enjoying life to the fullest.... Only few people start their daily activity with spiritual thoughts, and only these few live their earthly life consciously.... They sense that the human being is not on earth merely for the sake of earthly life. They think about it, and since they are of good will they gradually come to understand the purpose of their earthly life. But there are only few of them, and a person will hardly ever succeed in guiding a fellow human being on the same path and convincing him of his true destiny. And thus one can speak of a low level spiritual which necessitates a change, which involves such a breakdown of creation that it inevitably has to result in an earthly and spiritual turning point.

There have been many times indeed when people lived without God, where much injustice happened and satanic activity was plainly evident. But this situation has gone too far, almost all people now lead a superficial life, they no longer think about it, they have no sense of responsibility, they grow up

without faith or merely conform to conventional faith, which is entirely worthless for the development of the soul. And they are also swayed by error, by wrong thinking, they are far from the truth and cannot find it either because they are without love.... And the reason for humanity's ailment is that love has grown cold.... that people are no longer able to believe in a God and Creator, Who is love, wisdom and might in Himself and to Whom they will have to be accountable for their conduct one day.... They lack love and therefore also awareness, they are spiritually blind and walking towards the abyss. The end will come without fail because order has to be re-established if higher development, which is the purpose for people's life on earth, is to continue.

Whatever can be saved before the end shall be saved, because God's love will help wherever the smallest measure of will for good exists. However, it would be wrong to rely on people changing their attitude towards God and faith, it would be wrong to rely on a spiritual change that supposedly will take place on this earth. Because people grant God's adversary too much power and he truly is using it well. Hence one day his activity will have to come to an end, God will have to take his power from him, his era will have to be brought to an end, and that will also involve impounding his followers as well as himself so that his evil actions will be over for a long time. It will also necessitate a breakdown and transformation of the creations which shelter spiritual substances on earth, which in turn necessitate a new creation.... the formation of a new earth, so that spiritual development can continue.... And God knows when the time is right for this, He knows when humanity has reached its lowest level, when a transformation of earth and all its creation is necessary and, furthermore, He will keep to this time in accordance with His plan of eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## **Spiritual low level.... Lovelessness.... Selfish love....**

B.D. No. 8712

December 31th 1963

**T**he greatest evidence of humanity's spiritual low level is lovelessness, which is evident amongst people everywhere. Selfish love has steadily increased and hardly anyone is practicing neighbourly love anymore, hence there also has to be a profane state on earth, a state of activity by evil forces, where God's adversary always has the upper hand and people are his willing subjects. The spiritual darkness is getting increasingly worse, rays of light are only seldom recognisable and even frequently feigned by deceptive lights without strength of radiance.... Judging by people's degree of love the time of the end has clearly arrived....

An obvious decline can be detected, people are firmly attached to matter, they only value their body and its comfort, earthly success and an increase of earthly commodities. They do not believe the fact that their souls are suffering extreme hardship since they do not believe in the soul's life after death, indeed, they frequently even deny having a soul. They cannot be forced into a different mode of thinking, their free will has to be respected, but accordingly they also prepare their own fate after their death.

And anyone who observes what is happening in the world, in his immediate neighbourhood, also knows that this state cannot continue forever because it is getting worse from day to day, because people's greed for matter continues to grow, because no spiritual aspiration can be noticed and because every situation will eventually come to an end if it does not correspond to divine order.

People no longer serve each other, everyone wants to rule instead and be served at the same time, everyone wants from the other what he enjoys but no-one is willing to do the same in return.... There is no love, people's hearts are hardened, and there are only ever a few people willing to help in times of need.... And this is the small flock, for once the will to love becomes active it will establish the bond with Eternal Love. And This will not leave a person again, who voluntarily performs labours of love.

You humans do not know the blessings of loving deeds.... you do not know how much easier you could travel your earthly path if only you would practice love and thereby receive consistently more for your soul, but also receive what you need for earthly life. But heartless humanity lacks this knowledge, everyone just looks after himself, and everyone tries to get whatever he can out of life and forgets that his hour of death is unknown to him, that he can pass away at any time and take nothing he owns into the beyond, but that he will arrive bare and miserable on the other side. For he has nothing to show for his soul which he had starved in earthly life but which is all he has left now and which enters the spiritual kingdom in desperate poverty. And this heartless state of people cannot result in the slightest spiritual progress. However, since the soul only lives on earth as a human being for the purpose of maturing, but this purpose is not fulfilled, a powerful intervention by God has to take place, a sharp reprimand and reminder, so that a few people will reconsider the purpose of their earthly life and change themselves before the earth's last stage begins which will not last long until the end.

People take no notice of God's gentle voice through strokes of fate, disasters and all kinds of accidents, through the Word of God from above, and thus they have to be spoken to with a louder voice, and blessed, who wants to hear God's voice and takes it to heart, for even then there will be many people who don't want to recognise Him when he speaks to them through the elements of nature with tremendous strength.... They, too, will not be forced but able to make a decision of free will, nevertheless they will be spared the worst, the recurrent banishment into hard matter, if they still find and take the path to God, if they still acknowledge Him and call upon Him for mercy....

But then the end will have come, for the earth will no longer fulfil its purpose, it will no longer be used by the souls as a place to mature, it will merely be utilized for the body, and everyone will elevate himself to a ruler of the world and cause the greatest destructions himself in the belief to control all laws of nature and thus also to experiment with impunity, which then will lead to the final destruction of earth.

But this is what people themselves want, and thus it will come to pass as it is proclaimed in Word and Scripture: a new heaven and a new earth will arise and divine order will be re-established, so that the return of the souls to God can continue, as it is intended in His eternal plan of Salvation....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## **Total spiritual change....**

B.D. No. 7562

March 29th 1960

**A** spiritual change for the better will no longer take place on this earth, and people who indulge in this hope are in erroneous thinking, and they will therefore be surprised when the course of world events will convince them that a spiritual change is by no means recognizable, that people always sink deeper into darkness the further time advances. People themselves are no longer changing to the extent that I could refrain from dissolving the creations.... They increasingly fall prey to My adversary, they fulfil his will and therefore become ever more ripe for the downfall which signifies the end of this earth for humanity. There are only ever a few who recognize the seriousness of the time, who make an effort to live the way of life according to My will, who believe in Me and therefore will find grace before My eyes.... And these also believe in an end because they can follow people's spiritual low and recognize that the earth is ripe for destruction. But these few cannot cause Me to refrain from the final work of destruction, for I must also remember the still bound spiritual substances which shall continue their course of development in new creations.... I must also remember those people who fail so that they can be reintegrated into the process of ascent development, so that they are taken from My adversary's power.... These people would irrevocably fall further and further into the abyss if I allowed the earth to continue and did not put an end to My adversary's activity. This earth period has to come to an end and a new one has to begin again, otherwise divine order would never be established, but this is My eternal plan of salvation. Once every redemption period comes to

an end, and this period has now also reached the time when order has to be established again so that the development of the spiritual will continue. This is incomprehensible to every person who does not strive spiritually, but everyone whose spirit is awakened and who looks around with open eyes must understand it. Unbelief and unkindness are rampant, people no longer expect to live on after death, they don't believe in Jesus Christ and His act of salvation, they only live a worldly life and don't think about the purpose and aim of their existence.... And only rarely can a person still be won over for Me and My kingdom.... And thus a spiritual low has set in which can no longer be remedied other than through a complete reorganisation, a 'straightening' and transposition of the spiritual into the form corresponding to its state of maturity.... And this is what the work of transformation on the old earth is supposed to achieve, that all forms are dissolved and the spiritual bound in them is incorporated into other forms, so that the upward development can continue. And this requires a total change, spiritually and earthly.... it requires the end of the old and the emergence of a new earth.... it necessitates the establishment of the order of eternity, which will always be carried out again from My side when the time has expired, when a redemption period has come to an end according to the destiny of eternity....

Amen

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# Spiritual death

## The fate of the spiritually dead in the afterlife....

B.D. No. 3167

June 23rd 1944

To be spiritually dead is the most terrible fate, both on earth and in the beyond. On earth the human being does not feel this fate as long as he is spared the pleasures of the world, that is, as long as he forgets his soul and is therefore also unaware of its lifeless state. For only his soul is affected by it, while the body creates earthly pleasures for itself as long as it is alive and does not feel the inactivity of the soul, its powerlessness. Only when the soul enters the kingdom of the beyond, when it has shed its physical shell, does it become aware of its lack of strength and with it the dreadful fate it now has to take upon itself because it has not used its earthly life to awaken the spirit within itself to life. Now the opportunity is taken from it, it can no longer be active of its own accord but is in a state of complete powerlessness from which it cannot free itself. It lacks all knowledge, it is shrouded in complete darkness, its environment, its state of soul, is devoid of light and therefore it is also completely incapable of working with love, for this requires knowledge, and knowledge is light.... Although these souls are still cared for by the beings of light in the beyond, yet since they already rejected everything on earth which pointed towards the spiritual kingdom they are not accessible to the ideas of these beings of light either, and they often remain in utmost (renunciation) poverty, in a pitiful state, in the same darkness for eternities. And as long as they do not want to be lovingly active in the beyond the lack of strength will not leave them either, because loving activity first triggers the supply of strength and loving activity first has to be exercised again in free will and this will has often sunk to the lowest level due to the influence of God's adversary.... On earth man has the power of life at his disposal so that he can awaken his spirit to life at any time. He can end the state of death at any time, he can be active in love because the power of life is at his disposal for this. And as soon as he is active in love his spirit awakens to life, and this means receiving light and strength. The spiritually dead human being knows nothing of things of the spiritual kingdom, he knows nothing of God's reign and activity, of His love and wisdom and omnipotence, he knows nothing of his low level, of his former destiny and his apostasy from God; and this ignorance makes him a spiritually inactive creature, for it cannot work according to its destiny but is condemned to inactivity because it does not liberate itself from it. The spiritually dead human being does not allow anything that surrounds him to have an effect on him, he only sees with the eyes of the body and tries to live out his earthly life in every way, regardless of the spirit which is given to him as a companion in order to guide him correctly. And at the end of his life the human being can look back on a long, earthly enjoyed life and still be dead in spirit, and this death is far worse than the death of his body, for his soul does not pass away, it enters the kingdom of the beyond through the gate of death, It is aware of its existence and yet completely without strength and light, powerless to act and in completely dark surroundings, and it feels this unusually agonizing because it now desires the previous state of life on earth, where it could work and act according to its will, with all its senses and it is not fulfilled. It is dead and yet has the awareness of its existence, it is powerless and knows about the happiness of possessing strength; it is ignorant and therefore has no means to free itself from its state, for it can only receive something in the beyond if it gives itself.... The human being on earth cannot imagine the torments of a spiritually dead soul because he is still in the midst of life energy which he can receive for as long as he remains on earth and because he can be active according to his will. And it already means great suffering and affliction on earth if a person is partially deprived of this vitality, i.e. if he becomes incapable of working and creating due to illness.... This state, which is intensified many times over, is the fate of those who pass over into the kingdom of the beyond spiritually dead, who did not awaken the spirit within themselves to life through correctly utilized life energy, through working with love, who lived on earth without

living spiritually because they valued earthly life too highly and did not think of their actual purpose, which consists of shaping themselves according to God's will so that the spirit within them will come alive and can promote their upward development....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## **Spiritual death and renewed banishment....**

B.D. No. 7644

July 9th 1960

**S**piritual death is the worst fate that can happen to the soul, for it will be unable to release itself from it once it has departed from earth. It exists, it is also conscious of itself and yet is entirely without light and strength, and this is a state of inconceivable agony. It inevitably leads to a renewed banishment into matter again unless people intercede so effectively on its behalf that it provides the soul with strength, so that it can change itself if it has the will to do so, that is, if it doesn't directly resist it. As long as a soul is apathetic in this state, it can receive help from the enlightened spiritual world or through loving intercession.... But it can also be so hardened that it rebels with burning rage against the power which.... so it believes.... keeps it imprisoned. Then it will steadily descend further and harden into solid substance, which subsequently makes its ascent in the kingdom of the beyond impossible. Then it will have to travel the infinitely long path of higher development through the whole of creation again, for one day even this soul shall wake up to the life which lasts forever.... Countless people on this earth are in this danger of succumbing to spiritual death, for during the end time they do nothing in order to acquire this life. They live without love and therefore without God as well, they already harden their souls to matter on earth, for they strive towards it and fail to consider the spiritual life they are supposed to create for the soul while they live on earth. They bow to the one who is master of the earthly world and also strive for his goods.... And these cannot bestow life upon the soul but they certainly assure its spiritual death.

And if it enters the beyond in this lifeless state it will be in utmost danger, for heartless people rarely leave friends behind on earth who will send loving thoughts to them in the spiritual kingdom. And only these can save the soul, for every loving thought, every prayer full of love has an effect of strength on such souls, they are so effective that the soul changes and has the will to ascend. Then it will have escaped eternal death, it will no longer descend into the state which results in its renewed banishment. All you humans have no idea about the strength of love or you would make an effort to live a life of love.... And then you will attain life, for love itself is life, and it awakens everything that is dead back to life again.

If, however, you don't use this strength, if you go along without love, your soul's spiritual substance has no option but to solidify and thereby gets into a dreadful state, for then death will not lead to the souls transience, instead it will be a state of vegetating in awareness of its existence and of agonising helplessness and darkness. As long as you still live on earth you are incapable of imagining this state, yet you should do everything in your power in order to avoid it, for everything is possible for you on earth, you repeatedly have the opportunity to accomplish deeds of love on earth, and then the danger of death will be over, then you will have to awaken to life while you are still on earth and thus will also be able to enter eternal life, then you will have conquered death. And you are all able to live a life of love, for the divine spark of love is in all of you, which need only be kindled in order to never be extinguished again, because love always gives you new strength and you will inwardly be motivated to be active once you have kindled this spark of love in you. However, you cannot be forced to do so, but the dreadfulness of spiritual death can only ever be pointed out to you so that you will try to avoid this horror of your own accord.... For as long as you live on earth you have the strength to be lovingly active; but once you have entered the kingdom of the beyond you will be incapable of doing anything by yourselves, then you will be dependent on help and can consider yourselves fortunate if it is provided for you by people whose thoughts follow you with love.... Only love redeems, only love is

strength.... and everyone should acquire love for himself through loving activity as long as he lives on earth, so that he will not succumb to spiritual death....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Remedying the mental distress

**World events cause as well as means to remedy the spiritual distress....**

B.D. No. 1412

May 10th 1940

**R**ecognizing the plight of a spiritually degenerated humanity, you will also be able to understand world events, which are both the cause and the means to remedy this plight. There is an extraordinary low insofar as no efforts whatsoever are being made by people to prepare themselves for a spiritual life after their earthly demise. And the consequences of this indifference are unforeseeable. It is irresponsible if a person does not endeavour to save his soul. For his carelessness will result in his spiritual abilities remaining undeveloped and thus the human being will live without being able to record the slightest spiritual progress, and his life will not have been lived appropriately. In contrast, the spiritually striving person is offered a natural balance; he lives his life consciously and therefore it will not be without joy either, only these joys are shaped differently than those of the earthly striving person. He finds comfort and edification in the divine word, he only now finds the right purpose in life, and he does not lack anything external because he does not strive for it.... He possesses inner contentment, he is not frightened by earthly hardship, for he desires other than earthly goods. Therefore, world events will not affect him to the extent that they disturb his inner peace; rather, these world events will help to strengthen his faith. But where there is no such attitude, world events are the cause of complete spiritual decline. Man never wants to recognize the spiritual, he does occasionally get in touch with those who know, but only out of self-interest. He only hopes to gain knowledge that he can utilize well on earth, but never considers his soul. He believes that he can penetrate an area without prior knowledge and a spiritual attitude, but this requires work on himself and activity of love, and this view is erroneous. For whatever experiences he gathers will never allow him to reach his goal. He cannot utilize this good, he lacks the key that first unlocks the spiritual realm for him; he receives something that is not comprehensible to him and is therefore completely unimpressed by it. But he will not be able to use what he has received because spiritual knowledge is only comprehensible if it is striven for from the heart, i.e. if the human being makes himself worthy of receiving it. The hardship on earth should now awaken that drive in man which only strives for the spiritual.... adversity should educate people in such a way that spiritual interest awakens in them and the desire to educate themselves in spiritual knowledge for the sake of truth.... Then this adversity will also be a blessing for people and the spiritual low will be remedied, for this is God's only purpose, that the human being recognizes his task on earth and fulfils it....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

**Transcending matter....**

B.D. No. 4901

May 21st 1950

**T**he goods of this world lose their value as soon as the spiritual kingdom has opened its horn of plenty and pours it out on people. Therefore you will always be able to recognize who is in contact with the spiritual kingdom, be it consciously or unconsciously through a God-pleasing way of life, for the world does not mean much to him. But there are only a few of them, the majority of people are held fast by matter and have no will of their own to detach themselves from it, which would also give them the strength to do so. Matter exerts an ever stronger attraction on the inhabitants of the earth the closer it gets to the end. Matter pulls the human being down, therefore he is in greatest danger, and if he is to be helped it is only possible that matter is taken from him through divine will. He must be forcibly released from matter in order to still be able to renounce it of his own free will or



to desire matter again with all his senses and strive to regain it. Then he has rejected help, his striving obviously goes downwards.... matter becomes his ruin.... Then he is granted what his desire stands for, but in a different way.... He does not gain earthly goods, but he himself becomes what he desires.... (22.5.1950) to the hardest matter, which again requires endless times to overcome. But as long as he stays on earth he has the opportunity to free himself from it as soon as only his thoughts take the direction of will towards the spiritual kingdom. For once he is touched by its emanation then the love for matter begins to diminish, the soul feels the benefit of the spiritual rays and surrenders to them more and more. A touch from the spiritual kingdom already takes place when the human being listens to the divine word. Mere listening with the physical ear has no effect yet, the human being's heart has to open up to it and heart and intellect have to process what is heard; then the spiritual rays of light begin to have an effect and emerge as a counterweight to matter. The time until the end is only short and yet it is enough to change a person's will, for with good will the influence from the spiritual kingdom can bring about a change in thinking within a short time, which is evident in the reduced desire for the world and its pleasures, for earthly possessions and honour and glory. A spiritually striving person withdraws from the world, he begins to turn inwards, he certainly still lives in the material world but is little touched by it, and therefore the spiritual world can have a successful effect on him, for it distributes in the same measure what earthly goods are given away, only that it gives goods of everlasting value which help the soul to eternal life. The world has to be sacrificed in order to be able to receive spiritual good; but where the eyes are still focused on earthly matter, on the world with its pleasures, spiritual good can hardly be guided there.... But if you humans knew how short your earthly existence is and that you, who desire the world, would then lose everything you now strive for, you would gladly and joyfully gather wealth for yourselves which will last for eternity. But full knowledge cannot be granted to you, i.e., you will indeed be told that it is so but you will not be forced to believe it because you should freely decide to surrender matter in order to exchange spiritual possessions. You must stand in the midst of the world and learn to despise it, you must have everything at your disposal and voluntarily relinquish it, you must detach your heart from it even though you are earthly blessed with many goods, you must sacrifice what is dear to you to your fellow human being in need.... Then you will receive everything you give back in imperishable form; you will receive a treasure from the spiritual kingdom which will enrich you unspeakably and which you need never fear to lose. For you will take this treasure with you into the spiritual kingdom when the end has come or when you are prematurely called away into eternity. Detach yourselves from matter, give it up voluntarily and change your desire while there is still time so that you need not fear the end which will bring the ruin of everything that still surrounds you as matter.... Gather spiritual goods for yourselves which will not pass away even if the whole earth passes away in order to be shaped anew again....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### **The strength of the Word.... Daily work of improving the soul....**

B.D. No. 7514a

February 5th 1960

**Y**ou should draw the strength you are lacking from My Word. Consider that I speak to you Myself after all, and that this is truly an act of grace which can never be ineffective. Consider that I Myself illuminate you with My love and that you, therefore, should feel it as a flow of strength which is a truly great blessing for your soul. And you will feel physically strengthened, too, if you sincerely unite yourselves with Me.... And new blessings will flow to you time and again because I see your weakness, your spiritual and earthly failure during times of psychological hardship.... But you need not fear failure if only you always keep to My Word: 'Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavily laden.... I will give you rest....' You will always find the help you require with Me. You only need to turn to Me with complete trust and time and again hear or read the Words through which I always address My children as a Father. Through these Words you will receive strength and your desperate situation will always resolve itself, you will be able to wait with perfect certainty until your

help arrives. My Word contains the strength which will subsequently flow into you if you allow Me to speak to you, however, you must also be convinced of the fact that you are being addressed by Me. You should not read the letter of the Word but be wholeheartedly involved in it and listen to Me, and you will feel the effect of My Word within and on yourselves, as is to be expected, because everything coming forth from Me is strength and must also have the effect of strength. If, however, you still believe yourselves to remain unaffected then it is only due to the fact that you did not establish your bond with Me closely enough, and then you should only remember that My love is intended for you and you will feel this love in My Word and your soul will be strengthened....

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

### **The strength of the Word.... Daily work of improving the soul....**

B.D. No. 7514b

February 5th 1960

Every day offers you the opportunity to mature psychologically, for you can make contact with Me every day through loving actions and heartfelt prayer, and every time you contact Me it enables My strength to flow over to you, which will always affect your soul beneficially.... And if you only make it possible once a day to receive a flow of strength then you can also assuredly expect your maturity to increase and your soul will have won, the day will not have been lived in vain.... And you always have the opportunity, both for loving activity as well as for a heartfelt dialogue with Me, and therefore your process of maturing need not come to a standstill, you can confidently and cheerfully continue on your path through life, for gaining a plus for your soul means a great deal in view of the near end, which precisely requires the increased work of improving the soul. And although you won't physically perceive it, it concerns predominantly your soul, and this need not be left empty-handed, even if you did not greatly benefit in an earthly way from the day. However, you will also receive earthly strength if you earnestly appeal for it to your Father in heaven, for He is aware of all your problems and will gladly resolve them too....

After all, you are My children, I take care of all your worries and difficulties, but I also expect your will to be aimed at attaining full spiritual maturity.... Every prayer leads to spiritual blessings, for yourselves as well as for the loved-ones you pray for. Therefore you will also at all times be able to carry out your psychological task, just as you will always be able to pray, by merely uniting yourselves closely with Me and mentally stammering words.... I hear and understand them and I gladly grant requests which a child sends to Me with confidence in My help. And thus no day need be lost for you, since you can always benefit spiritually, providing, of course, that you are of good will and want to belong to Me, because I Am addressing My children with these words who have already established the relationship of a child with its Father and are no longer apart from Me. The others, however, can let many a day pass by without seriously considering their soul, and they are in great spiritual distress. You may also pray on their behalf and it will be a blessing for them as well as for you, for all people shall find their path to Me, because beatitude can only be found in and with Me, because unification with Me is the first and final goal which all of you should reach. Always remember that I love you, that you are My children and I only long to be in constant contact with you which, however, must be established by yourselves. And if you confer your love to Me you confer your will to Me too, and then your thoughts will always be directed towards Me, and you will assuredly help your soul attain maturity, you will not live on earth in vain, because then every day will bring you closer to Me until you are united with Me forever....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

### **Fight against selfish love....**

B.D. No. 7557

March 23rd 1960

Much is demanded of you if you are still completely dominated by selfish love, for then it means a struggle for you to overcome it and change it into unselfish neighbourly love. But you must

remember that you only take care of your body as long as you satisfy your selfish love and that you do not collect any spiritual treasures which will one day make up your wealth in the kingdom of the beyond. You must remember that your stay on this earth is not eternal but that you have to fulfil a task: to change your nature into love; for you enter earth as a human being with only a small degree of pure, selfless love, which you should now increase if you don't first have to kindle love in yourselves.... But selfish love dominates you, and you should suppress it, which always means a fight against all desires which demand fulfilment for physical comfort. Your attention must be directed towards your fellow human being, and it must be the human being's endeavour to carry out works of love if he wants to change himself, i.e. his nature, into love. He must learn to renounce for the sake of his neighbour, he must be willing to make sacrifices for the sake of his neighbour, he must be urged from within to do good to his fellow human being, and his self-love will become ever smaller the stronger the human being's will. And that is why it is said that the "kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and only the one who needs violence seizes it for himself." Whose selfish love is still very strong will have to use great violence to reduce it, the charms of the world will constantly be placed before him, for God's adversary will tempt him wherever he can, and it will be difficult to resist all those temptations, he will have to use violence.... but he will succeed as soon as his will strives to fulfil his earthly task: to change his nature. He will be supplied with strength because he **wants** to reach his aim.... And in order for him to strive towards this aim he will repeatedly be reminded of the commandments of love for God and his neighbour, and if he is of good will he will first only fulfil his duty, he will strive to fulfil God's commandments.... until he is then driven from within to work of love and the fight against selfish love becomes ever less, for he will become victorious over himself if he is of good will. Yet most people are dominated by selfish love, they only think of themselves, love has grown cold in them and therefore they cannot become overcomers, they will only ever seek earthly advantages and not think of their life after death.... And their fate will be a bitter one, for they will enter the kingdom of the beyond poor and miserable, where it will also be difficult for them to ascend, because even then they will not want to give up their selfish love, because even then they will only think of their own fate and the fate of other souls will not affect them. It is particularly difficult for these souls to relinquish their selfish love, and they will have to remain in adversity and torment for a long time before they change and turn their gaze to the souls in the same predicament. For this reason anyone who still gives up his selfish love before he has to surrender his earthly life is to be called blessed on earth.... For once the soul has become acquainted with true love it will also be able to detach itself more easily from what it would otherwise not want to give away for its own sake. And then the danger will no longer be so great when it enters the kingdom of the beyond; then it will also be able to feel love for its neighbour and ascend more easily, one day it will also attain beatitude, because the more it practices love itself the more its love will increase. And it will have much opportunity to do so, for God helps every soul so that it can detach itself from darkness and reach the light....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## To the worldlings....

B.D. No. 7560

March 27th 1960

**Y**ou must not give in to any deceptive hopes that you believe you still have much time left for your spiritual perfection. You should not hesitate one day longer to tackle your soul's work if you are not already walking on the right path and striving spiritually. You should only ever try to imagine that you would suddenly be called away and then ask yourselves whether you would be able to stand before My eyes. And you should only ask yourselves how you stand by Jesus Christ.... All of you who have not yet found Him are in great danger that your soul will get lost, that it will enter the kingdom of the beyond in adversity and darkness because it has not yet found redemption. All of you who are not yet confessors of Jesus Christ are especially addressed by Me that you only have little time left and should use this time by seeking contact with Jesus Christ, the divine redeemer, so that you will also find contact with Me, Who accomplished the act of salvation in Him. You are still in the midst of

the world, and the world rarely only allows spiritual thoughts to arise in you. But I appeal to you to seriously think about it, to imagine a near end and to think about your soul which is in great distress. You worldly people have little faith and yet you should think about the fact that you will not perish even if your body dies.... And then you should try to imagine your fate, which cannot be any different than your way of life has been. And if you don't believe in the soul's survival, then just once seriously wish that you may **think correctly**, that a small light will be given to you.... Ask Me for it if you still believe in a God and creator from eternity.... And truly, I will give you a light, for I don't want you to get lost, but you must take the first step towards Me, Whom you will not be able to deny in your innermost being.... Don't let the short time you still have pass by unused, ask yourselves whether you are walking correctly and make an effort to fulfil the will of the one Who gave you life.... Seek union with Me in Jesus Christ, and you have done everything to save your soul.... And therefore seek to gain knowledge of Jesus Christ, the divine redeemer, do not keep your ears closed when such is conveyed to you.... Believe when a near end is proclaimed to you.... listen to the proclaimers and ponder their words, for I Myself speak to you through them because I want to bring you salvation before the end.... And also consider the transience of the world and all earthly goods.... And I want to bless every good thought, I want to strengthen your will and help you find the right path and detach yourselves from everything that still holds you captive.... I will help you if only you remember your soul and want to protect it from the fate it is heading for if you do not change.... Believe that there is not much time left for you and use this time diligently for your salvation....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

# God's help to remedy mental distress

## Help of the light beings in spiritual and earthly need....

B.D. No. 3464

March 30th 1945

**I**n every spiritual adversity the beings of light are ready to help if they are approached; physical adversity, on the other hand, has to be taken upon by people as determined by God's will. Nevertheless, the beings of light also direct earthly events for the soul's benefit if they are approached for help. They exert their influence on the human being's thoughts and convey strength to him, they make him, as it were, able to overcome everything difficult without harming his soul. For the soul is entrusted to their special protection, and they nurture and care for it throughout its earthly life so that it will reach its aim, eternal life....

And earthly life unfolds in a way that is best for the soul. The beings of light immediately comply with every spiritual request, earthly requests, however, must be in accordance with God's will otherwise they cannot be fulfilled by the beings of light. Earthly adversity is only the result of spiritual hardship, and as soon as the human being is accessible to the instructions which are mentally conveyed to him by these beings he need no longer fear earthly hardship either, for they will be remedied in accordance with the human being's spiritual docility.... In times of greatest spiritual hardship for the whole of humanity the individual human being also has to accept suffering and hardship, even though he strives spiritually and strives to comply with God's will. Yet this time of adversity has been foreseen since eternity and embodies people whose souls need strong purification fires in order to be able to enter the spiritual kingdom without slag. And their path on earth has been mapped out and entered with the soul's consent before embodiment in the realization that the prescribed earthly life can bring them redemption from all bondage. Moreover, the spiritual guardians are constantly at its side, giving it strength when it needs and requests it. And therefore those beings of light should constantly be called upon for support so that they can carry out their activity unhindered, so that they can give where their gift is desired. For their gifts signify strength of resistance for the human being in all situations of life, both spiritually and earthly.... They help him to have strong faith, they guide his thoughts correctly so that he often and willingly sends them upwards towards God and thus learns to overcome earth. But they are also close to him in earthly adversity, protecting him from the influence of evil, which pushes itself forward in earthly adversity and wants to weaken the human being's faith in God. The body should give up all desire, it should be killed in order to release the soul unhindered, which desires to ascend. And that is why physical hardship is unavoidable, because the aim has to be reached in a far shorter time because the time of the end has come. And this is why humanity has to go through suffering and affliction which seems almost unbearable but which can be endured with strength from God if the human being makes use of it through God's call and the beings of light which are active on His behalf according to His will.... The human being should faithfully and trustingly call upon God for help and it will be given to him as He has promised....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## God's love follows the unbelievers....

B.D. No. 5880

February 18th 1954

**M**y love always finds a way to you, even if you think you can escape from Me, if you think you can hide from Me. When you believe you can walk without Me on this earth, I suddenly stand before you, often unrecognized by you. Then I will seemingly walk the same path with you, yet imperceptibly I will push you away from it, and if you pay more attention to Me than to the path you

are taking you will already be on the right path, and you will then also consciously follow it if you look around you with a clear gaze.... These words are addressed to people who still lack all faith in Me, who have, as it were, dismissed Me in order to be able to live freely and unhindered without the awareness of responsibility towards a higher power.... But suddenly they are confronted with an adversity, and this adversity causes them to mentally occupy themselves with questions.... Thus it is I Myself Who prompts him through this adversity, and I present all these questions to him which he now seeks to answer, and his train of thought can now change, he can imperceptibly be pushed onto another spiritual path, still unaware that he is about to abandon the old path.... And once he has become aware of this, he gladly continues on the path he has taken.... He gains another image, his spiritual eye sees it and gives it back to him brightly.... he wins faith in Me, and I have won him through My love, which followed him unceasingly even on dark paths. As long as the human being dwells on earth I will not give him up, and for that long he cannot withdraw from My care either.... He can only turn away stubbornly and thus reject My love with which I would like to win him over, and then I can only call the human being away from earthly life if he is in danger of sinking and, in addition to his unbelief, takes the path downwards.... i.e. gives up his reasonably good way of life and allows himself to be persuaded by My adversary into bad actions.... And this is why many people leave earthly life prematurely, because I have known from eternity until which point in time a change of his attitude towards good is still possible.... and because I don't want to endanger the degree of maturity reached which a righteous and clean way of life has earned the person, even though he travelled the earthly path completely without faith.... As long as there is still the possibility to convert him from his unbelief he does not walk a path without Me.... only he does not recognize Me until I obviously confront him in the aforementioned form. And he only recognizes Me when he wants to.... if he listens to the questions I mentally ask him and deals with them, otherwise My attempts to win him over, to steer him onto the right path.... the path of faith.... are in vain. But without faith his earthly path is an idle run, without faith all entrances into the kingdom of light.... are closed to him after his death. The path to beatitude only leads through Jesus Christ.... And every human being must gain faith in Him as the son of God and redeemer of the world if he wants to become blessed....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## God's constant care for the human being....

B.D. No. 6338

August 22nd 1955

**H**ow often do I come close to you humans, how often do I speak to you, how often do I pull you back from danger and offer you My guidance on your path of life.... But rarely do you recognise Me. My obvious guidance is regarded by you as mere coincidence and My Words do not reach your hearts, you are unable to recognise Me because you have set your sights beyond Me towards the world. Yet My care pursues you. And even if you live within in the midst of worldly commotion I will nevertheless not leave your side, I will just wait for the moment when you notice Me so that you voluntarily place yourselves under My protection.... so that, amid the joys of the world, you still feel your hardship and look for the One Who pursues you and Who can help you. I will not stop revealing Myself to people.... Even if success is very slight, if it is scarcely perceptible.... I take notice of the faintest willingness to approach Me, and then I will never ever leave his side again....

My love motivates Me into not abandoning you, even if you spend your earthly life in utmost indifference and don't try to find a bond with Me. Yet I do not force your willingness to hear Me, and this is why My Words are so soft and unobtrusive that you can easily not hear them if you don't take any notice of Me. They don't sound as loud as the voice of the world which therefore finds your full attention. And because your will shall turn to Me of its own accord I will never show Myself conspicuously but neither will I leave you without small contacts, I gently push you onto paths where you, lonely and weak, look around for help in order to then be able to emerge and offer My help to you.... I do not exclude anyone of you humans as long as he has not yet found and recognised Me, and

since there is not much time left until the end people will have to cover shorter paths and these are far more arduous and laborious, because I want them to need and request My guidance.

Strokes of fate will increase; people will still have to endure much adversity and misery because they are further removed from Me than ever, even if I pursue them wherever they go.... Until the end of their life I will not abandon them, and My blows will become ever more severe in order to shake them out of their indifference, yet their reactions are not determined by Me, nevertheless, one day they will determine their fate in the spiritual kingdom.... For their will is and shall remain free, and even My greater than great love does not determine a resolve which chooses death although it would have been able to acquire eternal life....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## God's love for the apostate (degenerated).... salvation....

B.D. No. 6644

September 13th 1956

Even those who turn away from Me are children of My love, and My concern is also for them to find their way back to Me. Therefore do not believe that I have written off just one person before the end.... don't believe that I will give one up before the last day has come. For the return to Me can come suddenly, and what My words could not achieve can still be brought about by unforeseen events which have such a profound effect on a person that a great change can take place within him, but then he will also be saved for eternity.... Every person's soul is nevertheless connected to Me in its fundamental nature, it is the spirit of My spirit, and even if it is immersed in deepest darkness, it can nevertheless gain realization like a flash of lightning and then long to return to Me. But this also involves stirring events which are often so painful for the person himself that he feels close to the end and therefore carries out a 'general cleansing'.... that he suddenly realizes the wrongness of his way of life and heartfully desires to be or become a different person, if he still has the opportunity to do so. And I know the nature of every individual soul, I know its attitude towards Me and what it needs.... Therefore I also know how I have to attack it in order to win it over. And no matter how depraved the human being is, seen with the human eye.... The soul is and remains My share which I will never ever let fall.... And I always take into account the fact that it is imprisoned by My adversary and cannot free itself from him alone, that he has power over it, thus everything evil the human being does is his influence, his activity, which makes use of this very soul in order to do its mischief on this earth, and therefore I always see in this soul the enslaved being which cannot defend itself when it is driven by My adversary into despicable activity. The human being certainly has free will but it is so weak that he cannot resist without help. And he lacks this help because he does not turn to Jesus Christ, because he does not call upon **Me Myself in Jesus Christ**. And yet I love this soul and leave no stone unturned that it, too, will find the path to its saviour and redeemer. And thus you humans should also look at such apostate people with eyes of love, you should remember them with profound compassion and help them through good thoughts which will always have a beneficial effect on such wretched people who can indeed be successful in earthly life but who already have to (can) go through great hardship in earthly life, as My love and wisdom deemed good for their souls.... Show mercy to all those souls and don't condemn them, for they are tormented, wretched beings for whom the path to Me can still be endlessly long if success is not recorded in the still short but exceedingly hard time of the end. Especially this being, which is completely controlled by the adversary, needs your help, your loving intercession and your good remembrance because it is exceedingly weak. Yet such people are detested by people and their 'lord' has all the greater power over them. And you should beware of this if you don't want to increase his power. Wrest every soul from him which is in such distress, help them to find Me, which you are very well able to do if you give them loving thoughts which will always have a good effect, because love pushes the adversary away and gives the soul the strength to defend itself. You can still contribute infinitely much in the short time until the end that you have already found Me, if you also see My children in those people for whom I struggle until the end.... Just don't condemn them and don't show them hatred.... because this will only plunge them into greater darkness....

## God's struggle for the world's people....

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October 8th 1957

My love and mercy also turn to **those** people who still think in a completely material way, who walk their earthly path without any spiritual bond.... who only evaluate what is visible and tangible to them and unhesitatingly reject everything that cannot be proven. These people need not be exactly bad, they can lead a righteous way of life but they reject all spiritual influx, which means as much as that they always remain on the same level, that they walk a level path and at the end of their earthly life cannot record any spiritual progress and the whole earthly course was, as it were, in vain for the soul.... for what remains after the death of the body. Hence the soul need not have developed retrogressively and yet it has no success to chalk up.... It enters the kingdom of the beyond in the same state of maturity in which it started its earthly life, and even there an ascent will be difficult for such souls because their will to reject all instruction is still as strong as on earth. Moreover, its thoughts are also confused, it knows nothing of its physical death, and thus it can rarely only be brought to a different way of thinking through the instruction of spiritual friends, because the views the human being possessed on earth also caused it to become arrogant. I would like to come to their aid while they are still on earth.... I would like to give their thought structure a nasty jolt, I would like to let them look into a light, I would just once like to make them also reckon with the **possibility** of a **spiritual** world.... I want to offer them every assistance in stepping from the flat path, which is aimless, onto that path which leads upwards.... I only want to make them realize the worthlessness of all material goods once, so that they seriously consider the purpose and aim of their existence on earth. For especially these people are difficult to guide because everything spiritual, every belief in another world, in a continuation of the soul, only appears to them as a sign of naivety of their fellow human beings, from which they themselves want to be and remain free. And these people are therefore particularly sensitively affected by strokes of fate; the transience of the earthly is so often brought home to them, yet only rarely with success. But the abundance of such events, which will also increase, shall become understandable to you if you also remember the large number of those who have precisely this unspiritual view of life.... And if I only win a few of them, if only a few allow themselves to be addressed by Me through such strokes of fate, if their direction of vision now changes and they let go of their previous thinking.... then I will have achieved much, and the strokes of fate were a blessing.... For until the end of every person's life I wrestle for his soul in order to spare it the infinitely long time in the kingdom of the beyond where it is lightless and all efforts made on such souls remain fruitless. What the human being achieves on earth signifies a considerable head start which the soul can no longer catch up with in the beyond. And since precisely these people are in the majority on earth it is understandable that I have to resort to ever stronger means which you.... who are devout.... will not be able to explain to you as being based on My love. But you don't know about the hardship of those souls, which can last an infinitely long time.... you don't know how valuable **one day** on earth is when you consciously strive towards the aim.... and how many days are thus lived completely uselessly by those whom I also want to win for Me and My kingdom. And the most painful event can be regarded as the greatest grace if it causes a person to consciously strive towards the aim.... For the earth will pass away and nothing will remain for the person who has only ever lived his earthly life. But the spiritual kingdom will remain, only it can become a tormenting abode for the soul for eternity if it closes itself when its light is brought....

Amen



# Remedying the spiritual need by spreading the word of God

## Hardship of unbelievers on entry into the beyond....

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March 2nd 1951

**Y**ou all should help with the redemption of misguided souls. Everyone who believes in Me and thus also in the soul's life after death, should try to convey this belief to his fellow human beings, too. Then he will do a work of merciful love for others, for he will save such souls from death. If you knew how much easier the souls' fate will be if they have but a glimmer of faith when they pass from this earth, you would do anything to kindle this spark in yourselves, and the stronger it is the brighter will be the soul on entry to the kingdom of the beyond. Anyone who has faith himself should not rest until he has won his fellow human being over to the faith. He should work diligently and will thereby acquire a great reward, for the souls he has gained will thank him a thousand fold.

To soothe spiritual hardship is a true labour of love, the effects of which will extend into eternity. And spiritual hardship is experienced by all those people who lack faith, who are not convinced of an utterly perfect Being, who do not believe that they will be accountable to a Judge at the end of their earthly life, who thoughtlessly live in the world ignoring their task of developing their soul and who have not reduced their guilt of sin, which was the reason for their earthly life, but even increased it, because they fell prey to My adversary who wants to corrupt them forever. These human beings suffer severe hardship, yet their fellow human beings' love is able to help them. Participate in Christ's act of Salvation and try to enlighten your fellow human beings, since you know of the great love and mercy of the One Who has created you.

Do not portray Me to them as a punishing God but as a loving Father Who recalls His children into the Father's house which they had voluntarily left. And help them to regain their faith, then you will acquire a substantial reward for yourselves, for you will accomplish a work in My vineyard which I will truly not leave unrewarded since I, after all, will regain My children, for whom I long and whose love I constantly invite. Help Me to regain these children, so that I can make them eternally happy with My love....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Great spiritual need calls for busy vineyard work....

B.D. No. 5817

December 2nd 1953

**T**he adversity of the time dictates that extremely eager work is done in My vineyard, because only through such can this adversity be controlled, because only then will the adversity be remedied if people succeed in winning people for My kingdom, if they pay little attention to the earthly kingdom and only ever try to reach Me. People no longer know much about Me and My kingdom, their ears certainly hear about it but their hearts know nothing and thus they often pass by where knowledge could be given to them, where My kingdom could be made so vivid to them that they would be inspired to seek it. And therefore only one thing is necessary, to present to people the knowledge that an everlasting kingdom awaits them after the death of their body and that this kingdom corresponds to their earthly way of life. People's attention must be drawn to their end, to death, which they cannot escape and which will approach them all extremely quickly; it must be explained to them that their existence does not end with the death of their body, that they cannot pass away even if they have discarded their earthly cover; It has to be made credible to them that there is death but not a complete passing away, and that death is a state of torment, of strengthlessness and lightlessness, but which the

soul, because it is incorruptible, has to endure; but how, on the other hand, an exceedingly blissful state, an eternal life in beatitude, can also be granted to the soul if the human being creates and works on earth for life in eternity.... if he already strives for Me and My kingdom on earth and thus is also introduced by Me into that kingdom after his death, where there is only light and strength and bliss.... Diligent work still has to be done by My servants who only speak on My behalf and for Me, who are to tell ignorant people what they know, what knowledge I Myself have given them precisely for this work in My vineyard. The hardship is unspeakably great because people do not think about their actual purpose of earthly life, because they only live for this earthly world and because they are indifferent to everything that comes after their physical death. Their remorse is immeasurably deep when they realize in the kingdom of the beyond what they were able to achieve and did not achieve through their own fault. And therefore they shall be addressed and made aware of the great responsibility towards their souls, therefore My kingdom shall be presented to them; they shall not remain without knowledge of what is in store for them if they don't change, if they don't direct their senses spiritually but only live according to the world. They shall experience that this world will pass away with all its treasures and that everything their heart is attached to will be taken away from them.... but that which they have acquired in spiritual treasures will remain with them. For no one shall be able to say that he has remained unwarned and unadmonished. Each one shall be made aware of Me and My kingdom through My servants.... and blessed are those who hear and strive to attain My kingdom.... blessed are those who believe what is proclaimed to them.... For they shall live, though they suffer earthly death....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### **Spiritual need of the neighbour....**

B.D. No. 7509

January 27th 1960

**A**nd this shall become a blessing for you yourselves if you take care of your neighbour in his spiritual hardship. To alleviate earthly hardship is indeed the commandment of neighbourly love, that you should do to him what you want to be done to you when you are in the same hardship. But you should also help him in spiritual hardship, and this will have an effect on his soul as well as on your soul. For spiritual hardship is far worse than earthly hardship, because the latter will end with the passing away of earthly life, but spiritual hardship will be taken over into the kingdom of the beyond and will have a dreadfully agonizing effect on the soul. And you can help your neighbour in spiritual adversity if you first help him to a living faith.... if you point him to **Jesus Christ**, without Whom no human being can become blessed. If your neighbour is still completely without faith then he is in great spiritual hardship and it will not be easy work for you to help him to faith. But you can encourage him to work with love, you can first influence him so that he practices love, and then it will already be easier for him to believe what you recite to him. And this is first of all the knowledge about Jesus Christ and His act of salvation which you should pass on to your neighbour who does not yet possess it.... And he will soon be able to believe it if he is of good will and therefore also lovingly active. But it also has to be conveyed to him in all truth so that it will not cause his rejection and then it will be very difficult to ever make him understand the act of salvation. Truth alone has the power to influence a well-meaning person, but he will immediately reject error and destroy all vineyard work on him. Therefore, the first thing you need to do is to know the truth yourselves before you can offer spiritual help to your neighbour.... but you, who are taught by Me directly, have much spiritual knowledge in your hands which you can impart to him, and your love will also ensure your success, for whatever you undertake with love for your neighbour will not be without success.... It will benefit his soul, just as you yourselves will receive more the more you give away of your spiritual wealth, for the need is great.... People try to remedy earthly hardship themselves, even if they approach you as their brothers for help.... But they don't think about spiritual hardship and therefore don't ask for help either. And therefore you should offer it to them yourselves; wherever you can you should direct your conversations to a spiritual basis, you should try to find out your neighbour's attitude in the spiritual

sphere, and you should proclaim the gospel to them, i.e. stimulate them to be active in love.... And then you will also find the opportunity to speak of Jesus Christ and His act of salvation and notice the impression this makes on the people you thus teach.... And even if you only achieve a small success you will nevertheless have rendered an invaluable service to your neighbour, for the words you used to him will not be lost.... They will take root and one day the seed will sprout and a strong faith can develop from it, depending on the willingness of the person you show true neighbourly love towards. Therefore often think of your neighbour's **spiritual** hardship and try to help him. And it will truly be a blessing for him and for you, for I Myself will support you, I Myself will knock on the hearts of those, and blessed are those who open the door of their hearts to Me when I desire entrance....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## Love for neighbour: Help in spiritual need....

B.D. No. 7914

June 9th 1961

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

You then also demonstrate love for Me, for you then bring My children back to Me who were separated from Me for a long time....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## People don't know about their immense spiritual hardship....

B.D. No. 8633

October 2nd 1963

**Y**ou humans are not conscious of your hardship, yet this calamity cannot be described to you pessimistically enough, so that you will endeavour to remedy the situation yourselves, for you can do so providing you muster the firm will. But first you have to recognise this adversity yourselves.... You ought to know that you have reached the end of an eternally long process of development through the earthly creation, that you had to suffer indescribable torments during this time and that you now, as a human being, are able to end this state of torment and enter the spiritual kingdom as a free being of light.... You ought to know that it is your last opportunity to free yourselves from every physical shell, but that you now also have to lead an **appropriate** way of life as a human being otherwise you will fail and the whole preceding path will have been in vain.... You ought to know that you, in that case, will fall back into the deepest abyss again and have to cover the path through the creations in appalling agony once more, constrained in matter....

You humans live your lives irresponsibly; it does not occur to you that you are on earth for a purpose.... you do not concern yourselves in any way with such thoughts and don't recognise a spiritual reason for your existence.... you do not look for a God and Creator, from Whom the creation as well as you yourselves originated, you live indifferently and.... most importantly.... you live without love. Only love can take you to the final state of perfection, only love guarantees that blissful fate in eternity, since you only need love to attain the last goal: the final release from matter. For although you will enter the kingdom of the beyond after your physical death you will nevertheless not be able to detach yourselves from earth, and then you can still descend further and get banished into matter again. But you can also be caught unawares by the end while you are still on earth, and then you will return to the abyss without fail, from where you had worked your way up already.... And you will have to bear this awful fate once more, for I cannot digress from the law of eternal order, even though My love belongs to you and will never ever abandon you.... But I cannot bypass My justice which is equally part of My perfection.

Time and again I call to you: Take stock of yourselves.... you are travelling the last short stretch of the path. Don't take the wrong path which will inevitably lead to the abyss, but join Me and cover your earthly path holding on to My hand.... Consider the possible cause and purpose for your earthly existence, and truly, I will illuminate you in this respect because I want you to follow the path to your Father's house, because I long for your return to Me and would like to spare you the terrible fate of a new banishment.... Realise the fact that you are in tremendous spiritual danger and try to change it, for it is entirely due to your will to fulfil the task that you were allowed to embody yourselves as human beings.... But you have to liberate yourselves from worldly longings; you should not look at your earthly life as an end in itself but always recognise it as the means to an end....

And it will be possible for you to live an expedient way of life if only you endeavour to live a life of love.... Then you will have escaped the risk of failure in this end period, then you will recognise ever more clearly why you are living on earth, and you will always make the effort to fulfil the will of your God and Creator, you will enter into a father-child relationship, and then the Father will take hold of you and draw you to Himself and never ever let you descend into the abyss again. Listen to My admonitions and warnings, change your way of life, and try to conclude the infinitely long earthly path in order to enter the kingdom of light and bliss after your physical death. And if you muster this determination then you will also truly receive the strength to do so, for I will help you until the end so that you will attain life and not fall prey to death again....

Amen

