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Let Go The Material World!

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Overestimating material goods....

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You seek to gain from life everything it offers you; you strive for the goods of this world with all your senses, you increase your possessions and eagerly collect earthly treasures. You do not even think about how worthless all that you desire is.... You do not think about what matter is in the first place and in what relationship you already stand to it. Material goods should indeed serve you, you can make them serve you, but you must not let yourselves be dominated by them.... And this is what you do when your thoughts and aspirations are exclusively directed towards the acquisition of material goods. Then you have already become the slave of matter or also the slave of him whose domain is the material world. For all matter is spiritual that once fell away from God, which hardened itself through its resistance to God and is now forced by God's will into a serving function in order to emerge again from the hardened state.... But the human being was once the same which, after an infinitely long time, worked its way up again through involuntary service, that it was allowed to shed the material coverings and has now regained freedom again to a certain extent in order to now also become free from its **last** material cover through a right relationship with God and also towards matter, which it has therefore overcome. He should help matter to **serve**, but he must not let himself be **dominated** by it. But the behaviour of people proves the latter.... The addiction to matter has become excessive, people only live with this aim in mind, that is, to acquire what the world offers them, and the joy of possession is an open devotion to that from which their earthly task is to **detach** themselves. For he who desires the world with its goods has no desire for the kingdom that is not of this world. For anyone who desires the world remembers little or nothing of his God and creator, he is not in the right relationship with Him, he is not the 'child' who seeks his 'father'.... He still has much fellowship with the one who is lord of the material world and strives to return to him, from whose power God had already helped him so far through his walk through creation that it is easy for him to completely detach himself from him on earth. But man can never accomplish this release if he does not first free himself from the desire for these material goods. Only when he learns to despise them, when he no longer attaches **more** value to them than that they serve him according to divine order, only when spiritual goods are worth striving for can he accept the latter and thus accomplish the change from this world to the spiritual kingdom, and only then will he succeed in complete detachment from the lord of this world. And everyone could do this if only he would consider the worthlessness of earthly goods, if only he would think about the value of even the most desirable things in this world at the hour of his death, which he cannot determine himself but which can be granted to him on any day. Man lives and therefore thinks only of life, but not of death, which is insecure for him.... and he shakes off every thought of it unwillingly.... And yet he knows that he cannot take anything into the kingdom of the beyond that he has acquired in earthly life.... Yet he allows himself to be dominated by the thought of

making his earthly life as beautiful as possible, and again and again he is influenced by God's adversary in this sense, so that his greed for material goods will always increase because one tries to outdo the other and no-one thinks of how poor he really is and in what hardship he will cross over into the spiritual kingdom when his hour has come. But no human being can **acquire** earthly **and** spiritual goods **together**. Only he will be richly blessed at the end of his earthly life who has become master of the goods of this world, who has only sought to gather spiritual treasures that will last for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Two worlds

The earthly world is the realm of the adversary....

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April 16th 1958

Since the earthly world is My adversary's kingdom he also has a certain right in it which will not be curtailed by Me but which you humans yourselves can dispute if you don't bow to his will. For he seeks to influence your will precisely through the world, through everything that is connected with matter.... He seeks to increase your greed for matter, he influences you through matter by presenting it to you so enticingly that you strive to possess it.... I do not deny him his action and his intention because he still has a right to you who once voluntarily followed him to the abyss.... But you can resist him, you can resist all temptations if you are serious about becoming free from him and successfully completing your earthly path.... For he cannot force your will, you can decide for yourselves in utmost freedom, and you should use this freedom correctly, you should recognize the world as **his** kingdom and seek to escape from him. For I will always help you to do so if it is your earnest will.... And thus you can never release yourselves from the responsibility towards your soul, because you alone decide whether My adversary retains power over you or you become free from this power. He cannot force you, and I likewise do not use coercion, neither towards you nor towards him.... But to the same extent as he tries his arts of seduction on you I am also willing to provide you with gifts of grace, so that it is therefore certainly possible for you to resist him. And if people's current spiritual state is so low, if their thinking is only materially oriented and all their thoughts and aspirations are only directed towards the attainment of earthly goods, then this is solely attributable to people because they **voluntarily** comply with My adversary's wishes although they **could** nevertheless resist him.... Again and again it is freedom of will which determines every person's spiritual state, but which is not taken away from him as long as he stays on this earth as a human being. But through his freedom of will, through the misuse of his will, he can get so far that his will is bound again, that he is placed into the state of complete bondage again, which is exceedingly agonizing.... that he himself becomes matter, which he aspired to during his earthly change. Then the adversary will certainly have won the victory by preventing the return to Me, but he will only have delayed it, and the spiritual substance, which he believed to gain for himself through his influence, will again be withdrawn from his power and influence. And that also means weakening of himself again for an infinitely long time. My kingdom is not of this world.... These words should tell you humans most clearly what to think of the earthly world.... if you are at all interested in taking possession of My **kingdom** one day. But precisely the worldly people, the materialists, are satisfied with the possession of this world, they don't strive for a spiritual kingdom, for they are already completely under the spell of the lord of this world, even though they don't accept him as a being by whom they are influenced. For he strikes them with complete blindness, he prevents them from even the faintest light of realization, he lights blind lights for them which make it impossible to see a true light.... And I will not stop his activity, after all, it concerns the free decision of will which the human being is supposed to make on earth.... My means of help, however, could contribute towards a change of will, for they mainly consist of making people aware of the transience of matter, of repeatedly depriving them of their possessions in order to induce them to strive for imperishable possessions.... which is why again and again events will occur in the last days which will very clearly point people to the worthlessness of what the world offers. For I will not refrain from anything that can still help people, I will do everything to save them from the fate of a new banishment, the significance of which people don't know and also don't believe when the knowledge is conveyed to them. And therefore much will still happen before the last day comes, which will then also irrevocably decide the fate of all people....

Amen

"My kingdom is not of this world...."

B.D. No. 6345

September 2nd 1955

Even if you are drawn to the world.... it is not the kingdom which can truly make you happy; it only offers you a sham happiness, it gives you sham goods which do not last. Eternity lies ahead of you, an infinitely long time of inconceivable bliss lies ahead of you if you have not chained yourselves to the world, if you can detach yourselves from it as long as you live on earth.... I only ask you to give up what is worthless in itself in order to exchange real values for yourselves, I take nothing from you but I give you incomparably much.... And that you nevertheless hesitate has its reason in your wrong evaluation of the earthly, of the world and its goods.... You only value it because your **body** takes pleasure in it. But what is your body? Only a likewise transient shell of your actual self.... You only ever create for this shell of yours, but your **I** alone remains, and you should take care of this I.... You should love your **soul**, but not your body.... What you now deny your body in favour of your soul will not be to your disadvantage, for the more you detach yourselves from the world, the easier and more carefree will be your ascent upwards, into that kingdom which alone is permanent, which receives your I after the death of the body.... My kingdom is not of this world.... Always keep these words of Mine in mind.... if you want to **inhabit My kingdom** one day, since you know that your stay on this earth is not permanent.... Do not stupefy yourselves with such thoughts that it is over with your death.... Face the danger openly and for once come to terms with the thought that you have not passed away, that you continue to live, and then seriously ask yourselves whether you desire a blissful or an exceedingly sad, agonizing fate.... and then live on earth in such a way that you will be fulfilled.... No-one can escape death, and no-one can escape the fate he has created for himself through his earthly life, yet everyone **can** prepare a blissful fate for himself if he resists the world, if he kills all desire for it, if he only imagines himself to be on a transit station, the destination of which will then be a kingdom of peace and unlimited bliss.... Wait a little while longer for the fulfilment of your longing, don't look for it on earth but know that you may receive all glories in the spiritual kingdom when your soul has freed itself on earth from the bonds of matter.... You have to pass through earthly life but you must not allow yourselves to be captured by the world, which My adversary will keep tempting you with in order to prevent you from reaching the right aim.... The earthly world is and remains My adversary's kingdom. If you attach your heart to earthly things then you will also become enslaved by My adversary again, from whom you had already separated yourselves.... But My kingdom is not of this world.... And if you want to take possession of Me and My kingdom you must consciously leave the earthly world behind you and your thoughts and senses must only be directed towards Me, Who can and will also grant you a true happiness which lasts forever.... Detach yourselves from the world, then you will also detach yourselves from My adversary, and then eternal bliss awaits you....

Amen

'No-one can serve two masters....'

B.D. No. 4408

August 18th 1948

No-one can serve two masters.... Anyone who wants to make contact with Me will never be able to look towards the world, for I can only be found beyond the world, and if I should allow Myself to be found then the desire for the world must be put aside, it must be completely ignored, for the world belongs to My adversary, it is his domain where he has free reign. And he really does not aspire to lead people to Me by way of the world, instead, he seeks to displace Me, he constantly tries to place special emphasis on the world so that I should be forgotten. So if anyone amongst you is serious about his higher development he cannot possibly still pay tribute to the world.... even though he is still in the midst of the world which makes great demands on him which he has to comply with, yet there is indeed a difference between duty and personal worldly longing. The former is entirely according to My will, for on earth you are given a task, but apart from that you can also fully accomplish your

spiritual task, the maturing of your soul, if the desire for the world does not prevail, which happens when earthly pleasures and cravings predominate the desire for spiritual possessions, so that thereby the human being forgets about Me and, indeed, even the thought of Me is uncomfortable leading to his dismissal of Me. Anyone who strives to create an excessive sense of well-being for himself, i.e. for his body, be it through satisfying physical cravings, sensory and carnal desires or through an accumulation of material possessions without thinking of his neighbour, who therefore only strives for himself, is held captive by the world, he is My adversary's willing tool, and he will never find the path to Me if he does not discard the longing for the earthly world, internalises himself and aspires towards spiritual wealth. Both together are not possible, for then he will serve two masters and will not serve either well. If you are looking for Me you must gaze heavenwards, for I Am above and not below.... Below is My adversary's realm where you still linger with your body, but your soul can always lift itself up into My kingdom, to Me. Even though the body is still in My adversary's realm, the soul can nevertheless always rise into spheres beyond the earth, and that is what I demand of someone who wants to find Me, serve Me and thus be one of My Own. Then the spiritual spark in him will unite itself with the eternal Father-Spirit, for if he strives towards Me in all seriousness his heart will also be awash with love, which has nothing in common with worldly love. This love will manifest itself towards the next person, in which case the human being is making contact with Me already.... he renounces what belongs to the world, he gives and thus serves his neighbour and, because I decreed this commandment he also serves Me as His Lord. Worldly love, however, is a form of selfish love, the human being should combat this love if he wants to attain bliss. Consequently, he must also combat his love for the world and try to fulfil the soul's wishes which, driven by the spirit within, will apply to spiritual possessions and demonstrate love for Me. For I alone Am the Master you should serve if you want to become blissfully happy....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Decision between spiritual and earthly world....

B.D. No. 4526

December 28th 1948

Choose between Me and My adversary.... Choose between the spiritual kingdom and the earthly world.... Know that the spiritual kingdom will be lost to you if you lose the earthly world, and know that you will also lose Me and that the adversary will draw you into his nets if you strive for earthly possessions and pay no attention to Me. To surrender the world is to gain Me, to possess the world is to lose Me. But the desire of the heart is always decisive as to how far you desire the world or Me. For even on earth you can call goods your own, yet how you relate to them in your heart also determines your spiritual development and the possession of spiritual goods; anyone who is only filled with desire for earthly possessions has no sense for spiritual things, he is so distant from Me, the spiritual kingdom is so improbable to him, he is without faith and also without neighbourly love, for he only has his physical well-being in mind and only creates and works for himself, for the physical shell which will soon pass away. You have to make a decision, for depending on your attitude you will be considered to be spiritually rich if you desire Me and ignore earthly goods, or you will gain worldly advantages if you strive for them and walk your earthly path with My adversary's support. But then you will distance yourselves from Me and go to the kingdom of darkness.... And I would like to protect you from this. The children of the world cannot be called happy, even though they seem to live happily and freely. For nothing that falls to them, that they possess or strive for, is permanent. Everything passes away and they themselves likewise, and what remains for them is misery and darkness.... But those who strive for Me and My kingdom can certainly be called poor on earth, they will also often go through suffering and affliction, yet beatitude is certain for them when they are rid of their physical shell. Then they will be repaid a thousand fold for what they had to do without on earth and what they now possess will last forever and will make you happier than you could ever be on earth. Yet you have to make a free decision, you have to choose between Me and My adversary without coercion, and your fate on earth and in the beyond will be the same....

Earthly or spiritual thought currents....

B.D. No. 7222

December 6th 1958

The more you isolate yourselves from the world, the easier you find the entrance into the spiritual realm, for the thoughts flowing to you from the spiritual kingdom will no longer be met by opposition. The world, however, is a constant obstacle for such spiritual thoughts, for only in total seclusion will they be accepted by the human heart. And thus you can understand why people spend so little time on spiritual thoughts while they are still bound by the world, for worldly thoughts will always displace spiritual thoughts.... i.e., the human being will be incapable of accepting mental knowledge, because worldly thoughts push to the fore and prevent spiritual thoughts from reaching the person's heart. And yet, the human being is responsible for the mental knowledge he is subject to, for free will alone determines what the human being thinks, and free will either rejects or accepts the waves of thoughts encircling him. And the will, in turn, is directed in accordance with the human being's nature.... it is either spiritually or worldly inclined. It is not forced to take one direction or the other, it is completely free. Nevertheless, everything depends on the direction of this will, his thinking and activity, his present and the future fate of his soul, which can be glorious but also dreadful. Thus, the world is a danger for the human being's will, and yet it has to be in order to enable the soul to gain clarity, in order to urge it to make a decision, which must be taken between itself and the spiritual realm. Both kingdoms exist but the soul can only want **one** kingdom, and it has to determine which kingdom it wants. If it chooses the material realm, which is the world, then it will remain attached to this realm.... if it chooses the spiritual realm then it will become its abode when the soul leaves the earthly body, when its earthly progress is over. And it is courted by both kingdoms, it is influenced by both kingdoms but not forced.

For this reason the soul bears the responsibility for its own thinking and intentions, for it is **able** to choose **either** direction, it is not impossible for it to make the **right** decision even if it is tangibly confronted by the material world and the spiritual world seems to be unreal. For the spiritual forces have a specific power over the soul so that they are repeatedly able to intervene even with someone unwilling.... so that he, too, is grasped by them and thus the person has to deal with them.... he can simply reject them if he is unwilling.... Nevertheless, they affected him and therefore he cannot avoid the responsibility if it is demanded of him. The human being is able to **think**, this is the reason for his responsibility.... And no-one imposes thoughts upon him. It is entirely up to him what he thinks. The aim of the helpful spiritual forces who try to influence him in a positive sense will always be that he thinks correctly.... But since negative forces also exert an influence, the human being has to make his own decision, and therefore one cannot speak of 'spiritual coercion' to which one person succumbs and the other does not. And thus, it occasionally requires inner battles to remain focussed on spiritual thoughts when earthly thoughts try to crowd in. The will to mature spiritually can provide strength for this inner battle, and then the person will already have won, for his will was positive and must also have positive results. And the more a person is involved in the world the greater will be his victory, for the greater the oppositions and enticements are, the greater the will is which overcomes them and chooses the spiritual kingdom. But one day the soul will delight in its victory, for it shaped its own fate for eternity, it will approach a life of blissful happiness and only ever thank God for providing it with the strength to prevail....

Amen

Dangers of the earthly world

Danger of possession.... inactive matter....

B.D. No. 1854

March 20th 1941

Although matter is constantly changing, it should not be considered dissolved as long as it can still be useful in some way. Only when it is completely useless has the spiritual in it overcome it, and it often takes a very long time before it can leave the old form to fulfil new tasks in a new form. Thus the earthly course through matter is an unspeakably agonizing imprisonment of very different durations for the spiritual substance, and the knowledge of this can determine the human being to shorten this state if everything is put to use in order to help the spiritual substance to serve, because matter harbours the spiritual substance within itself for an unspeakably long time, which is never allowed to serve, which is therefore left unused as a dead possession. And it is now also understandable why the human being should not attach his heart to possessions, for the greater his love for the goods of the world, the less opportunity it gives him to serve. The spiritual in such unused matter is now condemned to inactivity against its will. It is ready to serve and is not allowed to do so and suffers unimaginably as a result. If a person now dwells in the environment of matter, which therefore has to remain inactive, this has an effect on the soul of the person, which likewise falls into a certain inertia and does little to fulfil its task in life. If the soul were filled with the urge to be active it would want to give and thus divest itself of its possessions, which would result in an immediate start of activity of the spiritual in matter and thus signify the beginning of redemption. But everything spiritual, which is helped to activity, again helps man to his own higher development, which is why a man attains soul maturity considerably easier, who is in the midst of always active matter. Thus, increased earthly activity will at the same time favour the release of the banished spiritual, provided that what is now created is again something useful to man. If matter lying fallow is now destroyed by God's will, then this again means a help for the spiritual therein insofar as it can now form itself again elsewhere and now the possibility exists to come more quickly into serving activity. Destruction of possessions forces people to make use of such matter that has not yet been authorized for activity. And this is always an advantage for the spiritual in it. Increased possession is therefore a danger, whereas the destruction of it, insofar as it is God-willed, can be a blessing for the unredeemed spiritual, which has declared itself willing to serve but was kept away from the serving purpose through human greed and love for matter. The outer shell is then forcibly dissolved, the spiritual is released from it, but only to be banished anew into the form, but now sooner finds the opportunity to serve, as otherwise endless times can pass before it is allowed to serve. So many things are created by human hands and human will which are completely useless and pointless and from which every serving function is taken away. Man should endeavour to help this spiritual substance by assigning some purpose to such useless things so that matter will one day, albeit after a long time, be dissolved, for only through service will the spiritual substance therein become free....

Amen

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Swirl of the world.... (Rose Monday)

B.D. No. 4843

February 20th 1950

In the hustle and bustle of the world, people stifle any drive to reach higher. It is like a poisonous breath that makes human hearts incapable of spiritual striving. No seed can sprout, it withers before it develops, because it is sickened by the pestilential breath of the world. Understand that you humans are in great danger of losing yourselves to the enemy of your soul, understand that he uses all means

to stop your growth towards the light, that he spreads poison to destroy the good seed. Understand that the pleasures of the world are the poison to which your soul falls hopelessly prey. In the frenzy of pleasure you seek your happiness, and you plunge your soul into misfortune. You pay tribute to the lord of the world and you sell your soul, for you desire his treasures and only seek fulfilment of bodily desires and cravings. And he does not deny it to you, he gives abundantly, but he also demands everything in return, he wins you completely. For the sake of trifling rewards you give yourselves into his hands. Hours of exuberant joy of life are enough for you, and for this you sacrifice eternal times in bliss.... You have become slaves to him who drags you into ruin. If you were to remember Me you would not be able to enjoy the goings-on, you would turn away from the poisonous breath so that it could not touch you; you would recognize that the world is your enemy because it is part of My adversary. But your thoughts no longer find their way to Me, they are chained to earth, they only revolve around the lust of the world, around sin, which you try to conceal and yet love. You can well deceive yourselves but not Me, Who sees into your hearts. I do not condemn you, but you distance yourselves from Me, for there is no love in you apart from self-love, which pulls you down but cannot lift you up. For if you had love you would not be far from Me but would seek **Me** in all your ways. Then the world would not be able to tempt you, then My adversary would have lost his power over you, then you would not follow the temptations of the world. For through love you would also stand in knowledge. But it is dark in you and you only chase after the false light. You seek joys and find death in the process.... For once the enemy of souls has won him over he will not give him up again, and breaking away from him requires great strength of love which, however, can rarely still be developed by a person who once falls prey to him....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Hoarding the matter... stimulating the opponent...

B.D. No. 6447

January 8th 1956

What My spirit imparts to people is to be regarded as truth alone.... And therefore all spiritual knowledge conveyed to you must correspond to this sole truth from Me, otherwise it originated from another whose endeavour is and will always remain to fight the truth and who also uses such means for this purpose which are intended to feign **Me Myself** as the source.... Whatever I give to people will only ever serve to attain maturity of soul, which was set as people's actual earthly aim.... because My love wants to help them become free from every material bondage in order to be able to enter the spiritual kingdom after death carefree. And every word which is conveyed to earth by Me Myself only ever has this one purpose, to instil maturity of soul into you. I will only ever admonish people to liberate themselves, and I will also give you the comprehensible reason for it, I will enlighten you as to what all matter actually is in essence and in what way the spiritualization of those takes place in an infinitely long time.... My concern will only ever be for your **soul**, the **spiritual** in material form.... The detachment from matter is such a significant act, it is an act of utmost importance, that never again will My word contain a suggestion to hoard matter.... to increase it and to enjoy its possession.... But all this stimulates My adversary.... and you may believe these words of Mine that My adversary has gained influence wherever these phenomena can be followed, that riches accumulate, that these riches are used to feast people's eyes, that these riches do not serve the purpose which alone is to be spoken of as a blessing of wealth: to relieve poor and needy people of their state of misery.... My adversary will always know how to prevent this, and by this you humans will also be able to recognize where My adversary rules, and you will also be able to be certain that no truth can be found there either, because My adversary will always fight against the truth, but especially in his territory, because he will also find his loyal followers there who are submissive to him. My word from above provides information about My adversary's activities in the last days before the end.... And he who belongs to My own also sees the signs of the end and only cares for his soul.... My adversary, however, does not want to accept this end and neither do all those like him.... And these are driven by him to make provisions for a time which will no longer be.... And people willingly follow his

suggestions; they do not think about the near end but create and work and plan and build for times to come and thereby prove their walk in darkness and their lord to whom they have submitted themselves.... My word alone is truth, and this word announces to you that you humans are all facing the end.... If you believed these words of Mine you would not succumb to greed for material goods, you would only ever try to make the last days bearable for each other, you would be more mindful of people living in greatest need whom you could help.... And you would turn to the pure word of God and clearly recognize where My adversary is at work, then you would also no longer allow yourselves to be deceived by deceptive work, by webs of lies, you would obviously recognize the father of lies who wants to alienate you from the truth.... For you would also recognize how different the spiritual knowledge is which was offered to you from that which I Myself guide to earth. Yet as long as you yourselves are willing to be ever more firmly chained to matter you will also be blind in spirit, and so long will you also remain in its power.... You are facing the end and all your striving is in vain.... Therefore detach yourselves from matter before it is too late, lest it become your grave....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The world poses great dangers....

B.D. No. 6556

May 28th 1956

You will still have to experience the world very bitterly if you don't learn to despise it of your own accord, for as long as you love the world it will be of great danger to you.... And if I want to save you from this danger then I will have to ensure that you will loose your love for the world. I have to cause you suffering and pain by **using the world** itself so as to make you aware of the fact that it is not helping but controlling you, so that you will experience its dominance painfully and withdraw from it by yourselves. Much is yet to happen that will make you understand My Words, for that which you presently consider an increased enjoyment of life will so get out of hand that you would gladly forgo the pleasures in order to be relieved from the great physical risks.... You will have no more security, since people's lust for life who are enslaved by My adversary will escalate to a point that it will override all thoughtful concern for others, that everyone will only consider himself at the expense of his neighbour and frequently place the latter into a position of danger which he can no longer evade. That which you strive for with all your senses will become your downfall. And for as long as you make this world and its commodities your sole purpose of life you will not want to loose your mortal life either and try to prolong it in every possible way.... Nevertheless it will still encumber you such that you will yearn for an end.... But only those who do not completely belong to My adversary as yet will find life burdensome and frightening.

And that which I announce in advance will happen for their sake, so that their lust for the world will diminish and they will reflect on themselves, for these last few will need strong means of help otherwise they, too, will completely fall prey to the world, otherwise they will become the 'hammer' themselves who before had been the 'anvil'.... People should consider themselves lucky to suffer damage 'by means of the world', for they are the people I want to save from the world. But anyone who has fallen prey to it already will ruthlessly and recklessly only assert himself.... An era is dawning such as has never been experienced on this earth before.... human life counts for nothing anymore, the laws of humanity are no longer sacred to anyone who committed himself to the world, thus to My adversary. The belongings of fellow human beings will not be respected and as a result people will unscrupulously experiment, exploit and enjoy anything that will give them an advantage regardless of whether it will cause damage to another person's body or possessions. And I will allow it to happen, because My concern does not apply to the body but to the human being's soul.... and if it can be saved by these means then it will thank Me for it one day, even if it had to suffer excessively on earth. People cannot be spared this suffering in the last days, for as long as there is still an available means to release the souls from the adversary's nets I will also use this means or allow it to happen, albeit it is effectively My adversary's activity on people who already belong to him.... And if people think that they are advanced then the great destructions which will be triggered will prove the opposite to

them.... Yet he who is blind sees nothing and does not want to see anything either, however, the hour on the clock of the world will be obvious to him who can see....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Transience of earthly

Worthlessness and transience of earthly possessions....

B.D. No. 0671

November 16th 1938

The greatest problem in this present time is the seizing of earthly possessions. It is truly growing in a frightening way and infinitely long times will pass by until the consequences of such projects are cancelled out again.... Intervening in public life is only possible to a limited extent, for countless followers of mammon might take advantage of this again by unlawfully trying to acquire what God's mercy wants to take away from the human being for the sake of his soul's salvation. For earthly goods must exist in order to test the human being's strength and to divert their will and craving from it, for only the voluntary rejection of such enticing stimuli can cause the soul's separation from matter. If therefore the arm of God reached out to all owners, taking or destroying their possessions by force, then this spiritual level would never ever be reached through a deliberate voluntary rejection, and for that reason all temptations for the soul need to remain in the world, to enable the human being to rise above himself and to detach himself from the longing for whatever the world has to offer. If, therefore, people strive for money and goods in such frightful way that they only consider this but never their soul's salvation, then a time like this also poses a terrible danger for the human race, and only the Lord can counter this danger by making people aware of the transience of all earthly possessions through natural disasters, ailments or other events which reduce all possessions and more or less disintegrate them completely, without having been touched by any **other** hand, so that the incentive for sin will diminish and people can easily recognise the Originator of their supposed damage.

It certainly makes sense to think about it when the intervention of a higher Power is so very distinctly perceptible. That which the human being believes himself to own with absolute certainty and which he anxiously wants to protect from the world and his fellow human beings has to be shaken time and again. For this need for sole ownership is detestable before God.... Anyone who willingly shares his worldly goods with his neighbour if he owns only little.... anyone who uses his surplus to support the poor, his goods fulfil their true purpose and will be protected for the person, yes indeed, even be increased.... And a person need never fear to experience great hardship if he always makes an effort to alleviate the hardship of the poor.... For the measure you give will be the measure you receive.... Someone who always thinks of himself and his good living standard first has to be prepared, for the Lord will make His presence felt and take hold of him where he is most sensitive.... by losing his worldly goods and putting his supposedly good living standard into question, and only then will the soul have to prove itself by finding its way out of the physical hardship and doing everything on its part to live a pleasing life before the Lord and to strive for spiritual possessions. Money and possessions certainly signify power on earth but not in eternity.... Everything will be null and void there, the souls of those who regarded power and wealth as their God will exist in a very lowly state, while those who were disinclined to worldly goods and recognised their worthlessness will be placed into an elevated position....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Matter.... Loss of earthly possessions.... Free will....

B.D. No. 5100

April 6th 1951

Everything you call your own on earth can be taken away from you if it is My will, and you cannot protect yourselves from it but have to accept it. But I constantly draw your attention to the fact that you should not grow too fond of earthly possessions because they do not last long. However, you

can secure for yourselves spiritual riches which cannot be taken away from you and which you can constantly increase, particularly at the time of great adversity which will come upon you. Then you will be able to hand them out and those who allow themselves to be given treasures from the spiritual kingdom will receive many blessings. For they will help you attain eternal life.... Earthly goods cannot stop you from dying, but spiritual goods can indeed prevent your spiritual death. All worldly things will be ruined and you humans are likewise at risk of having to relinquish your physical life; then all your possessions will be worthless. If, however, you keep your life then you will be differently minded, for then you will realise the truth of My Word which constantly alerted you to this adversity. I know who will be affected by it through My will. Nevertheless, My intention is not to harm you but only to benefit your soul. I know where every person is still vulnerable and I have to inflict painful wounds on him which kill his desire for matter, which cure him from the blight of this world. Many will indeed regard it as a cruel and harsh fate, yet one day they, too, will know better and thank Me for forcefully intervening in their lives which otherwise would have continued without achievement for the soul.

I see how humanity becomes increasingly more immersed in matter, how it only works and creates in order to add to it, oblivious to the near end. It is a completely pointless waste of strength, for very shortly everything will disappear before your eyes which you humans so greedily desire.... And you let day after day go by without acquiring goods for your soul, day after day you turn your eyes to the world and don't consider your soul's fate after death, which is so close to all of you, from an earthly as well as a spiritual point of view. Yet I can only ever warn and admonish you again, but I cannot force you nor can I give you such obvious evidence of the truth I reveal to you that you would change because of fear in order to escape the calamity. You must **want** to become blessed **of your own accord**, you must spontaneously desire to be united with Me, your Creator and Father of eternity, then you will also voluntarily fulfil My will.... you will turn selfish love, the love for the world, into unselfish neighbourly love; then you will strive for spiritual values and need not fear the end or the loss of earthly goods, which the coming time of adversity will entail. I know full well what I want to preserve or leave to the individual person, but you don't know it and shall prepare yourselves so that everything will be taken away from you and yet you will keep the everlasting wealth which can never be taken away from you.... Only attend to these possessions and you will at all times receive My kindness and mercy, My faithful care and Fatherly love, which always gives you what you need; which never leaves you, who want to belong to Me, in adversity.... This is why you never again have to dread the coming events, for you cannot lose anything anymore because you have gained everything....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Serious reference to the end and transience of the earthly....

B.D. No. 7004

December 27th 1957

You don't have much time left.... Again and again I have to point this out to you and admonish you to make good use of the short time for the salvation of your souls. If only once you seriously imagine that after a short period of time nothing will remain of what now fills your heart, of what dominates your thoughts and aspirations, if you imagine that every day will bring you closer to this point in time when you will have to give up everything, even if life will still remain with you, then you will wisely no longer worry about these transient things but only strive to acquire enduring possessions. For there are such goods.... But they have to be striven for and you cannot gain them through earthly work, because they are spiritual goods which you can also take with you into eternity.... For your 'I' will remain, even if everything around you passes away. And for this I... for your soul... you should work as long as you still live on earth, but don't attach your hearts to things which will pass away like foam when the time has come. Time is rushing faster and faster, and the day is coming closer and closer which means an end for all creatures.... And because you find it difficult to believe what I have been proclaiming to you for a long time I will give you proof of the truth of My

announcements beforehand, even though this will also be very painful for countless people.... But it is the last warning and admonition sign for all who will survive this event, so that they will still make use of the short last reprieve and put their physical well-being on hold but think of their soul with increased zeal. And you are only separated from this event, with which I want to prove the truth of My word to you humans, by a very short time.... For it will come overnight, even though serious signs already point to it a long time before. Yet people also regard these signs as the effects of human experiments.... But here I speak Myself.... here My laws will express themselves and people will not be able to prevent or change anything. It will be a very painful intervention which will affect countless people but I will **not** let it come upon people without prior notice. And the end of this earth is such a significant event for all spiritual beings that I will therefore let it be preceded by a warning in order to mitigate the disaster which threatens all people who only live in the world if they allow themselves to be impressed by My intervention to such an extent that they still think of the worthlessness of worldly possessions and strive to acquire something imperishable.... I can only address you, let My servants announce everything that is coming to you, I can also only give you such evidence which will not make your will unfree, but I will not stop influencing you until the last day has come. For I don't want your downfall, I don't want you to languish in hard matter for endless times again, I want your release from the bondage, I want your beatitude. But you yourselves determine your fate. However, whatever can still happen from Me for your salvation will also happen, even if you humans cannot understand it.... And again and again I tell you that there is not much time left until the end. Believe these words and prepare yourselves.... and you will not need to fear the end....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Transience of the earthly.... disasters - misfortunes....

B.D. No. 7219

December 1st 1958

You constantly receive admonitions from above to prepare yourselves for the end, to be concerned about your soul's salvation and to put earthly interests aside, because there is only one thing that is important: your soul's life **after the death** of the body. The transitoriness of earthly things, the transitoriness of yourselves as far as your **earthly** body is concerned, is something so certainly to be expected, and yet you humans reckon so little with it, otherwise you would not undauntedly chase after earthly goods. Yet you neglect to care for your souls just as unflinchingly and will bitterly regret it one day. And therefore you humans yourselves are the reason why the transience of earthly things obviously has to be shown to you, why the sudden end through death should so clearly startle people so that they also think of their own end. And therefore you also have the explanation for the many disasters and accidents, for again and again it has to be shown to you how nonsensical it is to only strive for earthly pleasures or earthly possessions which can become void from one day to the next, and how death can also befall you yourselves on any day and then nothing remains but a miserable, wasted soul which is exceedingly pitiful in its adversity. But now it has caused the hardship itself, for on earth all its thinking, wanting and feeling was only directed towards what makes the body comfortable, but the human being did not think about what the soul needs.... thus the soul itself.... and therefore the 'real I' enters the kingdom of the beyond in greatest distress. Whatever admonitions and warnings people receive from above are not heeded.... And this causes God to take ever more severe measures which are intended to prove to people the transience of all earthly things. And this will also explain the coming sorrowful events where the destruction of earthly possessions and many human lives will take place through the forces of nature.... always only for the purpose that people wake up from their dream state, which is only their life on earth. Admittedly, the consequences of this will also be that people will again try to acquire what they have lost with increased eagerness, but some will also awaken and realize that there are also spiritual possessions to be gained which are everlasting, and they will now turn their attention to **these** possessions. For God tries everything to still save souls from the end, but just as He again and again leaves every human being the freedom of will to determine himself and his fate.... But a terrible darkness will befall the majority of humanity, for

where not even the smallest light could be kindled there is little hope that the human being will change until the end, and his fate will be deepest darkness, his fate will be a new banishment into matter, which the human being regarded as the only desirable thing on earth and which will therefore also be his abode for endless times again. Admonitions and warnings will still sound until the end but no human being can be forced to heed them, and therefore everyone's will is self-determining.... but accordingly also his fate on the day of judgement....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Consequences of the material greed at the death and in beyond

Fear of death - love of the world....

B.D. No. 1896

April 24th 1941

As soon as a fear of death takes hold of the human being, the spirit has not yet become active in him, and thus the soul has not yet decided in his favour but still takes too much account of worldly pleasures. Thus the soul has not yet fulfilled its earthly task and this depresses it when it thinks of its near end. For unconsciously it feels that it will then have a limit. Through the direct connection with God knowledge can be imparted to the soul, but always only through the fellow human being, since its own spirit is not yet awakened. The human being can now make use of this imparted knowledge by endeavouring to live in accordance with divine requirements. Then he will soon be able to hear the voice within himself, the expression of the divine spirit in the human being, and from that moment on his state of soul will also lift, which will be noticeable through complete indifference towards earthly pleasures and enjoyments. Then man gladly gives away what belongs to the world... then all fear of death is also invalid. For what he no longer considers desirable has lost its appeal and no longer binds man to this world. He who despises the world never has to fear the hour of death, he enters quietly and painlessly through the gate to eternity, he longs for his true home with its glory and understandably gives up everything for it. If therefore the fear of the hour of death still oppresses man, then he is not yet completely free of earthly desire, and this must first be overcome, man must turn more intimately to God, spend his life in active neighbourly love; he must pray often and intimately that God helps him to a peaceful hour of death, he must devote himself completely to God, entrust his needs and worries to Him in faith and then leave the future to Him. And the inclination towards the earthly will dwindle, the desire for the spiritual, on the other hand, will grow, and the anxiety before the hour of death will give way, for the human being will then mould himself as he should be in order to be able to enter into eternal life....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Torments of the soul in the afterlife.... desire for earthly good....

B.D. No. 1741

December 17th 1940

The desperate situation of a person whose only desire is for the world and its goods only becomes clear to him after his death. For what he now desires is unattainable for him, and yet the desire for it torments him unimaginably. The greed for it is far greater than on earth, precisely because it remains unfulfilled. He has no desire for spiritual possessions, he only endeavours to attain what seemed desirable to him in earthly life and conjures up all these things in his thoughts. Such covetous thoughts are now also fulfilled, i.e., everything he desires is there, however, no longer tangible but only in his imagination, so that his greed rises to the highest and yet always remains unfulfilled. These are true tantalus torments until he becomes aware of his desperate state and overcomes his desire, i.e. until he realizes that he is chasing after phantoms that remain eternally unattainable. Only then does he begin to think about the hopelessness of his state and to consider the possibilities of a change, and he now also finds support from the beings from the kingdom of light, who first need that state in order to be able to intervene helpfully. But the desperate situation of a soul can last for endless times until it finally comes to recognize it. And as long as it is close to earth it cannot detach itself from its familiar surroundings and therefore often transfers its own desires onto weak-willed people of the same disposition. It tries to stimulate them to do what it considers to be the only desirable thing. And therefore it cannot be emphasized enough that prayer for such souls is a help to them in their

agonizing situation, as it weakens their desire for earthly possessions and at the same time the soul feels the strength of such prayer, as it begins to reflect and can thus take the first step into the spiritual kingdom. The prayer for the deceased should always apply to their still weak will and thereby give them the strength to strengthen this will so that it demands to rise....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Overcoming matter in the hereafter...

B.D. No. 1956

June 17th 1941

Coarse matter is the last obstacle which the soul has to overcome in order to finally become free. The change through all forms now comes to an end with the death of the body of man, but the desire in the hereafter is still for the same things as in earth life, as long as the soul on earth has not completely overcome matter. But now a change is taking place. The desire for it is strong.... it therefore has the effect that everything he longs for is before his eyes.... within reach.... and when he wants to satisfy his desire, it has disappeared before his eyes. The agony of being unsatisfied is unimaginable, but it is the only means by which man can learn to overcome matter. As soon as he begins to realize that everything is only reflected before his spiritual eye, he curbs his desire, thus begins to despise earthly things, and only then does he think about his sad situation, and only then can he reach the heights. This battle against matter should be fought as far as possible in earthly life by suppressing the desire for the goods of the world at an early stage and striving for spiritual good. It takes thousands of years before the soul has changed through matter, and its former cover presents itself to it once again in earth life in everything that now surrounds the human being, so that the soul now finally separates itself from that which was its abode for endless times. And it will not pass the test if it allows itself to be captured again by that which it is supposed to give away of its own free will. If it does not succeed in doing so then matter will torment it anew in the beyond, but in a way which means pain and agony for the soul, whereas in earthly life overcoming it only requires its will and can be replaced by spiritual possessions which are likewise offered to it and.... if this is accepted.... the desire for matter is stifled by itself. „You cannot serve two masters“, it says, and this also applies to spiritual and earthly good, i.e. to what is offered to the soul from above and what is accessible to it on earth as matter. He who desires the one forfeits the other, and in order to possess the one, the other must be sacrificed. But if the soul takes the desire for earthly goods with it into the hereafter, the change on earth was in vain. It stands where it stood at the beginning of its embodiment as a human being, and in order to purify the soul from the last dross, painful means are required, and the life in the beyond is only a state of unspeakable agony....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Overcoming the gulf in the beyond: Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. 7290

February 22nd 1959

Avast gulf still exists in the spiritual world between those who kept their distance from Me during their life on earth and those who had already found Me and were able to enter the spiritual kingdom in a garment of light. They can certainly see the former and ascertain their miserable state, but the former are staying in a realm where they can see nothing else but themselves or like-minded spiritual beings whose constant discord and dispute among each other poisons their existence and prevents them from feeling any kind of happiness. Nor will these souls ever be able to see their loved ones again if these have already departed with a higher degree of maturity; instead, they must first reach a certain degree before a blissful reunion can happen.... Hence, such souls inhabit two worlds, although all souls enter the spiritual kingdom after their body's death.... They are two worlds which are very distant from each other, which is not to be understood spatially but merely relates to the nature of each individual world.... A vast gulf exists, and yet, this gulf must be bridged sooner or later.

Time and again beings from the kingdom of light must descend unrecognised and try to do their redemptive work on the souls by attempting to persuade them to detach themselves from their environment and to follow the beings of light, which then will aim to lead them ever closer to their own region.... that is, they must inform the souls in darkness of the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ and His immense act of mercy which was accomplished for these souls should they want My mercy for themselves. Only then will the gulf diminish between them and Me, between the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of light.... Only then will the souls take the path which leads out of the abyss into higher spheres, and only then will the blessings of the act of Salvation take effect on them and gradually also result in a state of maturity where they themselves can and want to do redemptive work, because they want to repay their gratitude, which impels their willingness to help the wretched beings which still linger in the abyss.

The gulf must be overcome and there is only **one** bridge: Jesus Christ, the divine Redeemer... Anyone who takes the path to Him also takes it to Me, even though he did not want to acknowledge Me on earth or was still vastly distanced from Me. He can only come back to Me by way of Jesus Christ, and He is therefore the bridge which leads from the dark region into the kingdom of light.... This should be remembered by all people who on earth certainly deem themselves to be in contact with Me and who nevertheless have not yet found the right attitude towards Jesus Christ, who only call themselves Christians by name and in reality have not established a heartfelt bond with **Me in Jesus Christ**, who therefore have not yet availed themselves of the blessings of the act of Salvation and so cannot speak of a redemption of their original sin either.... They, too, will face a deep gulf when they arrive in the beyond, for they will first have to seek and find Him, the divine Redeemer, so that He will release them from their guilt as well, for they only acknowledged Him with their mouth on Earth without involving their heart. But I look into the heart, and regardless of how loud and how often the mouth voices My name, I will not be deceived and cannot place the soul where it doesn't actually belong.... It will be confronted by a vast gulf when it passes into the spiritual kingdom.... in other words: It will see nothing else but what its earthly-inclined senses want it to believe, and it will only be to its advantage if it can detach itself quickly and does not resist the helpers' notions, so that it can quickly be introduced to the divine Redeemer as the only Saviour from its situation.... The connection must be made, the soul must take the path to Me by way of Jesus Christ and it will safely be guided by Him through the gate into the kingdom of light when it has bridged the vast gulf, when it will impel it to Jesus Christ and it desires and finds salvation through Him. Then it will also have taken the path to the Father.... I will receive it into My kingdom of light and blissful happiness....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Transience of the earthly.... Intercession for souls....

B.D. No. 8318

November 2nd 1962

Time and again you humans can observe the transience of all earthly things and already see from this that earthly goods are worthless for eternity, for you cannot take any of them over into the kingdom of the beyond if you have to leave your earthly body. And since you don't know the hour of your death, which the very next day can bring you, you should not use your life's energy for the acquisition of earthly goods but only to acquire eternal goods which will follow you into the kingdom of the beyond as spiritual wealth. Then you would truly act wisely, you would fill your lamps with oil and then no longer need to fear darkness. And time and again you will be confronted by the transience of all earthly things, time and again you will experience the recall of people from this life, time and again you will see material goods abandoned to destruction; time and again you will be able to experience that nothing belonging to this world will last.... Your body will pass away, just as everything earthly-material passes away.... But your soul has no offence to fear when it escapes from the earthly body.... It is the spiritual substance which can never pass away again because it is once emanated strength from Me which will continue to exist for all eternity. Only its state can be completely different at the death of the body.... It can enter into light and strength and freedom to live

forever, but it can also remain in the state of death for eternal times.... And the fate of the souls is determined by you humans yourselves during your earthly life, for you can use the life energy given to you of your own free will, both for the body as well as for the soul, so that it will attain life and need not fear death, which will then be its fate if the human being leaves the soul in want during his earthly life, if he does nothing to help it to live, if he only tries to provide the body with the goods of the world, which are transient. Then the soul will enter the kingdom of the beyond after the death of the body in poverty and destitution, in a state of powerlessness and bitterest misery..... For it cannot take anything it acquired on earth with it, it does not enter a kingdom of light but moves in utmost darkness and is only dependent on the loving help of the beings of light which, however, it does not recognize as such and therefore usually rejects them.... And then only the loving intercession of people on earth can help it to gain enough strength to strive for an improvement of its pitiful situation. Such a soul has to pay dearly for the world's goods, for they have plunged it into great misery because the body took precedence over the soul, but the soul now has to bear the consequences. If you humans could see the appalling misery of such souls you would truly take pity on them and not deny them help in order to bring them relief in their situation.... And you can only do this through loving intercession which you give to them, which they feel as a grant of strength and they give up their will of rejection.... Then the beings of light which approach them unrecognized will also be heard sooner, and they can slowly come to realize what they neglected to do on earth...., for souls which are followed into eternity by intercession on the part of people will not be lost, because every loving intercession is a ray of strength and this strength can never ever be lost, thus it exerts a positive effect on those souls.... Therefore remember all souls which still languish in darkness and lovingly take care of them.... Help them through your prayer so that they will not sink any further, for your prayer protects them from this.... They will feel an intercession in love as a strengthening of will and also as small sparks of light which they follow and thus reach you who remembered them in prayer. And they will also always stay close to you, hoping for renewed supply of strength and light.... For this reason you humans can contribute much to the redemption of the souls in the spiritual world if you consciously try to help them, if you deal with their adversity and try to alleviate it, if you also bring My word close to them, which they can now hear if only they are willing to improve their condition, if they feel a flow of love from you and know that you take care of their adversity.... Admittedly, their resistance, which they still possessed to a great extent on earth and therefore did not accept spiritual help on earth, first has to be broken through loving intercession. But the person who loves his body excessively so that he only helps it to prosperity will also be inaccessible to spiritual instructions, and this is the soul's great hardship that it was deprived of spiritual nourishment and that it enters the kingdom of the beyond in a dreadful state without it. Yet people's love can alleviate much hardship.... a prayer of love for these souls will truly help them up from the dark realm and the soul will also be able to ascend in the beyond as soon as it is always granted assistance by the beings of light and people on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

No one will enter the kingdom of heaven who pays homage to the world....

B.D. No. 5825

December 13th 1953

To pay tribute to the world is to forfeit the kingdom of heaven, since the human being cannot gain both at the same time. And anyone who pays homage to the world will not endeavour to attain the heavenly kingdom either, for he will only recognise the earthly world and its attraction and not believe in a kingdom beyond this world. And yet the path to the kingdom of heaven has to be taken through this earthly world, it cannot be avoided, for the human being lives in this world, he has to cover the last stage of his development on earth, in the midst of the realm which belongs to God's adversary. But he can overcome this kingdom, he can pass through the earthly world without allowing himself to be extraordinarily impressed by it, without coveting it with his senses.... he can experience it and yet be its master....

And it is your task to overcome the world, for it was given to you as a means for your soul to become fully mature therein, to detach itself voluntarily from everything pertaining to the world, because this separation is at the same time also a separation from the one who is lord of this world, and a turning towards the spiritual kingdom and its Lord. Hence it is understandable that anyone enslaving himself to the world will never be able to take possession of the spiritual kingdom, neither in earthly life nor after the human being's death.... it is understandable that the lord of the world will keep him tied up because the human being gives him the right to do so himself, for the separation from his power, the separation from the material world, has to be endeavoured towards and accomplished by the individual himself.

He has to wage battle against himself; he has to be able to go without in order to gain something valuable, he has to resist all temptations during his short lifetime on earth in order to then take possession of the spiritual kingdom with all its glories, which will compensate him a thousand fold for his renunciation on earth.... And he will only do so if he recognises the irrelevance and impermanence of what he deems desirable on earth. Only this realisation will give him the strength to change his will correctly, and he can gain this realisation by merely contemplating the material world For he cannot be forced to change his will.... he can only be prompted by experiences into inner contemplation, at which point the result is up to him. And God can only help him by time and again demonstrating the fleeting nature of things, so He allows the destruction of what the human being loves on earth, He intervenes by affecting him painfully, taking from him what his heart is set on.... just to point out to him how worthless the goals of his endeavours are.

But those who learn from such experiences can consider themselves fortunate, for they will gradually change the direction of their will and relinquish the world in order to occupy the spiritual kingdom one day.... But no one should believe that he can make compromises, no one should believe that he can pay homage to the world with impunity.... All striving will have an effect after his death, and if it related to the world then it will result in spiritual death, then he will have relinquished the spiritual kingdom for the sake of earthly gain and the world will have brought him death.... Then he will have handed himself over again to the power of the one in the abyss, and the path of ascent will yet again take an infinitely long period of time....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Detach from the material world

'Seek ye first the kingdom of God....'

B.D. No. 6968

November 14th 1957

Only that which helps your soul to attain full maturity can be beneficial for you. If only you always strove towards that which is useful for your soul then I would also take appropriate care of your body, for I gave you the assurance that I will look after you like the birds in the sky and the flowers in the field. You would truly not need to worry about 'tomorrow' if you considered your soul's **salvation paramount**, if you sincerely sought Me and My kingdom. But you humans have forgotten what is most important, your thoughts are fully and completely occupied with the world, with your body's well-being, and thus you are burdened by worries and problems, you let yourselves ever more increasingly be diverted from your actual task on earth, you pay constantly more attention to the world and only create and work for your transient part and don't consider your soul. For you don't believe My Words that I will add everything unto you if you first seek My kingdom and its righteousness.... You don't take these Words seriously and therefore don't test their truthfulness either. But I have only given you earthly life so that your **soul** should mature, for the body will perish, but the soul will exist forever. And the soul should.... not being entirely capable of living.... attain life on earth. This awakening into life should be brought about by you. That is the purpose of your existence as a human being.... and in order that you will be able to accomplish your purpose, you will be supported by Me in every way.... Excessive worry about your body should not hinder the work of improving your soul, for this reason I take care of the former as long as you regard your actual task as more important, as soon as you 'seek My kingdom and its righteousness'. Then you will truly not lack anything, you will be taken care of both physically and spiritually, for I look after your body as well as after your soul and I will provide abundantly, because I love you and want to win your love as well.

However, people remain permanently burdened because they don't give credence to My Words nor do they try to procure the evidence of the truth, on the contrary, they completely ignore the soul's life because they neither strive to reach Me and My kingdom nor want to help their souls to attain a more bearable state. For they have no faith in Me.... Therefore they often have to endure severe suffering; they must go through physical hardship because they don't believe in My promise and faithfully wait for My help, because the well-being of their soul is not their priority and therefore they won't let Me Myself as a Father take care of His children. A little more faith in My Word could manage to achieve a considerable change in people's spiritual state, for as soon as people seriously strive towards Me and My kingdom, they would also keep My easy commandments of love, they would treat their neighbour with love and thus live completely righteously and remain within the divine order. In that case they would already have taken possession of My kingdom and accepted Me, because love would drive them to Me.... I would be able to provide them with everything they need for body and soul, for both physical as well as spiritual possessions could be given to them, as I have promised. Nevertheless, no-one will be forced to believe, but the Word of the Gospel will be recited to everyone 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you....' And every person can spend serious thoughts on this Word; he can make his earthly life easier for himself if he trusts in Me and My Word. First I expect his dedication to Me, which I will then reward him by taking care of his earthly worries, since he will now be a true aspirant for My kingdom. But as long as the human being regards his physical well-being of greater importance than his psychological development he will barely find time to consider his soul, for the body's demands will increase and discard every silent admonition on part of the soul, and the soul will go short and be badly withered at the end of its life on this earth.... for it was unable to gather riches, since the body took precedence. But regardless of what earthly wealth a person has attained and acquired.... he must leave it all behind

when the hour of death arrives. The soul, however, will enter the kingdom of the beyond in a bare and deprived state, because the human being had neglected to do in his earthly life what is most important: to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Detachment from earthly goods.... deprivations....

B.D. No. 2551

November 15th 1942

Free yourselves from the bonds of the world and you will achieve the greatest success, for what the world offers you only lasts for a short time, but then you will recognize your shortcomings, for you have only lived for the world and have no other success to report than to have stood in worldly honour. A life on earth in limited circumstances, a life of simplicity and unpretentiousness, on the other hand, can bring you spiritual goods of incalculable value. You always have to remind yourselves that earth is only a short time of preparation for the actual life in eternity, you have to consider that you cannot take any of the earthly goods with you, that reputation and fame are invalid in view of death, that earthly knowledge is worthless in eternity. You must also consider that the body passes away and with it the comforts it desired.... Only the soul remains, whose state corresponds to the pursuit of spiritual possessions on earth.... And if you go along on earth in utmost unpretentiousness and think of your soul at the same time, then you are to be called abundant when you enter the beyond, for only now does life on earth have an effect. And this state is of eternal duration as soon as it is a state of light, but it means endless agonies for the soul which refrained from spiritual endeavour on earth and only strived for earthly success, earthly well-being and earthly wealth. As soon as the world still entices you, as soon as you expect success from it, this will always happen at the expense of the soul, for where the soul earnestly strives and struggles for perfection, there the desire for the world dies.... Where the soul seeks God and wants to live to please Him, the pleasures of the world are ignored. **This** is the right life on earth, although man should fulfil his duty, i.e. use his vitality for the benefit of his fellow human beings, as it is the divine will. For God has given every human being his task for earthly life, the fulfilment of which contributes to the attainment of maturity of soul, so that love for one's neighbour is the driving force and the human being is willing to place himself and his strength at the service of his neighbour. Increased enjoyment of life, however, reduces the soul's success, for spiritual striving ignores the world, but worldly pleasures make spiritual striving impossible. And therefore choose and decide what you deem more precious, earthly possessions, wealth and reputation and an eternal life in darkness or an unnoticed earthly life in simplicity, which you use to shape your soul in order to then be able to enter a light-filled beyond, which will richly compensate you for all privations.... People only think about the present, and they try to gain everything from the present, and yet life on earth passes by quickly and they are faced with eternity, which they could shape into a marvellous one for themselves if they did not value the present, the time on earth, so highly. Therefore, try to free yourselves from what the world offers you.... For it is vain dazzle, it is poison for your soul and a constant obstacle to your soul's work. Seek God alone in this world so that you will have found Him when you enter that world which is the real life for the soul. For God is your bliss, and His love seizes you who, for His sake, disregard the earth's goods....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Urgent admonition to detach from matter....

B.D. No. 3821

July 9th 1946

Recognise the time and adjust your life accordingly.... Anyone who is unable to detach himself from the possessions of the world will find the last days before the end very difficult, for he will lose everything if he does not belong to those who are completely corrupt, who will receive everything so as to completely renounce Me. Then I will have to take that which you are unable to relinquish

voluntarily from you by force if I want to save you from entirely falling prey to the one who wants your eternal ruin. For earthly matter belongs to him and must never become the principle of your life, instead you should use it to cover your most essential physical needs so that you can consider your soul the more abundantly.... For this alone is needed in the coming time, because you only have little time left until the end. But if you spend it by just taking care of your physical well-being then your soul will go short and will have to suffer indescribably if I still want to rescue it before the end. Therefore remove whatever your body does not require and give it to your needy fellow human being, for there will be much hardship with My permission. Recognise the last days before the end by the fact that a great tribulation will befall the earth which you will be unable to avert by yourselves and which will be made even worse through My will, through My last intervention before the end. Then you all must realise that I only want you to have very little for your body, that I want to direct your mind more towards the soul, towards the spirit, and humbly submit yourselves to My will. Ignore your body and only take care of your soul, then I will take care of your physical well-being and keep you alive until the end, and you will be able to endure your last stage of life because I will help you.

And thus liberate yourselves from all earthly matter, detach your heart from it, and gladly share whatever you own with your needy neighbour. And you will not have to go short despite your externally most modest living conditions, you will be able to live and work because your soul will receive doubly what your body gives up. I must take your earthly possessions away from you if you don't part from them voluntarily, I must implement a forceful solution if you are too weak to separate yourselves from them. But it is far better if you already detach yourselves from them in your heart before, that you no longer let yourselves be enslaved by matter, but that you leave everything up to Me of your own free will if you sacrifice everything you own to Me Then I will return to you what you need and also make your earthly life easier, and you will make proper use of the time until the end for your soul. For if I tell you that you that your life will not last long anymore, why should you still anxiously worry.... ? You will have to leave all earthly possessions behind when your body dies, your soul, however, will remain chained to it even in the spiritual kingdom if it hasn't detached itself on earth already. And I want to help the soul learn to overcome it on earth and free itself from all longing for it.... Detach yourselves from matter.... I let this call resound more urgently than ever, for the care of your soul is paramount in the forthcoming time....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Acquiring spiritual goods.... earthly activity.... idleness....

B.D. No. 4881

April 18th 1950

Nothing is more important on earth than the soul's development upwards. Therefore, every earthly activity should only satisfy you if spiritual work is carried out at the same time, which, as the most necessary activity, must never be disregarded if earthly life is to be successful. For whatever earthly possessions you gain through earthly activity are impermanent possessions which can certainly secure you an earthly life of well-being, but only if My will allows it. You have an earthly task to fulfil which alone should be important to you.... you shall mature spiritually.... And the world, together with everything desirable to you, is only the means to an end; it is the opportunities in which you are to mature. And thus earthly life must indeed be lived in the midst of these things which stimulate and spur you on to earthly activity, yet it must not be an end in itself, you must become and remain aware that you have a higher task to fulfil than merely increasing earthly possessions or creating physical comfort, and only when spiritual work precedes earthly work will you fulfil the purpose of earthly life. And therefore you must always bear in mind that it is not in your power to prolong your earthly life by just one day. Furthermore, you must always reckon with being called away and be aware of the fact that you will then have to leave behind everything you have acquired on earth and may only take over into the beyond what you have acquired in spiritual treasures. And thus every thing is worthless which appears desirable to you on earth, for it is matter which does not follow you into the spiritual kingdom but is always and constantly a share of earth which, however, you only live in for a short time. And

since you never know when your time is up you will only act wisely if you use every day to acquire spiritual wealth. Therefore, spiritual activity alone is profitable, even though you should also do your earthly duty and carry out work which is of benefit to your neighbour. One should serve the other... then every earthly activity is, as it were, a service to the neighbour as long as it is not detrimental to him. For this reason a person must not be idle, otherwise he will not use his vitality and his works of neighbourly love will only be minimal. An idle person will not do spiritual work either, for this requires a heart willing to love, and willingness to love always expresses itself in such a way that the neighbour's needs, be they of a physical or spiritual nature, are taken into account. What the human being does to serve his fellow human beings is earthly activity which is at the same time credited as spiritual soul work, but earthly work which only strives for one's own advantage, which is only motivated by self-love, is worthless for eternity. It is uselessly wasted time which can never be recovered, which, moreover, still means a decline for the soul, yet from a purely worldly point of view the greatest advantages are achieved because the human being works with the help of My adversary who provides him with earthly goods to a great extent. Yet such a person enters the spiritual kingdom empty and poor after his death, for he has to leave everything behind on earth and has no spiritual treasures to show for it. His life was lived to no purpose and a sad fate awaits him in the beyond....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Everlasting battle against the world....

B.D. No. 7344

April 23rd 1959

And if you crave for the pleasures of this world only remember that you will forfeit spiritual pleasures because you cannot possess both at the same time, the spiritual and the earthly kingdom, for My kingdom is not of this world. The pleasures offered to you by the earthly world will only ever satisfy the body but not the soul, which needs something different in order to attain beatitude, which cannot be fobbed off with earthly enjoyments but needs spiritual nourishment in order to become happy. And therefore always take care that your desire will not get out of hand and stifle the soul's desire; always take care that earthly pleasures will not stop you from spiritual striving, that they are, as it were, contrary to them.... that the person's spiritual striving diminishes to the same extent as he tries to provide for himself, that is, his body, physical pleasures. And always remember that 'My kingdom is not of this world...!' Consequently, whatever you enjoy or deem desirable and which still belongs to this world will always signify a small obstacle on the path of ascent, into the spiritual kingdom. Not everything is denied to you by Me, it just should not include the danger of straying from the path to Me.... As long as this risk does not exist, you may also give to your body what it requires.... And it is up to you to establish whether and to what extent you will be prevented from your contact with Me, from your earnest striving for My kingdom and its righteousness. And if you then let an opportunity pass you by which might have been able to provide your soul with spiritual saturation merely in order to gratify your body then it will be an injustice to your soul, which is equally famished and in need of strengthening.

The spiritual aspirant will never shelve the spiritual kingdom or his soul, he will always place it in the forefront, he can't help but consider his soul first and will not pay too much attention to his body until he first has taken care of his soul. And whatever he then will give to the body is right before My eyes, for he first considered My kingdom and My will before he considered his earthly existence, and this is right and also in accordance with My will. For I placed you into this world because you can fully mature in it, and your soul will indeed mature fully if you always bear My will in mind and live on earth accordingly. And it will always be My will that you should lift your eyes up to Me, that you strive towards Me, that you look for the connection with Me, that you are therefore held captive by the **spiritual** realm and don't bury yourselves again into matter for the sake of the earthly world, which is your demise. And if you are attracted by great earthly temptations then be always careful that you do not forfeit the treasures of your soul.... that you voluntarily relinquish that which your soul had already taken possession of.... that you disregard its desire and leave it to suffer hardship for the sake of

earthly possessions or earthly pleasures. The world is your enemy, try to become its master, you can certainly make it compliant but don't allow it to become your master to whom you subjugate yourselves and thereby suffer defeat instead of gaining victory. Remain constantly in contact with the kingdom which is not of this world and you will truly be victorious over the earthly world; it will serve you to reach perfection, because this is your only goal....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Overcoming the world.... spiritual work....

B.D. No. 7363

May 14th 1959

You will hardly ever hear the voice of the spirit in the world's bustle unless you are so permeated by My spirit that it can also assert itself in the midst of the world, that you always pay attention to its voice, because the world is no longer able to captivate you such that it drowns out the voice of the spirit. But it is rare, for as soon as the human being is in the midst of the world, his senses are also captured by it, even if it is only temporarily. Therefore you should avoid the world to the best of your ability and only make it useful to you as far as it is necessary for your earthly life, for you are placed in the midst of the world and now also have to prove yourselves in it.... And this means that you should try to become its **master** but not become slaves to the world. Anyone who seriously strives spiritually also knows how obstructive the world is to his spiritual striving, how again and again he is held back and his thoughts stray from what alone is important in earthly life: spiritual further development. The worldly man will not ask for it, and the spiritually striving man also puts such questions aside as long as the world holds him captive, as long as it offers the body pleasures, which he now also seeks to fulfil because they are offered to him. Such indulgence of bodily desires need not be a sin, but it is certainly an impediment to spiritual development, for what is granted to the body is lost to the soul, because its need is of a spiritual nature and worldly enjoyment does not cover the soul's need at all. The more worldly a person's attitude is, the more his soul will suffer.... For the voice of the spirit does not penetrate either, the soul cannot assert its will and express its desire, for the body pushes it back and fulfils its own desire first. But this need not be a permanent state, the human being can satisfy his body's desire and then deal with his soul all the more eagerly again and give it what it desires: spiritual food from the kingdom of light, to which the human being now voluntarily gives himself again and finds greater satisfaction than in the goods of the world. But My spirit is already active in this human being, which did not withdraw even in the world's gear but had an effect on the human being so that he could quickly detach himself from the world again and turn to the kingdom which gave nourishment to his soul. This is why a spiritually striving person will only rarely find satisfaction in the world, it will no longer be able to completely captivate him, he has already become a stranger to it and his body only rarely desires its goods and pleasures because the spiritual gifts give him greater pleasure and he has already recognized the worthlessness of worldly goods. Then the spirit in him will also express itself in the midst of the world's hustle and bustle, it will direct and guide him and make him look at everything in view of his spiritual development, and again and again the desire will prevail to withdraw into silence again, because the soul's desire prevails and only approves for the body what it necessarily needs for its preservation. But then the world will no longer mean danger for a person, then he will have already achieved in earthly life that the soul will listen to the voice of the spirit within himself, and then the world will no longer be able to exert much influence because the spirit will be able to assert itself even if the person has to move in the world. And anyone who has once awakened the spirit within himself will no longer need to fear that it will withdraw completely. It will assert itself again and again because the human being's will is to mature spiritually, and because such a will also signifies an influx of strength, so that it will always be stronger and also take up the battle against the world and emerge victorious....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

You can achieve everything if only you muster the serious will, for then you will also be able to receive unmeasured strength to carry out what you want.... Yet precisely your will is weak and the world still holds you too captive to be willing to surrender everything.... But if you want to attain childship to God while still on earth, this requires a complete overcoming of the world.... You must have completely detached yourselves from matter, which, however, does not mean that you should withdraw into the desert as a hermit.... You can also stand in the midst of the world and yet have completely overcome matter, for to deal with it does not mean to desire it. For the earthly fulfilment of duty need not be an obstacle to the soul's ascent if it is a service to fellow human beings and if this service is not carried out solely for the sake of earthly gain, that is, if the human being's activity is motivated by the acquisition of material goods. Even a person's possessions are no obstacle to complete spiritualisation if they are used again for serving, unselfish neighbourly love.... But if self-love is satisfied first, then the path to spiritualisation is still very long, then the striving for the highest goal is not yet serious and thus the will is too weak, which also results in a lack of strength.... It is therefore up to you humans yourselves whether you still reach the goal in a short time.... You can have a whole life at your disposal and not get any further.... But you can also complete yourselves in a very short time if this is your **serious endeavour**, because then you will truly not lack strength. And as soon as you are given knowledge which also assures you an abundance of blessings you can now also consciously strive for perfection, which, however, always requires you to detach yourselves from the world. The extent to which you are **willing** to do so is also determined by your ability, for the serious will assures you the supply of strength. You humans, however, still expect too much from your life, you still harbour various desires and are not willing to relinquish them.... Nor do you trust Me unreservedly as yet, otherwise you would not doubt that I will **also** guide you through earthly life, that you need not suffer hardship.... if I recognize that your soul's salvation is of utmost importance to you and you distance yourselves from earthly desires.... For it is I alone Who can give to you but also take away.... Who also provides for you most abundantly if you are willing to make a sacrifice to Me.... For you will truly not come to any harm, for what the body voluntarily relinquishes the soul gains a thousandfold.... And if you consider that you have to give up all earthly goods when your soul relies on your body.... that you cannot take anything over but only your **spiritual** gain, then you will also realise the worthlessness of earthly goods and try to free yourselves from them for the sake of spiritual advantage. But I cannot force you to renounce, I can only help you by taking away what still hinders you or by placing so many obstacles in your way that you voluntarily give up what is not helpful for your soul's salvation. And you must seriously try to establish this difference between 'fulfilment of duty' and 'your own desire for the world's goods', and if you feel completely free of the latter then you can truly also reach the final goal on this earth, to attain childship to God, for the course of your life will then also be shaped according to the seriousness of your will and striving, always offering you the highest opportunities to reach the highest goals.... But you will not lack strength because then you will enter into My will and your return to Me will be assured....

Amen

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Self-conquest by charity

"The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak...."

B.D. No. 2802

July 7th 1943

The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.... for the flesh still belongs to God's opposing power because it still harbours many spiritual substances which are immature and therefore at the beginning of their higher development. And these substances are still too much in the power of the adversary, they push towards him and also try to pull the human soul along with them. And so the spirit in the human being wages a constant battle with all the immature entities that surround him. Although the soul has decided in its favour, it is also still surrounded by entities in need of purification and is constantly pressured by them to turn towards the world, which means everything that is beneficial, i.e. pleasant, for the body of flesh. The soul is very often weak and unable to offer sufficient resistance to these desires. And yet it must try to overcome this counter-current, it must wrestle with itself, it must only direct its will towards what the spirit imparts to it, it must desire to hear it and reject every temptation from outside by paying no attention to them and only desiring to hear the voice of the spirit. It must pray fervently for a supply of strength and must not tire, for God allows all these temptations in order to strengthen the will and faith so that it may prove itself in the face of greater opposition from outside. The human being is still fighting against purely physical desires and oppositions but a time will come when he will have to stand firm against external temptations, when he will have to prove himself before the world and when the body will not only have to renounce but also accept suffering in order to set an example of strong unshakeable faith to the world.... He will always and constantly be supplied with strength so that his will becomes strong.... And this will shall already now be strengthened by overcoming small resistances, the soul shall only ever remain united with the spirit in it, it shall learn to despise everything worldly, it shall pass it by unimpressively and by no means hold it back from spiritual striving, the weakness of the flesh shall be fought against and the result will be an ever stronger will which overcomes everything that opposes it. But this strong will cannot be achieved without a fight, otherwise it would be an undeservedly received grace which has to bring the human being to maturity without him striving for it. The supply of strength from God is indeed such a grace which, however, has to be requested time and again, and thus the prayer for increased will will provide him with strength and grace, his will will grow stronger, for then the human being will call upon God Himself for His help and this will also be available to him in abundance. Prayer is also a means of battle against the enemy's temptations, although even the will can be so weakened that it is incapable of prayer, for this also requires the will which, however, will then also find support. But the human being must not surrender to the temptations, the allurements of the world, without will; he must not become so weak that he is no longer able to pray, in every adversity of the soul he must take refuge in prayer, in God, Who will then truly not leave him without help. He must heed the subtle voice of the spirit, which will urge him to pray, to call upon God for strength and grace.... Only then will every weakness of the flesh be overcome, he will become strong in spirit, and his will will conquer all resistance....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Self-overcoming.... strengthened will.... Christ's act of salvation....

B.D. No. 3213a

August 4th 1944

A way of life according to the will of God requires great overcoming of oneself, thus a strong will. However, man cannot muster the strength of will on his own, since the will is often weakened to

the point of complete lack of will due to the original sin through the former apostasy from God [here the sentence is changed in the manuscript as follows (sin of the former apostasy)]. Nevertheless, man can acquire the strength of will through heartfelt prayer to Jesus Christ, the divine redeemer.... This is the simplest yet surest means to defy all dangers, to be able to resist and to overcome oneself. And the weakest will will become strong, for this is what Jesus Christ died for on the cross.... With His death He bought people a strengthened will, and everyone may request this strengthened will who believes in Him and His act of salvation. The former sin bore man's weakened will.... Jesus Christ took upon Himself the sins of the world and thus also the consequence of sin.... the weak will. He redeemed the guilt of those who acknowledge His sacrifice, and thus He restores to them the strengthened will by virtue of which they can now lead a way of life according to God's will. It is a grace which He acquired for people on the cross which people are unable to grasp, for what lies helpless and weak on the ground can rise up and now work on itself full of strength and power; His will is strong, and a strong will is able to do anything.... However, free will remains untouched, for the grace of the act of salvation is only granted to it if it expresses its will to ascend through heartfelt prayer to Jesus Christ. Weakness of will need not prevent him from striving towards God, it is just that the human being cannot muster the perseverance to do so. And therefore he should appeal for a strong will for the sake of Jesus Christ, and his appeal will be heard as soon as he acknowledges Jesus Christ. And then he will be able to wage the battle against the world, which is expressed in the overcoming of himself. He has to renounce everything that belongs to the world, what his body desires, he has to sacrifice, i.e. give to his neighbour, what makes him happy, he has to put himself aside and do kindness to his fellow human beings, and all this requires overcoming, it requires a strong will which puts all good intentions into action. But this strong will can be requested at any time, and this prayer will never go unanswered....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Self-overcoming.... strengthened will.... Christ's act of salvation....

B.D. No. 3213b

August 6th 1944

Before Christ's crucifixion God's adversary had great power over the human being's will, and this power manifested itself in the fact that people were not able to live a life of love unless they were exceptionally intimately united with God. The temptations of the world were always too great and their will too weak to resist them. This is his weapon even now, that God's adversary seeks to weaken people's will through the pleasures of the world, and he is completely successful with those who trust in their own strength, who don't believe they need help from above, who don't believe in Jesus Christ and His act of salvation and therefore don't ask Him for His grace, for His help, which earns them increased will. Without Jesus Christ people are still completely under His control from which they are unable to release themselves unless they sincerely call upon God for help, but then they will also soon learn to recognize the significance of the act of salvation and Jesus Christ Himself as saviour of the whole of humanity, and then they will also consciously avail themselves of the blessings of the act of salvation. The path of ascent will become easy for them, for where there is the will there is also the strength to accomplish.... But the weakened will only has the strength to do things which lead to the abyss, and this strength comes to it from below, i.e., it uses the vitality for bad deeds, and the strengthening of this vitality is supplied to it by God's adversary. Thus the weak-willed human being is not in union with God but with His adversary, and he cannot free himself from the latter's spell unless he appeals to God for help, which is granted to him as a grace of Jesus Christ's act of salvation. Consequently, the recognition of the act of salvation must be the first condition, otherwise the human being cannot avail himself of this grace. In faith in the act of salvation the human being can accomplish great things, for his will will experience a strengthening which enables him to do anything if he deeply believes, for the strength of will, which Jesus Christ possessed in abundance, communicates itself to him, he can liberate himself from the adversary's power, he can strive towards God without being pulled back by this power. And he reaches his aim even if numerous temptations

make his striving more difficult, but he resists them because his will is strong and accordingly also the supply of strength which Jesus Christ acquired through His death on the cross for people who believe in Him and consciously avail themselves of the blessings of the act of salvation....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Renunciation in favour of others.... charity....

B.D. No. 1127

October 5th 1939

The common good very often demands a sacrifice of one's own well-being. And a certain sacrifice must therefore be made in order to be able to serve one's neighbour. Nothing is more beneficial to a person's soul than a willing renunciation of all the comforts of life in favour of his fellow human being. This is true neighbourly love, which has an indescribably beneficial effect. Such actions already result in the greatest blessing on earth, for it awakens love in return and thus contributes to the ennoblement of the human being. And the father in heaven allows His children to do the same as they do and give to each other.... And so earthly good is also increased for the blessing of the giver as long as it is not done for the sake of reward.... However, the effect of all such deeds is far greater in eternity. There are certainly countless people living on earth who are not at all comfortable with this willing help towards their neighbour, they reject everything that could remind them of such helpful deeds and yet they do themselves the greatest harm, for one day they will have to record a shortfall and this will be bitterly regretted. For the same thing that their neighbour once desired is now their most ardent wish if they need the love and mercy of other souls in the same poverty and neediness and it is now denied to them. And therefore give.... give with full hands if you are approached about it and try to alleviate the need where you can.... Offer yourselves if you can help your fellow human being by doing so, and know that the father in heaven will not deny you His mercy if you ask Him for an earthly gift.... For He does not leave His child in need, but in the same way you should also give up everything you can give to your fellow human being in order to alleviate his need. And if you feel the goodness and love of the father in yourselves, remember the poor at all times and always show them your love and mercy and do not let them go without.... For the lord God has brought you together so that you may help one another, comfort one another and alleviate all suffering, so that you may redeem yourselves through works of unselfish neighbourly love and at the same time awaken love and thus contribute to the ennoblement of humanity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Love commandments.... overcoming self-love....

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Anyone who only cares about My commandments of love also lives to please Me.... I ask nothing else of you but that you shape yourselves into love, because only through love can you deify yourselves, because only through love can you revive all the powers in you which were lost to you through your past sin of turning away from Me, which lie fallow in you until you are again what you were from the beginning.... Love-filled beings full of light and strength.... The demands I place on you through My commandments of love for God and your neighbour are truly not great, for in earthly life you have so many opportunities to be active in love, they approach you as it were of their own accord, and as long as you don't harden your heart the activity of love is not difficult for you. And it will be the easier the more you overcome your self-love. So overcoming this is the actual task for you. And you have to fulfil this task yourselves, you have to work on yourselves, look critically at your thoughts and actions and always want to do what is right before Me.... And then I will also look at you with eyes of favour and help you if only you have the will not to grieve Me.... thus love for Me has already flared up in you. You will always know what is right and what is wrong, and your self-love should not be so great that you choose what is wrong because it is advantageous for you. Anyone who wants to

walk right always thinks of Me first and only then of himself, and he will also find it easy to prove love to his neighbour. To love Myself and My neighbour is the basic law which certainly results in a change of nature. And these two commandments of love include everything that is necessary for your maturing on earth.... For anyone who practices love acquires the strength from Me to carry out the work on himself.... anyone who practices love also matures in knowledge, and he now consciously lives as it pleases Me.... For this reason I only ever teach love and also instruct My messengers to mention the commandment of love first and foremost, because without love no ascent is conceivable, because without love there is no connection with Me which, however, is absolutely necessary in order to receive strength, and because without love you will remain in the far distance into which you fell due to your past apostasy from Me. But I want you to unite with Me again.... I want you to shape yourselves into divine beings again and therefore only ever admonish you to practice love and to pay attention to My word, which only ever contains My commandments of love and which is your task in life to obey if you want to enter bliss again....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Worldly pleasures?....

B.D. No. 7819

February 7th 1961

You have been granted a small measure of self-love by Me, and therefore you may also enjoy the pleasures of life as long as they do not affect your soul's salvation. And to recognize this only requires a will turned towards Me, it only requires the firm resolution to live according to My will and to reach your spiritual aim which has been set for you for your earthly life. If this will controls you, that you want to return to Me again, that you don't want to go against My will, then you are also on the path of return to Me, then you have already passed your test of will to a certain extent, you have inwardly professed Me, and then you will also reach your aim because I will support you in every way. And then even the small pleasures you occasionally prepare for yourselves earthly will not harm you. For then you will know exactly how to measure yourselves because you will obey the voice of conscience which warns you against every exaggeration. You can confidently be happy with the happy, you can enjoy your existence if only you always remember your neighbour so that he is not sad while you are happy, for then he is in need and then you should help him.... Therefore I have given you the commandment to love your neighbour as yourselves. And if you observe this commandment then you also have the right to prepare little pleasures for yourselves. And everyone will also know which pleasures are permissible if he is already on the path of spiritual striving, if he does not exclude Me from his thoughts, if he puts salvation before everything else for his soul, for then he can only enjoy things which are no danger for his soul. Then he will have a fine sense if and when he violates My will because he does not want to sin, just as, on the other hand, he will have an aversion of his own accord to worldly pleasures which harm his soul. Love your neighbour as yourself.... This commandment therefore also contains a certain entitlement to a measure of self-love, and you should only ever make sure that you don't exceed this measure. For it also obliges you towards your neighbour, to whom you should then bestow the **same** measure of love. Therefore, if you no longer had the slightest self-love, then the obligation towards your neighbour would also only be slight. But blessed is he who reduces self-love **in favour** of his neighbour.... For he truly fulfils My commandment for My joy.... But the small pleasures which you sometimes give yourselves must never be a diminution of your love for your neighbour, and you must also be willing to give them away at any time if you can help your neighbour by doing so. And you will also always recognize what is right and what is wrong as long as you want to maintain the bond with Me with a pure heart.... you will not act against My will, and you will also be protected against temptations of all kinds as long as you seek to fulfil My will alone.... For then you will inwardly resist all such temptations and also receive the strength to resist from Me. For I act like a true father towards you who want to be and remain My children, and a father protects his child from every danger....

Amen

Spiritual union with God through prayer

Come to Me, all of you.... I do not give to you as the world gives....

B.D. No. 1619
September 18th 1940

You should often seek My spirit, you should place yourselves under My protection, that is, you should pray to Me in all intimacy that I will take care of you and then you desire My spirit to be with you. And thus your spirit unites with Me, it recognizes its true home, it seeks union with My spirit because it is from Me.... And thereby you will come ever closer to Me and soon you will no longer want to be without Me, your life will be peaceful and the end of your temporal life will mean neither fear nor terror for you. Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.... Lift up your eyes to Me, I will help you.... If you seek Me, you will find Me, for I only wait for your call and come to you. I want you to always and constantly be with Me in your thoughts.... I want your heart to rejoice when it connects with Me.... I want to be your companion at every hour, to whom you confidently entrust yourselves.... I want to recognize your love by the fact that you start nothing without My blessing, without having asked for My help.... I want to be consulted in every work, to be allowed to direct and guide you on all your earthly paths.... I want you to sacrifice time and rest to Me in order to dialogue with Me.... I want to be your beginning and your end.... I want to share joy and sorrow with you, you should always desire Me and long for My love. And if your will seeks frequent contact with Me, I will take complete possession of you and sink peace into your heart.... For I do not give to you as the world gives to you.... I give you eternal life because you, who seek Me and My spirit, are My children and are therefore entitled to the kingdom I have prepared for you.... I give you eternal life.... eternal glory....

Amen

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Spiritual connection with God antidote for the world....

B.D. No. 2176
December 6th 1941

There is no better antidote to the world and its pleasures than spiritual union with God. Whoever strives for the latter no longer desires the world, for he has now found something that is worth striving for and brings him everlasting good. Spiritual union with God has little to do with the body, for every physical desire is disregarded because it is an obstacle to intimate contact with God. For the body belongs to the world. The body must therefore also surrender itself and now do what pleases God if it wants to mould itself in such a way that God takes possession of it in order to work through it. God deems such activity necessary; God knows that faith is in great danger of being wiped out and He must revive it through extraordinary activity. For extraordinary work should lead to God. The greatest blessing is the closeness to God, just as the distance from God, which becomes apparent through faithlessness, is the greatest disadvantage for the human soul. For then the body dominates the soul, it demands unrestricted enjoyment of life and finds fulfilment, and the human being lives his earthly life without God, so to speak. And his spirit is gagged and this means spiritual stagnation, if not a decline in his development. The separation from earthly pleasures and comforts and the giving up of earthly desires requires self-conquest, but on the other hand has the greatest spiritual success, for to the same extent as the human being sacrifices, he also receives, but something far more precious, because it is imperishable good which he exchanges for earthly goods. And he only realizes what this means when he dies, when he can take this good into eternity, where everything earthly remains behind. Spiritual union with God is the beginning of the blissful state which outlasts the earthly world, for the ultimate goal of all spiritual endeavour is union with God, and for anyone who already strives

for this union on earth the world has lost its appeal, and this has the same significance as having escaped the adversary's power. Letting the human being fall into a spiritual low is his incessant endeavour, and if the human will is too weak he will succeed in resisting the body's desire. The human being has to strive for spiritual union with God, then he will also receive the strength to become master of his body's desires. And supreme spiritual success will reward his will. What the body gives, the soul will receive, and this will outlast all earthly....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Turning inwards.... Detachment from the world and its matter.... Achievement of truth....

B.D. No. 3968

February 5th 1947

The greater a person's desire for truth the more deeply he will penetrate it. To God, as the Giver of truth, nothing is hidden, and therefore He also knows and answers every question moving a person's heart; and thus you humans can easily increase your knowledge if only you let God, the Eternal Truth, speak to you, that is, if you attentively listen to your inner voice, which will always instruct you correctly. You have to look for the answer within yourselves, you should not expect it to come from outside, then you will be instructed directly, and you can be certain that it will be utter truth. Hence you should take notice of what He says to you:

Do you want to serve Me or the world.... do you want to gain My favour or do you want to attain other people's admiration? Your will alone determines your actions and innermost thoughts, and therefore a spiritual rebirth will only ever be possible when you are moved by the utmost desire to be in contact with Me, when you look for Me and completely withdraw from the world in order to unite with Me.

But how can you detach yourselves from the world since, after all, you have to live in it and see yourselves faced by earthly obligations which you should not neglect? How can you establish the heartfelt relationship with Me while you constantly live amongst your fellow human beings and are thus time and again required by them?

Only through turning inwards, through a withdrawal into seclusion which, however, can take place everywhere and at any time depending on your will, and which will proceed more sincerely and unhindered the less external impressions a person receives. A most intimate contact with Me requires detachment from all matter, for I Myself, as pure eternal Spirit, exist outside of matter, even though matter itself is My emanated solidified strength, yet it is always situated at a certain distance from Me.

Anyone who wants to look for and find Me first has to turn his will away from matter, but since he nevertheless still lives within matter, since he has a physical body, he has to withdraw into his innermost being.... Then he will find Me, and the complete detachment from matter will take place when the physical eye is shielded from every external impression, when it is closed and no longer receives physical images, for they are reflected in a person's soul and disturb its silent contemplation and union with its spirit. Spirit and matter are opposite concepts and will always remain in opposition to each other, and since I Myself as a pure Spirit want to be active within you, you first will have to achieve this inner separation from matter and then you will come closer to Me, but you will never be able to establish a close contact with Me as long as your eyes and senses are held captive by external impressions....

I want that you only desire My presence, that you have no space for anything else in your hearts, and that you muster the will to relinquish all earthly things for My sake and the sake of My presence, that you mentally detach yourselves from everything opposing Me.... And all matter is spirit in opposition to Me.... I also want human customs to be avoided where possible, for they distract from an inner composure if they are not thoughtlessly observed, or they will be automatically performed and are then equally worthless. Anyone who sincerely looks for Me first has to sever his contact with the world, and everything that is not spiritual belongs to the world, that is related to earthly matter, that is

taken in by the human being's physical senses, thus everything that keeps the soul captive, that prevents it from uniting with the spirit within itself. Only when this detachment is accomplished it is able to talk to Me as it is My will, so that I Myself can work in the human being's heart with My love and grace.

And I truly favour the silent, profound worship; it can never be replaced by external customs and actions which automatically affect the human being's thoughts, which have to distract him from what is essential, from the purely spiritual contact with Me. I look into every person's heart and truly don't require any external evidence of your love for Me, and depending how you approach Me you will be considered by My love and grace, and you yourselves determine the extent. Although you will not act wrongly by performing external ceremonies, by observing human customs, but you harm yourselves by reducing the flow of My love and grace yourselves as long as any other thought but Myself still finds room in your heart. You should approach Me in spirit and in truth, then My eyes will look upon you favourably.... and then you will feel the blessing of such intimate contact in yourselves, then you will feel My presence and be happy.... And yet you will remain profoundly humble in your happiness, because you will be aware of the extraordinary grace that is bestowed upon you by the fact that I take abode in your hearts, and humility will increase the amount of grace....

Amen

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Power to overcome the world through God's word and dedication of the will

Feeding the soul.... God's care for the earthly....

B.D. No. 4535

January 10th 1949

Do not only nourish yourselves earthly but remember your soul that it also needs food and more urgently than the body. You worry too much about your earthly well-being and don't consider that everything is invalid with the hour of death, but that tomorrow can already bring the end of your body's life and your anxious worry will then be completely useless. But what you have given to the soul it keeps, and that alone is the foundation of the new life in the kingdom of the beyond, it is the capital with which alone you can work. Again and again I want to point out to you that your earthly life will not last much longer and that you should seriously think about the time afterwards, that you provide for yourselves for this time, that you create an acceptable fate for yourselves for eternity. Live a life of unselfish neighbourly love and remember Me often, consciously unite with Me and appeal to Me for My support, and you will no longer need to worry earthly either, for then I will take care of you. How easy I make earthly life for you if only you want to accept My care and help, if you fulfil the conditions which let Me take care of you. You need not worry about earthly things if only you would care for your soul. It goes hungry and starves, while the body is provided with food and drink and all the pleasures of the world. Give food to the soul and offer it the bread and wine of life.... feed it with My word, for it hungers for it; give it spiritual food so that it will mature during earthly life, so that a weak, poorly nourished soul will not enter the kingdom of the beyond but the soul itself will be strengthened at the hour of death, so that it will easily detach itself from the body and enter the kingdom of light through the gate of eternity full of strength and light. You yourselves must help it to increase in strength and light, you must not pay so much attention to the body and its wishes but only satisfy the soul's desire and give it what it needs, then the body will also be nourished and receive what it needs. But one thing is necessary, that you provide the soul with food and drink so that it does not become incapable of the spiritual kingdom....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Power effect of the word.... lord over matter....

B.D. No. 6775

March 4th 1957

When the haven of grace opens up to you from above then you will also have the strength to successfully complete your earthly life, for then the spell which you had imposed on yourselves through the defence against My strength of love will already have been broken. You now accept it fully consciously, thus your state of weakness must now also be remedied insofar as you are no longer under My adversary's power, thus he can no longer hinder you on the path upwards.... For now you are strong enough yourselves to repel him when he wants to oppress you. And he can only harass you when your striving upwards diminishes, but as long as you receive nourishment from My hand your thoughts and aspirations will always be directed upwards, otherwise the flow from above would dry up. Nevertheless, My adversary will want to tempt you again and again because it is an abomination to him when his activity is exposed and when he loses followers. But these temptations will only ever be dangerous for you if you are still attached to the world, for he can only influence you through the world. Therefore, anyone who loves the world is also in danger of succumbing to its temptations.... anyone who has overcome them can no longer be lured by the world. But as soon as My spirit can pour into a person's heart the world has already lost its attraction for the person, even

though he stands in the midst of the world and also has to assert himself in it as long as he lives on earth. But there is a difference between a person who forgets Me above the world, i.e. the world and its goods are 'his God' for him, and a person who only sees it as the last testing station whose goods he no longer values highly and therefore does not attach his heart to these goods.... Every person who strives to ascend should deepen his inner being more and more, and if he receives strength from above through My word, nothing will hold him back from inward contemplation, for this is the effect of My word's strength, that it constantly pushes the person closer to Me who immerses himself in My word. But as long as he lives on earth he will also be in constant battle with everything that surrounds him.... And as soon as he subordinates everything to himself, as soon as he himself is master over matter, as soon as he does not let it gain dominion over him, he will also emerge victorious from this battle. But he cannot **flee** the world, he shall **overcome** it.... by not making himself dependent on its goods, by being able to renounce just as easily.... and always has to do without when there is a danger of becoming spiritually flat.... For then the tempter is at work, and then you must be careful. And I truly know how to come to the aid of those who seriously strive to attain Me, and I will not let them fall into My adversary's hands. Whatever serves the soul's recovery it will receive, and illness and suffering also serve it for this purpose at times, for a healthy body is not always free from cravings, and illness can still help remove impure urges.... Nevertheless, not every illness is to be regarded as such a measure on My part.... It can also serve to glorify My love and power. For you humans don't know My plans, you don't know that I want to help people attain a **living** faith again. But you should know that you may draw from a source of strength which means far more than a healthy body. And as long as the father's love opens this well for you, you should patiently take everything upon yourselves and be certain that you will escape another danger which threatens countless people who enjoy the best physical health.... And from this source you will always be allowed to draw strength and also realize that My love applies to you at all times.... that My wisdom and love directs and guides everything as it is good for your soul's salvation.... And you should trust in this wisdom and love of Mine and completely hand yourselves over to Me.... Then every worry will fall away from you, you will receive **everything** from My hand because you know that you are cared for by My love....

Amen

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God's influx of power requires devotion....

B.D. No. 7003

December 26th 1957

Each one of you will have to surrender to Me if he wants to draw strength from Me.... and the degree of his surrender now also determines the measure of strength that now flows to him.... Your original relationship with Me ensured you a constant overflow of strength from Me.... you were so intimately united with Me through the love which filled your whole being that My love also constantly permeated you, that it therefore also filled you with strength and light and you were therefore immeasurably blissful. Nothing has changed on My part yet, that is, I am just as willing to permeate you with My love as I once was.... but you changed your nature and became incapable of receiving My love.... or you resisted Me and therefore My strength of love also lost its effect.... If you now give up your resistance My love will become effective again, and to give up resistance means that you give yourselves to Me in love again, as it was in the beginning. Your devotion to Me consists of complete submission to My will. You were created with a free will which once let you fall and which shall also let you take the path to Me again. This free will now determines your thinking, wanting and acting.... and through your free will you feel like independent creatures who are in control of themselves, who can shape their earthly life according to their own discretion and who therefore also often feel powerful enough to master their earthly life. But you should recognize that you are unable to do anything on **your own**. You should know that the strength was first given to you by Me in the form of vitality, and you should further know that you **can** also use this vitality wrongly yourselves, but that one can also increase it for you indefinitely if all your will and thinking is turned towards this one.... if you surrender to Me as you are and entrust yourselves entirely to My guidance.... if you let

Me want and think **for you....** Apparently this is a state of indifference towards your earthly existence, which can also be interpreted by your fellow human beings as indifference towards your earthly duties.... But I assure you that I will truly also let My angels, the beings of light, take care of these earthly duties for you, that everything will go its regular course once this heartfelt devotion to Me has preceded, which also gives Me the right to hand you and your earthly affairs over to those whose love will now become active for you because it is My will. Nothing shall burden you once you have re-established the right relationship between child and Me in which you once stood.... And no matter how everything approaches you now, it should not oppress you but trustingly you should only hand it over to Me, for the slightest rebellion against it is already an emergence of your own will again, which you should nevertheless unconditionally submit to Me. Devotion to Me takes place when you are able to completely detach yourselves from desires and cravings of all kinds.... when your thoughts only ever concern Me, your spiritual perfection and your service for Me and My kingdom.... But as long as you still pursue your own aims, as long as earthly desires fulfil you or you try to shape your life on your own authority, your will still goes its own way, it has not yet fully subordinated itself to Mine, and therefore I cannot let My strength flow into it in full measure either.... And he will now also feel the lack of strength in the decrease of vitality because otherwise I will not completely win him over for Myself during the short earthly lifetime. And thus you humans can judge for yourselves what degree of maturity you have already attained.... whether you feel powerless or are completely permeated by My strength.... You will only understand the latter once you have experienced this influx of strength from Me, once you have felt My nearness in such a way that all weakness falls away from you and you feel as if you have been reborn.... Only then will you understand what I mean by devotion to Me, and then you will praise and glorify Me and thank Me eternally that you have visibly experienced My love which, however, still has to hold back as long as the complete devotion to Me has not yet taken place....

Amen

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Total surrender to God....

B.D. No. 7334

April 13th 1959

Everything you hand over to Me to take care of for you will be resolved to your satisfaction. How easy it would be for you in earthly life if you would approach Me with all your concerns, needs and worries and ask Me to take care of them for you.... How gladly I comply with My children's requests and guide their thoughts so that they take the right path, but I want to be approached about it. Whoever remembers Me always and at every hour will also be remembered by Me, and he will truly also become aware of it because he will now calmly walk his earthly path by My hand and under My care. A child which trusts Me unreservedly and expresses this trust by submitting all its concerns to Me possesses My love, and a constant will to help now also gives it evidence that I love it. Your days shall begin with the call of Myself that I bless you and determine all your doings, that I place the feeling into your heart what you should do or refrain from doing, which is in My will. You should simply completely hand yourselves over to Me and My guidance and then always act as it approaches you of its own accord, and this will always correspond to My will because you have previously subordinated your will to Mine. You can truly easily go through your earthly life if you only ever remember that I am your father and want to be called upon by you as father.... A father's love always extends to his child whom he wants to make happy, whom he wants to protect and save from fear and adversity.... And **My** love is truly even greater than the love of an earthly father. My love wants to give the child even far more, earthly and spiritual goods, He wants to make earthly life easier for the child and yet also let it find spiritual life, but the child has to make use of its father's help, it always and in everything has to entrust itself to Him and never loosen the bond, for the father rejoices in the child's heartfelt love which no longer leaves Him out, which does nothing without having conversed with Him, which always asks Him for His protection and His blessing. And even if earthly things may frighten you again and again.... hand them over to Me in complete trust and I will resolve them so that

they lose all terror for you. I want to ensure that you will no longer hesitate for a moment to call upon Me or to hand over seemingly insurmountable things to Me, and you will truly not be disappointed, for I keep My promises, and I will comply with your requests and wishes with great joy if they are directed towards Me in true love.... when the child sincerely asks the father to take care of it. Then the father will not abandon His child either, for He loves it and also wants to give it joy. But as long as the human being does not yet see the father in Me, as long as I am only the distant God to him, he also lacks trust and torments himself with his worries and troubles, which I would so gladly relieve him of if he could establish the relationship of a child with the father, which is necessary in order to speak to Me such that I see the child's love for the father and can now reciprocate with My love. For My love for you is unlimited, but you must open yourselves of your own free will and desire My love, and it will already make you happy on earth and one day in eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

'The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence...'

B.D. No. 7359

May 9th 1959

Remember, you humans, that you only live for a short time on this earth but that your soul, which is your real Self, is everlasting, and then it will also be understandable to you that you must provide for your well-being in eternity and not for the short time of earthly life, which can end even faster than you would naturally assume. For not one of you can be certain that he will live to see the next day and everyone must take into account the thought that they might be suddenly recalled from this earth one day. If you seriously thought about it you would also become conscious of the great responsibility you have taken upon your soul, thus for yourselves, during this short time of your life on earth. And you would ask yourselves how much you have done already for your soul's benefit... For this is a question you should really seriously asks yourselves for once, it would truly only be a blessing for you if you thought about this for a little while. You can create incomparable riches for your soul if only you are of good will; you need only ever make an effort to live a life of love, to love God above all else and to consider your neighbour like a brother and help him when he is in trouble.... Nothing more is expected of you from God than this love for Him and your neighbour. And if your will is good then you should ask yourselves to what extent you comply with God's will in your daily life and you will still discover a lot that is not according to God's will if you look at your way of life critically and honestly.

For the human being still loves too selfishly, he loves himself **more** than his neighbour and yet he should give the **same** love to him that he grants to himself. And that requires a person's firm will, the will to attain perfection and to submit himself to God's will. But the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and only the violent take it by force.... The will must be strong and assert itself, then the human being uses force in order to attain the kingdom of heaven.... But then again, Jesus gave people the promise 'My yoke is easy, and My burden is light....' And that, too, is right, since a person who is willing to love will find it easy to fulfil God's commandments, he need not use a lot of force, because love is in him and love **is** strength, so that he will acquire the kingdom of heaven for certain, because he no longer lacks firmness of will through his life of love.... And just for once you should seriously think about the extent to which you still have to use 'force' or whether it has already become your nature to help your neighbour with love as a matter of fact.... In that case you will also know what you require, for then you will first have to appeal to God for strength in order to be able to comply with his requirements, **because** it is still difficult for you.... However, you will receive it, and what initially is a great effort becomes easy and will no longer be experienced by you as a burden.... You will not be under a yoke which you deem difficult to bear. You will not experience a burden because through love you will constantly receive strength from God and then easily attain maturity of soul, which it needs to live the real life in light and strength and beatitude.... But prior to this you must give account to yourselves so that the hour of death will not take you by surprise and your soul will not have to enter

the kingdom of the beyond in a poor and wretched state.... For no-one will know when his hour has come....

Amen

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'The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence...' II.

B.D. No. 7361

May 12th 1959

Much is expected of those who are still too attached to the world, they truly must use violence in order to acquire the kingdom of heaven, for due to their various weaknesses and cravings they are chained to the one who is lord of this world. If they want to release themselves they need a strong will to take a different path. It is therefore not an easy intention for a downright worldly person.... He needs help to do so; he needs the support of a Power which opposes the lord of the world, which is capable of releasing him from the control of the former. Hence he needs help from Jesus Christ, Who alone has this power and can snatch the human being from the adversary.... The more captivated a person is by the world the greater is the adversary's power over him, and this person truly has to fight against the temptations and attractions of this world. And this battle is not an easy one and neither would a person succeed, but as soon as he has resolved to release himself the thought will not leave him again, for then God Himself will intervene and try to exert His influence in every way without, however, forcing the person into changing his way of life. But once the thought of renouncing the world for the sake of a higher goal has arisen in a person, his thoughts will occupy themselves with God and His will increasingly more, he will also remember the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ and may receive a strengthening of will from His side, depending on his own will and its inclination. Then the severity of the battle against worldly temptation will ease but the kingdom of heaven will come ever closer, because the person will have taken up the fight against the ruler of the world and he will begin to become captivated by the kingdom which is 'not of this world'.... 'The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force....'

These Words were said to worldly people who can only separate themselves from their previous lord by the use of force, because for all others apply the Words 'My yoke is easy, and My burden is light....' In that case, however, the world, with all its temptations, must have been overcome already, then a person will no longer feel the burden as much, he will deem God's wishes easy to live up to because he will already be in contact with Him and will be consciously walking the path leading into the spiritual kingdom.... He will have already conquered the world with the result that the kingdoms will then be exchanged.... that **this** world will lie behind him and the kingdom of God will rank first.... that the person will no longer be burdened by excessive weight and will therefore be able to travel the earthly path almost unburdened.... with an easy yoke and a light burden.... Nevertheless, this path leads to the goal, just as a violent battle against the world will let the person reach the goal, so that he will be able to take possession of the 'heavenly kingdom' when he discards his physical body and enters the spiritual realm.... For his will, which aimed towards the **spiritual** realm, was victorious, because he will always be granted the strength he needs as soon as he has the serious will to take possession of the 'heavenly kingdom'.... And this decision must be taken in earthly life, the world must be recognised as the possession of God's adversary and God's kingdom as **not of this** world.... Then the human being's good will is enough in order to be granted the strength for taking up the fight against the earthly world with all its enticements and attractions and only to strive towards the kingdom of heaven, which certainly requires violence by someone who belongs to this earthly world but also wants to attain life in beatitude. The earthly world, however, will never be able to grant a person eternal beatitudes, the earthly world can only give earthly, that is, transient things which disappear when the human being dies and must leave earthly belongings behind.... But anyone who has already turned towards the spiritual kingdom will not fear physical death, for he knows that he cannot cease to exist, instead he will go on living in a kingdom which is incomparably more beautiful than the earthly world and therefore it should be everyone's goal and endeavour to acquire it as long as he lives on Earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

To the worldlings....

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You 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

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