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Why Does God Allow This?

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Why has God allowed the waste?

Correction of a big error....

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(After reading: Lucifer's Fall) (Lorber - Lutz)

In the beginning only perfection emanated from Me.... Hence you can object when I Am described to you as a Creator who has created 'unclean' spirits.... I Myself Am the Creator of all beings because there is no strength apart from Me which could create beings. And thus the first spirit of light whom I externalized was enlightened by My strength, and only perfection could emanate from our mutual will of love and strength.... And this is precisely what you have to understand, that I cannot act in opposition to My order of eternity, that I could not have externalized imperfect beings from within Myself either, who did not decide to abandon Me voluntarily until after an infinitely long time, who were not influenced by Me in any way to infringe against the divine order but who acted with completely free will. Only in view of that can you can understand My eternal plan, that My objective is their deification, and in view of that you can also understand why Lucifer.... the light bearer.... became My direct opposite....

When you are given an entirely impossible description concerning the creation of beings you will doubt My perfection, and you will also doubt My love for every creation which, 'according to My will' was (supposed to be) 'faulty' from the start. In that case you cannot comprehend the process which was intrinsic to the rejection of My strength of love, and I have to make the truth available to you, because one error is followed by another.... That such an error could have crept into divine revelation is always the result of intellectual thought, which is used by My adversary to cause confusion, which in turn is the reason why I have to reveal Myself again and again, and (in order to) lead you into the truth in all purity....

Eternities had elapsed before the apostasy from Me occurred.... thus My love was able to continuously enlighten the beings and they were in a constant state of abundant blissfulness. And even the being which I had created as My first vessel for the emanation of My love had been receiving the flow of My love's strength for eternities before it detached itself from Me out of free will, which it possessed as a divine living creation. However, if I had created an 'unclean' being, I Myself could have been accused of having given life to such a being, but this cannot eternally be the case because I Am perfection Itself. I have no imperfections, I Am pure love, and This does not create anything unclean, but It will do everything to lead whatever has become unclean back to purification....

Yet how wrongly the act of creation is depicted to you.... And what consequences will result from this.... And time and again I bring you the absolute truth, because without it you cannot know Me properly, because your idea of Me questions My perfection, and because of this you cannot love this Being, Whose perfection you doubt, either. Because you, too, have emanated from Me in complete perfection, even though you have taken the path through the abyss to once again become what you were in the beginning. You will understand that I cannot explain all spiritual reasons in view of your lack of awareness which you are now experiencing due to the sin of rebellion against Me, nevertheless everything you are told relating to it has to correlate, and you can safely dismiss any blatant contradiction and explain it to yourselves by the fact that human intelligence, which can be influenced by the adversary, played a part in it.

Only My plan of deifying My created beings has caused Me not to oppose the apostasy of the beings, but this occurred in free will from the position of utmost perfection into the deepest abyss.... and only the certainty that I will regain all these beings prevented Me from stopping them, but this

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does not refute the fact that they had been created in absolute perfection just like their lord who, as the light bearer, was the first to fall away. However, I had not created him in a manner that he had to do so but free will was the cause of the fall, just as free will has to seek to ascend again in order to become what it was in the beginning....

Amen

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Did God cause the apostasy?....

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ne day you humans will understand that I Myself will never exert and never have exerted My influence over the spiritual being which I externalised as free and independent.... For as soon as I created it as a self-aware being it was also endowed with free will, and this free will was not in the slightest tied to My will, to My illumination of love or any other influence on My part.... The will was entirely free and able to decide either way. But the fact that the being possessed free will was also the guarantee that one day it would be able to change the state of a 'living creation' into the state of a 'child', which would have been unthinkable without free will. But My objective at the creation of the beings was true 'children of God'.... thus beings of supreme perfection which, however, had to attain this perfection themselves. The question will always arise in you humans as to whether the thought of apostasy was implanted by Me in these beings, as to whether they, in a manner of speaking, had to fall away, because I had set Myself this goal.... 'true children'.... when I created the beings. In that case you can also dispute the beings' free will, but this was the cause of, as well as the possibility for, the apostasy. However, I foresaw from the very beginning how My living creations would use their free will and, therefore, I was also able to recognise the justified goal in this apostasy. Yet neither the apostasy nor the goal was in any way determined by Me.... The apostasy was the result of free will and therefore did not have to happen.... The goal is the result of free will again.... It will be achieved one day but the time it takes is determined by the being.... And so it must be said that I certainly know everything, that one thing always substantiates the other and that no apostasy could have happened had I denied the being free will.... but that the goal I had in mind at the creation of all beings and which only signified supreme bliss even if it were preceded by times of immeasurable agonies, would then have become invalid.... Nevertheless, the voluntary apostasy of the beings was a transgression against Me and My love, for the being could have adapted its will to Mine, it did not have to turn away from Me and leave the law of eternal order.... And countless beings provided the evidence for this by remaining with Me and nevertheless being inconceivably happy.... These beings will also be permitted to attain the childship to God if they want to take the path through the abyss for the purpose of their fallen brothers' redemption....

But the apostasy was not My doing, My will; yet for the sake of the highest goal I allowed it to happen and only ever emphasise again that these beings possessed absolute realisation, that they were illuminated by brightest light and that, through their wrongly inclined direction of will, they misused their freedom of will, which subsequently led to their wretched state. I did not prevent this apostasy or I Myself would not have respected their freedom of will, but this characterised the being as a divine one, because something perfect without free will was unthinkable. And once you have reached the goal of having become a true child of God, then My plan of deification will be completely understandable to you, and you will also regard the spirits' apostasy with different eyes, even though it gravely transgressed against My love. And since the law of eternal order is unchangeable, this deification could only ever proceed lawfully; it could not be attained in any other way because all divine characteristics, which I placed into the being at its creation, must be aspired to voluntarily which, due to the apostasy from Me, became a necessity but was also considerably more difficult than voluntarily remaining in the state of perfection.... The fact that the beings had fallen away and thus sinned against Me led to an extremely long state of torment.... which could never have happened had I Myself caused this apostasy in some form or other.... These beings' perfection cannot be doubted and yet they fell.... which can only ever be explained by their freedom of will, which was also a gift of

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grace that will never be taken away from them.... And the fallen spiritual beings' process of return also provided the non-fallen beings with the opportunity of attaining the childship to God, because they may also take the path through the 'abyss' for a redemptive mission.... that the 'apostasy from Me' is therefore not the sole prerequisite in order to attain the childship to God, but that I truly have other ways as well of shaping My **created** beings into My **children**.... Hence the apostasy was not necessary but **possible** on account of freedom of will. And I foresaw it from the very beginning and was therefore able to base My plan of Salvation on it, which made Me as well as My created beings extremely happy and which I will certainly achieve one day. And you, too, will one day be in the state of **highest** perfection and realise and understand the immeasurable love I have for all My living creations and that this love can only ever bring forth goodness and, therefore, will also help those who died of their **own** fault attain eternal life again....

Amen

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Righteousness of God

Divine justice – Mercy....

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ivine justice is very often questioned by people, because God allows things to happen on earth, what is an obvious injustice. And it still must not be waver in the belief of God's justice, although therefore the man doesn't find the right explanation. What God is doing or lets happen corresponds always to its purpose. What He Himself is doing, is mindful very wise, and the man can not really fathom, why everything has to come so, as it comes. However, what people do, is also allowed by God, if it is not good and noble, not to curtail the free will of man. And the latter is reason to doubt the justice of God.... The will of man is determinative for his actions, and God allows this will great freedom. Well, now the man can begin or do a lot of, what is wrong before God. But would God punish any injustice, when it will be done for the sake of divine justice, so soon only good actions would be recorded on earth, but also the man as such would not be free, that's to say, he could and would not act according to his urges, but only the fear of punishment would decide any action. And yet God can not be denied justice, because every action finds its expiation or its reward, just mostly in a different way, than it pleases the people. Because it connects a wise purpose with any action or utterance of God. Even where God punishes, He lets be this punishment an educational aid for the misguided people. And God is infinitely merciful and patient.... He will delay again and again, to give people the possibility to redress the injustice on their own or at least to recognize it as wrong. Because if man repents his way of behaving or he himself has the will to act and to think otherwise than previously, God is ready to forgive him. But the recognition, that he has done wrong, must have become alive in the heart, so that this influences his future thinking and acting favourably, then God's mercy will be sure to him.... So mercy of God takes the place of justice.... but this never turns off God's justice. The man should recognize his injustice and search to ennoble himself, because this is the purpose of life on earth. But he has to answer for any action, because God is righteous, but also wise, and He will never intervene early in the course of development of man on earth for the sake of justice, which however never excludes, that man will be judged by law and justice one day....

Amen

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Does God punish the children for the sins of the fathers?....

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October 11th 1962

It is My will that you humans should live in truth because erroneous thoughts will obstruct your ascent, and because one misguided thought can result in many wrong thoughts. And hence you shall receive explanations too, providing you want these for the sake of the pure truth:

Although you are asked to believe in My justice, you should nevertheless not get a false impression of Me due to teachings which portray Me as a heartless God Who punishes unfairly.... And this false impression will come about as long as you do not understand the meaning of the words 'I will punish the sins of the fathers up to the fourth generation....' It is not the case that I Am merciless and that children and grandchildren have to do penance for the sins of their fathers.... because every soul is responsible for itself and has to make

Amends for their own guilt while still on earth, as long as it does not accept salvation through Jesus Christ. Nor will children and grandchildren be held responsible for the sins of their fathers.... But it can be a natural consequence of certain sins which affects children and grandchildren.... so that

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weaknesses and disabilities of a physical and psychological nature occur which are caused by the fathers' sinful life. And this consequence is also visible to other people, hence the weaknesses and disabilities are now regarded as punishments on My part.

As long as the people who have become sinful are still alive, the awareness that they are to blame for their children's misery can be punishment for them too, they can, due to this awareness, now also make

Amends for their sins, i.e. render a just compensation for their guilt, but they can only find forgiveness when they take their guilt to the cross and ask Jesus Christ for forgiveness, for salvation.... But the equally 'punished' children are souls in their own right who have consciously accepted the difficult fate of their earthly life in order to achieve maturity sooner, because they are informed of this beforehand and can also refuse to accept this fate. It is always merely a matter of the souls' maturation. The physical existence as a human being is more or less irrelevant.... a difficult earthly life is far more likely to lead to perfection than a peaceful and enjoyable earthly existence....

You people, however, still being ignorant, regard your lives as human beings too highly.... And you will always accuse Me of injustice when you are hard hit by fate, although it is based on My love for you.... The process of return offers many options but you rarely recognise them as such.... You only ever regard the conditions of adversity as heartlessness and injustice on My part, yet you do not recognise in them the opportunities to achieve complete maturity. Everything you do will be subject to law, naturally as well as spiritually. And thus every transgression will result in consequences which are sometimes obvious but occasionally not apparent, because an offence against My eternal order will always have a negative effect, because My justice alone will provide the human being with opportunities for compensation, so that he can make

Amends for his guilt while still on earth and need not enter the kingdom on the other side excessively burdened.... And even if he passes over unredeemed, if he has not yet found salvation through Jesus Christ, he can still be affected by the fate of those he cared about during his earthly life and feel remorse. And herewith he will have already taken a step forward because, although he will also be helpless in the kingdom on the other side due to his sinfulness, he will nevertheless try to help his loved one.... He has the will to do so and this is credited to him as love, and now he will be equally helped by the spiritual world.... Alternatively however, souls also consciously accept a difficult life in order to help those who facilitate their embodiment on earth and because they often notice the same inclinations and hence feel attached to them.

When they say that the sins of the father will be punished up to the fourth generation, this only means that serious offences against the eternal order result in naturally lawful consequences, which I, however, consent to because they in turn can enable other souls' ascent. It is up to a person's completely free will as to how he conducts himself in earthly life, just as it is the completely free will of the soul which embodies itself again.

When 'punishment' on My part is mentioned it is a misconception in as much that everything is only for the benefit of the soul, whatever is inflicted on it and whatever happens to it in its earthly life.... Because many a soul can only mature by way of suffering because it does not acquire a high degree of love of its own accord.... which subsequently would result in the decrease of suffering and make its fate on earth more endurable. However, as long as you always just want to see injustice on My part in regards to the destiny of long-suffering people you are merely displaying your lack of knowledge of My eternal plan of salvation; furthermore, you are unaware of My greater than great love for you, which only ever wants to save and will never condemn.... Compared to eternity time on earth is only brief, but during this extremely short period of time you humans have the opportunity to gather many treasures for eternity, you can make

Amends for much injustice and enter the kingdom of light, providing you find Jesus Christ and ask Him for forgiveness of your guilt....

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God's justice....

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hat My righteousness cannot be circumvented is irrefutable, otherwise I could not be called perfect.... Yet this justice was satisfied by the man Jesus, Who offered Me the most difficult sacrifice a human being has ever made and will ever make on earth, for He was completely sinless and took upon Himself the sins of the whole of humanity in order to atone for them. Thus He was not struck by the effects of His own sins but He voluntarily took upon Himself the concentrated burden of humanity's sins, He suffered unspeakably and died the most agonising death on the cross for love of humanity. You, who believe that people must and can atone for their guilt themselves, must bear this in mind, for no human being is capable of doing so, because every sin is an offence against love, against Me Myself, even if it is committed against the next person.... You humans can certainly also contribute your share by being offered the opportunity on earth to make amends for the wrong you have committed, and for this purpose you yourselves are plagued by evils of all kinds which are the consequences of your sinful way of life or actions and which therefore come upon you so that you yourselves will recognize the way you have transgressed against Me or against your neighbour. For you should come to realize your guilt in order to carry it to Jesus Christ under the cross, Who will only be able to remit your sins if you ask Him for it yourselves. And you should regard all disagreements, all strokes of fate which affect you, more as means of education, as means through which you should come to self-knowledge in order to voluntarily turn away from evil and, if possible, make amends, i.e. already make atonement on earth in order not to have to stay in extreme torment in the beyond until self-knowledge comes to you there. You will never be able to attain beatitude without Jesus Christ, precisely because only He can redeem your guilt, be it the original guilt of your past apostasy from God or the sins committed in earthly life, for you must also appeal to Jesus Christ for forgiveness for these, for you cannot redeem the guilt yourselves, no matter how much suffering you have to endure on earth or in the kingdom of the beyond.... You must find your way to Jesus Christ, you must take the path to Him so that the gates into the kingdom of light will be opened to you. The fact that time and again the effects of guilt will rebound on you humans is divine law, but it will not redeem you from this guilt, no matter how much you have to suffer, instead, the latter will only ever have an educational value, so that one day you will take the path to the cross.... to Jesus, Who alone atoned for all guilt through His act of salvation. You should always bear in mind that every person creates the state he finds himself in, that his wretchedness, his difficult situation in life, was caused by the soul's own free will.... The fact that it is in extreme remoteness from God due to its guilt of sin, for which it is responsible itself.... must also result in an unhappy state which, however, it can change itself, which again has to be done by its free will. Now in the last days many souls are embodied as human beings whose degree of maturity is very low but the time has expired which was set for their release from the form and now also this immaturity of the souls often comes to light through God-opposing actions.... and thus people's sinfulness is also unusually great, which also requires difficult living conditions and purification opportunities of various kinds which are inexplicable to the spiritually unawakened human being and make them doubt My love and justice or lead them to the erroneous assumption that immature souls have been transferred back to earth.... Yet these are incarnations of souls which have passed through the earthly creation and have not attained a high degree of maturity but which nevertheless can free themselves from every form in earthly life because they need only take refuge in Jesus, Who will help them in every weakness, Who can strengthen their will if it only turns to Him.... Yet those souls will also be left free in their will and thinking, but the best means of education will be used by Me in order to still win them before the end. The fact that they will now also be unusually harassed by the prince of darkness and his followers cannot be denied, yet I will also obviously stand in their way but it has to be left up to them which lord they choose. And their state will also be accordingly when the end has come.... They will attain life or fall prey to death again for a long time....

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Why did God allow the suffering of Jesus?

Christ's suffering....

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hrist's suffering on the cross cannot even be remotely made understandable to people on earth, since in their imperfect state they cannot comprehend what it means for a perfect human being to fall victim to sin, for people's iniquity effectively triumphed over Him Who had not caused them harm. The spawns of hell made the enlightened soul of Jesus, the man, tremble, yet it did not defend itself.... It endured everything; nevertheless it was horror-stricken by so much dirt and evilness from people. It suffered indescribably, even far more than the body, by what it had to endure. The soul was surrounded by darkness and its light was unable to bear darkness; all the same, it did not flee because it wanted to drain the cup to the dregs in order to redeem humanity. It gave up its light, because otherwise that which the love of Jesus, the man, wanted to happen to it in order to offer God a sacrifice for humanity's sins could not have taken place. Thus it allowed its light to become ineffective and found itself in the midst of darkness which tormented and frightened it tremendously and increased its suffering a thousand fold, for the suffering of the soul exceeded the physical pain, which can only be understood by a perfect human being. Jesus, however, was as perfect as His Father in heaven is perfect.... and yet it was still on earth in the midst of sin.... His kingdom was the kingdom of light, the earth was Satan's kingdom, and in this kingdom the soul of light allowed itself to be violated. And the purest and most translucent Being Which ever lived on earth was horrified. It had to allow itself to be touched by hands it detested, because they extended from hell and took hold of it, it had to hear intensely hurtful words; it was effectively detached from its world and totally at the mercy of darkness, which had certainly been its own will for eternity in order to achieve the act of Salvation, yet it was nevertheless no less horrendous, for it was being terrified and tortured to the point of exhaustion.... This is why Jesus exclaimed: 'My God, my God, why have You forsaken me....' At this moment in time it no longer remembered its mission, it only felt the separation from God, from light, for Whom it longed and for Whom it called in its distress.... It was the cruellest thing ever experienced by a person on earth, because He not only had to endure the body's suffering but also because the soul had suffered considerably more still, which humanity cannot understand. For this reason no human being, regardless of how much he would have to suffer, will be able to reach the extent to which Jesus the man had to endure, Who already knew about it long in advance and in His human nature prayed: Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but Thine, be done....' It was also the will of His soul, which had completely subordinated itself to God, to accomplish the act of Salvation and it accepted its fate, for its love for the suffering human race was greater than great, but likewise the guilt of sin was so immense that only the most extreme pain and suffering could count as a sacrifice of atonement, which therefore was carried out by Jesus the human being. Yet the depth of suffering was as immeasurable as His love, which made Him take all suffering of body and soul upon Himself in order to redeem humanity from eternal death....

Amen

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Frequent question: Why did the God of love let a human being suffer so?....

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You humans could not imagine the result of your original sin had you **not** been **redeemed**.... I keep telling you that you are only able to grasp limited concepts, whereas the consequence of the original sin would have been limitless because My laws cannot ever be revoked.... And a sin

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committed against Me which was as immense and as grave as the apostasy from Me **against better knowledge** had, in accordance with divine justice, to result in equally appalling consequences, which for these beings entailed eternal wretchedness.... a state of eternal torments and darkness....

Thus **innumerable** beings would have had to expect this state because My righteousness could not simply cancel an unredeemed guilt. But these beings were unable to make

Amends themselves, for it was not just a question of the beings enduring a certain amount of punishment and thereby the guilt of sin being redeemed.... the point was that the beings had sinned against Love Itself and that the atonement of guilt could therefore only be a deed of love again....

The point was that the beings had to kindle their love within themselves, then recognise the enormity of their guilt and with heartfelt love call upon Me for forgiveness.... But the fallen beings were no longer able to do so for they were totally without love.... And they were just as incapable of settling this immeasurable guilt since they, being completely hardened, had lost their self-awareness and thus no conscious contact existed with Me anymore. Something that was created to be alive had died and was incapable of returning to Me by its own effort.

Due to My love, wisdom and strength I could indeed awaken these dead beings into a fragile life again.... but the immense original sin remained and kept the being infinitely far apart from Me, and until this guilt had been redeemed a complete return to Me was impossible. And then again, no fallen being was capable of this since they were completely without love.... I foresaw all this since eternity and still would have been unable to avoid the apostasy of the beings without removing their freedom of will.... But I also foresaw since eternity a path of return to Me for these fallen beings, and I designed a plan of return and implemented it....

And all beings who have remained with Me are taking part in the implementation of this eternal plan of Salvation, finding supreme happiness in doing so.... They are constantly permeated by My love and in full possession of light and strength.... And their love constantly impels them to assist the fallen spiritual substance which is taking the path through the works of creation that had emerged for the purpose of their return. Their love impels them to actively create and design the forms for the fallen spiritual substance which is taking the path through creation. And thus it attains the degree of maturity when it can make its own free decision again. And yet, its immense original sin is not and would eternally not be redeemed since the beings, having once voluntarily abandoned it, are without love. And for this reason a being of light offered Itself voluntarily to redeem this sin because it was full of love, and love will shoulder everything in order to please and help where it sees misery and suffering.

If you humans could evaluate the **magnitude** of the original sin you would also understand why the extent of suffering, which far surpassed human strength, had to be endured for the redemption of this sin.... which a 'human being' would never have been **able** to bear had love not given Him the strength, for love is strength, and only love endured the pain and suffering which the human being Jesus had voluntarily taken upon Himself.

He knew everything and thus He also knew that there was no hope for the fallen spirits ever to return to God and become happy if the sin was **not** redeemed.... He offered Himself as a being of light to achieve the act of Salvation, for as a being of light He was able to realise what awaited Him, but love was greater than the fate He was approaching as a human being.... For the being of light knew that It would be in constant contact with Me, and It also knew that I would constantly provide It with strength, because My fundamental nature is love and therefore I was present in the human being Jesus with My fundamental nature.... The 'human being' Jesus certainly accepted an unimaginable measure of suffering and pain, yet in view of the magnitude of untold beings' original sin such an excessive measure of suffering was necessary in order to satisfy My justice which could not be avoided.... or I would mercifully have erased the guilt for the sake of greater than great love.

The wretched state of the fallen beings was an **eternal** one **without** the act of the sacrifice of atonement.... Jesus' suffering, however, lasted a limited period of time and Jesus gladly offered the sacrifice to Me, because He thereby delivered the whole world from the original sin, even though

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every being determines the moment of its salvation itself through its will. Jesus has died on the cross on behalf of all people past, present and future, and His immeasurable suffering provided all fallen beings with forgiveness of their original sin. The path of return to Me has become passable by every single being, and due to His greater than great love people have been given the opportunity again to kindle love within themselves, so that they will change their nature and the unity can take place again, which would have been impossible without the redemption of the original sin....

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Voluntary incarnation as a human

Informing the soul about earthly life....

B.D. No. **8243** August 17th 1962

As soon as you ask Me a question I will answer and instruct you, so that you understand correctly and all ambiguity is lifted: The earthly progress of a human being's embodied soul.... of the once fallen original spirit.... is a difficult test of its will which is as free as it was when the original spirit came forth from Me. For it is fought over by two sides and it alone will determine the outcome of this battle. Spiritual guardians will always stand by its side but they may not interfere with its free will.... And at the same time countless adverse forces endeavour to cause the human being's fall once more.... However, it is possible for him to master the latter by unwaveringly turning his will towards Me and thereby constantly receiving strength to resist and pass his test of will.

But since the original spirit is still completely without knowledge at the onset of its incarnation as a human being; since, due to its apostasy, due to its rejection of My light of love, it has deprived itself of its light, knowledge and awareness, it has to be instructed, and this takes place from outside and from within.... through My spiritual spark inside of him which ceaselessly urges it into doing kind deeds, and then also imparts an inner light to the human being. In addition, I will always direct a human being's circumstances such that he will be able to learn from them, because time and again spiritual guardians will influence his thoughts to take the right direction, to muster the will to turn to Me, and then I will be able to work exceptionally in him Myself. Thus I take every care that the original spirit will be able to reach its objective as a human being during its earthly existence once it has expressed its will to undertake this final test of will as a human being. But no soul.... no original spirit.... having passed through the creation in the state of compulsion.... will be forced into this final incarnation.... The state of compulsion comes to an end the moment all small particles of an original spirit have congregated again, and from this moment on this original spirit will be free once again, it will not be subjected to coercion, neither from My nor from My adversary's side.... It will be able to determine its own fate. During the time of its higher development from the abyss its resistance to Me will have diminished to a point that it will then be fully mature in order to live on earth as a human being, yet it will have to accept this gift of grace voluntarily.... And therefore it will also be informed of its earthly destiny.... As a result of My permission the original spirit realises that it is not yet at home where glories await it, and it wants them.... But it also realises that only the development as a human being will lead it back into its lost home.... It also knows that it will have to occupy a form again, and this knowledge can still delay its life as a human being.... Still, as a rule it will readily accept the embodiment as a human being and feel strong enough to pass its final test of will.

Nevertheless, it should make its own free decision and therefore it is shown its earthly progress by observing itself in various situations and, believing itself able to overcome them with ease, is thus also willing to travel the final path in the form.... However, I know every single original spirit's degree of maturity, and I Am able to let it visualize its earthly progress like a vision, I also know how this dream-like occurrence affects the individual soul and Am able to induce its embodiment into the human form accordingly, which only becomes a living being when the original spirit has taken possession of it.

You humans should believe that **everything** is possible with Me, that I Am even able to touch a completely blind spirit with a spark of light to enable its vision for a few moments.... and that these moments suffice to activate its will, which the original spirit is able to use again once all its substances have reunited.... You should also know and believe that I do not require any length of time and yet My will brings forth what I consider necessary.... And this expression of will by an original spirit to accept

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the human form **is necessary**, for it has left its constrained state and should now also freely decide to accept its earthly progress as a human being. But the human being's physical body only becomes viable when the original spirit has occupied it as a 'soul'. Only then will the person be guided by his guardian angels, he will be gradually familiarised with knowledge, and will then have to mature as a human being first before his free will and intellect can rationally express themselves.... It is the last process of development on this earth which **can** give complete deliverance to the original spirit providing it takes notice of the small voice within, of the inner urge which is the manifestation of the divine spark placed by Me into the person....

However, during earthly life My adversary has the same claim on him, and he will also try to assert it.... The human being is at all times subject to influences from above and below, however, he himself has to decide who will gain power over him. And this is his final test of will, that he consciously strives towards Me as his God and Father, and no-one can make this free decision for him, nevertheless, he is granted assistance in every way because I, too, long for his return and, like a truly good Father, will guide My child by the hand if only it will reach out for it and allow itself to be drawn by Me.... For I want all My living creations to become blissfully happy, and I have truly taken all possibilities into account in order to achieve this very goal of Mine....

Amen

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Path of life predetermined by God.... Free will.... Deed and effect....

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The smallest events in earthly life have their purpose, even when it is not evident to the human being. There are no coincidences but only divine providence, because every person's path of life has been predetermined in detail, although always in accordance with the will of the human being, which God has foreseen since eternity. This is of such immense importance that people should know of it, yet this very teaching often results in misguided thoughts.... in as much as the human being now believes himself to be exempt of all responsibility for all events, since everything has to happen in accordance with God's eternal will anyway. The blessing of embodiment also includes free will for the human being, and now he can behave and think according to this very will. Thus he lives his life as he wants; however, he also needs to have the opportunity to test his will, i.e. to choose between good and evil. Consequently, only the will to spiritually transform his soul is completely free, while the will of the human being in relation to earthly matters is effectively still constrained.... although by virtue of his will he can in fact determine earthly events but he can only carry them out, the result, however, will never depend on him alone.

The result of human volition is governed by God, and namely in accordance with the wisest plan in a manner that it can benefit the development of the soul should the human will once again be thus inclined. Consequently, God's will can prevent every human being's plan, or he first has to have God's approval before it can be carried out. But this approval will even be given by God if an action does not correspond to divine will, so that the freedom of will is not reduced. However, whether or not it is as successful as the person had hoped for does not depend on the person. Everything comes to pass in accordance with God's will, and whatever journey of life lies ahead of a person is God's will, Who offers the human being the opportunity to achieve maturity in a manner that his soul can benefit from it. On the other hand, however, the human being has to answer for his will if he wants to do something bad, even if divine intervention prevents an outcome. Corresponding to the person's will, which God has known since eternity, he is confronted by all events as God has ordained. He has used the will of people, which is known to Him, as a guiding principle for their earthly life and now effectively gives this will free rein, while protecting those people who are devoted to Him from all adverse results of other people's bad will....

Amen

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veryone has to take the path marked out for him, even if he believes that he is able to determine his own destiny or to change its course.... For I have taken account of his will in My plan of Salvation, consequently, all events approach him such that his will can become active in a way that he believes he shapes his own destiny. Freedom of will is frequently doubted by you and yet it is every person's possession, for I will never force him to want something different.... But precisely this will of his is known by Me forever, therefore it is easily possible for Me to shape his course of life according to his will without enslaving it. Besides, it concerns his soul's development and this can successfully proceed even in the most diverse circumstances of life. For all happenings in life approach a person such that it can impress the soul, that it can look for and find the bond with Me.... which is the ultimate goal of earthly life in the first place. The reason why the human being often has to overcome difficulties, why he often can speak of a difficult earthly fate is only because it is intended to help him establish this bond with Me and I know full well what is best suited for this. Even if a person believes that he can arbitrarily reshape his life he can nevertheless not revoke My eternal plan of Salvation and determine his own destiny, for regardless what he does in earthly life.... he has no guarantee that his plan will succeed and continue, he will always have to take unforeseen circumstances into account, he will never be master over his earthly life and have to acknowledge a stronger Power Which intervenes and will often shatter his plans.

Every human being knows that he is subject to strokes of fate, he knows that, by using his earthly knowledge, he can certainly make contingency plans.... but he also knows that he has no certificate of guarantee for the success of his plans and that even superior intelligence and the best position in life do not guarantee complete success for his plans or the continuation of what he has achieved so far.... But once again I emphasise that even such efforts have been foreseen by Me and must find My agreement if they are to succeed.... For such efforts need not be futile for the human being's soul, and as soon as he merely acknowledges a higher Power Which can prevent him from receiving, but also give him Its blessing, the soul will have won, and the earthly success or loss he is granted will run accordingly. The human being's will remains free.... even if his life proceeds according to destiny, even if the person is seemingly motivated or prevented during his course of life. Admittedly, a complete unbeliever will always assume that he shapes his life according to his will and only the believer will recognise My guidance and My will in everything, and yet he knows that he has to use his will as well in order to derive a benefit from every situation in life. For this reason you humans should not be dissatisfied with how your earthly life proceeds, for it will truly always be most appropriate for the benefit your soul. But you must also remember it and always try to make contact with Me by joining Me for better or for worse.... Then your life will have been successful, regardless of what it might have brought you, for the union with Me must be established by your will, which is and will remain free, because you are My living creations, thus of divine origin....

Amen

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Why does God allow evil?

God's programmes.... God's authorisations.... satan's work....

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an pays too little attention to what happens around him, and he cannot be convinced in any way Lethat everything fits into the divine world order according to a wise plan, that everything must come as it does, even though man's will is often the direct cause. A distinction must be made between God's programmes according to His will and God's permissions of what the will of man himself has caused. It is so difficult to make people understand this that God can never give His consent if man makes dispositions that go against His will. But since He again does not hinder the human being's free will, those measures which are an unmistakable work or influence of evil must now be moulded by God such that they can still result in a certain degree of success for the human being's soul. And this again leads people to the conclusion that it is God's will that works which unmistakably betray the influence of evil plunge whole nations into misery and hardship. If God did not allow such things and thus wanted to mercilessly destroy or render harmless the perpetrators of suffering and misery, then man would be deprived of any possibility of distinguishing between good and evil, for then only the good would have to assert itself, while all evil would immediately be destroyed. Thus God allows the evil power to run riot and only ever protects His own from being at the mercy of this power by averting all harm from them. And therefore, even if the evil forces work without ceasing, this work will always be weakened in its consequences, the human being will always derive a benefit for his soul if he offers the evil forces sufficient resistance and asks for God's help. For if God did not want to oppose it with His love, the adversary's temptations would truly be overwhelming and the human being could very easily succumb in the battle against them. However, every event is permitted by God so that the adversary's activity can be regocnized clearly enough and man can learn to abhor it. But then man should also regocnize his own powerlessness if he believes that he can master everything in life through his own strength. Man needs God's grace, and the more threatening the events approach the earthly child from the outside, the sooner he will be able to ask for grace.... And so even the most difficult event is favourable for the soul in a spiritual sense. Only the person who sees every event as God's providence and finds himself in it devotedly, always desiring divine help when it seems insurmountable to him, and thus remains in closest union with God, will truly master earthly life. Satan's activity will therefore not always be able to express itself as it is intended, but the lord God will also intervene to prevent it and avert or weaken its effects, for if His power did not also extend over such evil forces then everything on earth and in the universe would truly already be destroyed, for the evil one's destructive urge is immense, yet he is powerless in the face of divine will. However, the lord allows him to work to such an extent that it characterizes humanity's complete downfall.... And if a person pays attention to what is happening around him, he will realize how far satan's activity goes. And he will learn to detest it if only a spark of divine spirit slumbers within him. Thus even the most base deed can again cause a person to find God and, recognizing the contemptibility of evil, raise his hands to God in prayer for deliverance from such violence. And God will answer such a prayer, and then it is precisely satan's activity which has brought about the return to God, i.e. an event which was devised by diabolical power against God's will has been permitted in order to allow the human being to find the path to God again....

Amen

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Admission of evil.... "deliver us from all evil...."

othing can happen on earth without divine will, so this will must be the first basis for everything that happens, be it good or evil. Even what people do to each other would not be possible if divine will prevented it. And yet it would be wrong to claim that God wills evil because He allows it to happen. It certainly does not meet with His approval, but God does not hinder the will of man so that he can develop freely and thus decide. Only in this freedom of will can the last stage of embodiment be covered, consequently it must not be curtailed, but this would be the case if every evil deed were prevented before it is carried out. For then there would only be good in the world, but the possibility of ascent would be taken away from man. The performer is therefore only rarely prevented from acting according to his will, unless he is a struggling person who prays to God and whom God's love protects from rash deeds. Otherwise, every freedom of will is granted to him, even if it entails much earthly suffering. It is therefore to be seen more as an authorization by God, because God does not oppose His will. These events are more the result of human will, to which God sets no limits. The deed can therefore be carried out, but need not always be effective. How the evil deed affects the person is solely divine will and depends on the necessity for the maturity of the soul of the person to whom the evil deed is directed. The more a person strives for spiritual maturity, the more ineffective all actions will be that evil human will has intended for his fellow human being. Consequently, he who has no spiritual aspiration whatsoever will have to suffer more, but the person who cares about his soul's salvation will remain unimpressed. And thus the divine will changes all things in their effect according to people's state of maturity. Thus, in the end, even that which is born of evil will serves as a means of education, again in accordance with the human being's will to allow himself to be educated, for the spiritually striving human being is aware of his inadequate state of soul and asks God for the attainment of his soul's maturity, consequently he also humbly accepts what is sent to him, which, however, never excuses the evil will of the one who carries out evil deeds against his fellow human being. God does not prevent the opposing force from using all means to weaken the human will or to stimulate it to commit evil deeds.... He does not prevent man himself from doing what his will drives him to do. Yet He protects His own from overly violent attacks by those who are under the adversary's influence.... He does not prevent evil deeds but gives people complete freedom.... However, man is never defencelessly exposed to unrestrained attacks. His own will can weaken the effect or even cancel it out completely if he turns to the one Who is lord of all. Whose will alone is sufficient to avert all evil from him, and Who also does so when he prays fervently: "Deliver us from all evil...."

Amen

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The adversary's activity will not be prevented....

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Though I Am Ruler indeed over heaven and earth and no being shall be capable of opposing Me, I do not contest My adversary's right within the domain which is his kingdom: the terrestrial world which harbours everything that still belongs to him and where he can exercise his influence when the developing spiritual essence has reached the human stage.... Then he will pursue this spiritual essence.... the human being.... in every way in order to prevent his development and to pull him down into the abyss again, from where he had worked his way up by means of an infinitely long process.... Then he is, in fact, lord over his world....

And this explains why I allow so many disasters, why I don't intervene where the adversary's activities are so clearly apparent.... He has a right to you humans because you once followed him voluntarily into the abyss; and he also exercises his right in order to dominate you. But you can resist him since you possess free will. And you do not lack strength either, if only you would ask Me for it. But My adversary's activity will not be prevented by Me. For the physical world is his share.... even all matter, over which he has no control, is part of him because it harbours the fallen spiritual

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substance, which is only temporarily beyond his control due its constraint in matter. But as soon as it lives on earth as a human being he can exercise his power over it again without being hindered by Me.... And he truly makes full use of it....

Yet in Jesus Christ, the divine Saviour, he has a very powerful opponent indeed.... And every human being can turn to Him in order to be liberated from the enemy of souls. For Jesus is stronger than he is, and He delivers every soul from his power which simply appeals to Him for it and with its prayer demonstrates its faith in Him and His act of Salvation, which thereby also acknowledges Myself, Who in Jesus Christ became a human being in order to redeem all fallen spirits. Thus the adversary's power on earth is great indeed, and yet in Jesus Christ he finds his Master.... And regardless of how much control he has over people, in Jesus Christ they nevertheless have a Redeemer and Saviour from his domination.... Thus the human being cannot expect that I, his God and Creator of eternity, will curtail My adversary's activity, or that I will prevent him from carrying out disgraceful actions, because I will not, by any means, remove his right to influence a person in order to hold on to him.... The human being himself, however, does not have to tolerate it, for he can always turn to Jesus Christ and ask for His help to be released from his prison guard, to become free from the power to which he, however, will succumb without the help of Jesus Christ.

How often do you humans say 'Why does God allow this?....' I do not prevent My adversary's activity because you once accepted his domination and he is still your lord today if you don't want to free yourselves and approach Jesus Christ for salvation from him. But I also know what serves you and each individual soul best.... I know the nature of every individual soul, I know what it needs in order to mature fully, and even the dark world has to be of service to Me, for I also know how to direct the effects of the dark forces' actions such that they will be successful for people's souls who are willing to be released from his power and strive towards Me.

And this is always determined by the person's will, since this is free.... As long as the spiritual substance is still bound within the works of creation My adversary is unable to influence it; but in the human stage he has the right to do so because it involves the being's free decision which the adversary wants to win for himself. Hence he takes advantage of every opportunity, and the human being is at his mercy the further away he is from Me, the less often he establishes contact with Me, or: As long as he does not acknowledge Jesus Christ by seeking sanctuary with Him in his distress, he is at the mercy of the opposing power, which nevertheless is determined by his own free will.

I certainly have the power and can prevent anything, including the adversary's activities, but then the human being's life on earth would be in vain, where he has to freely choose between Me and him. But you humans should also understand that and why difficult tests are given to you, and why he often causes you extreme distress and I don't stop him, because you do not turn to Me for help and this is the real purpose of every adversity, which I therefore allow so that you will find your way to Me....

Yet you can rest assured that I will not leave you on your own and will help you if you try to get away from him and trustingly flee to Me and thereby also acknowledge Me as your God and Father... when you call upon Jesus for forgiveness of your guilt and for deliverance from the enemy, who also fights in order not to lose you.... Yet truly, My might is greater, and if you call upon Me in spirit and in truth you will indeed be released from him and your earthly life will not have been in vain....

Amen

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Why does God allow suffering?

Love and suffering purifiers....

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he soul has to be purified on earth or in the beyond before it can enter the kingdom of light after L its earthly demise. The soul must lose all impurity, it must be clear and pure, as it once emerged from God's strength, so that it is once again receptive for the light radiation from God, which a stained soul cannot receive. And this purification takes place on earth through love or suffering.... Love is a voluntary and suffering an involuntary means of purifying the souls, and the degree of both determines the soul's degree of light at the time of its physical death. Love and suffering together increase the degree of light, for if a loving soul has to bear suffering and affliction, it will become free of all dross, it will become what it should be in order to be able to join the eternal Godhead. A loving soul shapes itself according to God's will, for love does not allow anything impure to arise in it, it gives birth to good and noble thoughts, words and works, and where there is still a hint of impurity, of unfairness and lack of clarity, suffering helps and changes the soul so that the divine light can shine through it unhindered.... And that is why suffering is also imposed on people who live in a Godfocused will and therefore seemingly no longer need suffering in order to attain knowledge. However, no soul is so bright and clear and has such a high degree of maturity that it no longer needs suffering, as this is then no longer intended to convert it but only to purify it. Suffering should first lead the human being to God but then crystallize his soul so that it is clear and transparent and receptive to every ray of light that touches it from the spiritual kingdom. As long as the human being dwells on earth, temptations will also approach him, and every temptation means a blurred spot on the soul if it does not offer stubborn resistance. Such a temptation often has to be rendered harmless through suffering, i.e. the human being has to remain completely unaffected by what suffering usually brings about, be it that the human being finds it easier to renounce or that he overcomes himself in order not to be exposed to greater suffering.... He has to fight against himself, he often gets tired of the world and its attractions, and his soul slowly reaches the state that it desires nothing more on earth than just the closeness of God.... that it only carries out works of love and is also grateful for the suffering because it noticeably earns it the closeness of God, for in suffering it takes refuge in Him and receives His strength which now completely permeates the soul, expels all impurities from it and places it into the degree of maturity which results in entering the kingdom of light. This is a process of purification which is painful but which will certainly lead to the goal if the human being is of God's will. For then the suffering will only allow him to make contact with Him all the more intimately, and every contact with God signifies an influx of strength, it signifies a radiance of love, and the fire of divine love is a further means of purification which is likewise used through the person's own activity of love.... For love dissolves everything, it purifies and radiates through everything, and in connection with suffering it must spiritualize the soul and make it a bearer of light, because it is now free of all dross and it achieves a high degree of maturity which secures its entry into the kingdom of light in the beyond....

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Cause, purpose and aim of suffering.... Awareness.... Transience....

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Worldly minded people are so far removed from the truth that they are unaware of how much strength they can draw from faith and a heartfelt bond with God, and thus they only ever take notice of world events and do not realise that this wrong attitude towards God is the cause of every

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world event which results in human suffering. And as long as human beings lack this insight, the state of suffering cannot change either. Time and again the suffering will merely adopt different shapes, so that the diversity of their hardship and sorrow will eventually make people understand that a power other than human will is behind the sorrow, that human will alone is not the cause but that the will of a higher power simultaneously steps into action, and that they will develop a certain opinion about this higher power. The knowledge of pure truth explains everything; it makes the immense hardship comprehensible because its cause, purpose and objective are identifiable. Change is only possible when people adapt themselves to the purpose and objective, i.e. when they try to solve the cause of sorrow and hardship which, however, is and remains incomprehensible to the worldly minded person as long as the world is his priority, as long as he provides his body with all privileges and starves the soul.

The knowledge of truth can only be given to the person who detaches himself from the world, for if the knowledge is conveyed to the worldly minded person he will not recognise it as truth and reject it. Thus increased suffering will put him into a situation which will make him receptive to truth.... by learning to understand through suffering and hardship the worthlessness of worldly goods and reducing the longing for those same goods.... The desire for truth will increase accordingly, providing he is not influenced by negative forces who completely confuse his reasoning and attempt to divert him from the truth, who incite hatred in the person the more the world and its joys disappoint him. But such people will not find the connection to God on earth anymore, and every means employed by God is in vain. Nevertheless it is an advantage for the human soul to recognise the transience of earthly values while it is still on earth, where it can learn to despise them and is no longer excessively bound by them to earth when it departs, even if it enters the beyond with a low degree of maturity. In that case, overcoming matter in the spiritual kingdom will not be quite so difficult and the process of higher development in the spiritual kingdom can progress faster once it has finally started. The soul will then accept the truth more readily in the spiritual kingdom, it will not oppose God as much as on earth.

Consequently, the fate of the departed souls is not as hopeless if intense suffering on earth had made them aware of the transience of earthly possessions even if they lose their earthly lives as apparent victims in times of hardship. And thus even suffering and hardship caused by evil human will is of benefit for the souls who are still very distant from God, hence God allows human beings to rage against each other of their own free will until He Himself commands an end when it fulfils His plan of eternity. And as long as people live in ignorance, as long as they do not want to hear the truth, He will allow them to mature through their own actions and experience untold perils and suffering, because this is what they want and therefore they are the instigators of their own suffering....

Amen

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Reason for painful strokes of fate....

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will still create many opportunities for you before the end which shall enable you to find the path to Me.... Time and again I will reveal Myself to you, though often in a painful manner, yet you shall always recognise that you are unable to determine your own destiny, you shall always recognise a Power above yourselves Which intervenes in your life, and harshly so if there is no other option, in order to pull you back from the abyss towards which you are blindly striving.... I want to save you, and all My admonitions and warnings bear no fruit.... this is why every so often I have to treat you harshly and inflict pain on you.... I have to take your most precious possession on earth away from you, I have to inflict death and disease on you, you will have to be struck by all kinds of misfortunes because you don't believe in a Power to Which you owe your life.

And there will be more and more instances when I will tear people apart, when death will come marching, when disasters will abruptly end people's lives.... I will manifestly show Myself, yet only be

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recognised by the willing person who will then find his way to Me and can no longer go astray.... The end is coming ever closer, and thus My love, wisdom and might will still also have to frequently intervene.... Time after time humanity has to be shown the transience of earthly things anew, they have to come to realise the triviality of their aspired goals, and as a result will often have to suffer physically and psychologically, but they shall always also receive help if they turn to Me and appeal for My support in their adversity. And their fellow human beings, too, shall consider that they could suffer the same fate and realise that they don't live on this earth for earthly life's sake....

Every stroke of fate can result in making other people think and question whether their own way of life corresponds to God's will, if they believe in a God.... Each stroke of fate can help people to believe if they turn to Me and through My obvious help will also be able to recognise Me.... Thus you, who receive My Word, should explain to your fellow human beings My occasional interventions in people's lives which appear harsh and cruel.... explain to them that I will use all means in order to win people over for Me, and that I will not stop expressing Myself, for every misfortune is an expression of Myself which can happen to anyone yet it only ever intends to turn their thoughts into My direction.... For there is only little time left and you humans merely pay attention to the world but not to the salvation of your soul....

The world will pass away, that is, you won't be able to take anything belonging to the world across into the kingdom of the beyond.... You only ever chase after dead commodities, and therefore you will be repeatedly made aware of the world's fleeting nature. Again and again you will hear of accidents and all kinds of disasters, again and again you will have to suffer the loss of human lives, and again and again you will ask yourselves why a God of love allows this to happen.... The God of love wants to win you for Himself, he wants to make you blissfully happy, and therefore He wants you to turn your thoughts to Him....

My love alone is the reason for everything that affects you badly, for you will go astray again for an infinitely long time if you don't remember Me.... And only for this reason I reveal Myself to you and also intervene harshly and painfully if you ignore My loving admonitions and warnings.... For I don't want you to go astray.... I still want to save you before the end and protect you from a far worse fate.... from the new banishment into the creations of earth, which will be inevitable if you don't find Me before the end of the earth....

Amen

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Reason for deformed births....

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And everyone shall be blessed who hands himself over to Me and appeals for My support. I will not close Myself to any plea which applies to the salvation of your souls. And whatever you desire to know you shall learn: You humans have to go through the school of the spirit for which I designated the creation work Earth, and every human being will be able to fully mature on it, for it offers opportunities for all levels of development. The souls, however.... the once fallen original spirits.... developed so differently during their earthly progress in the state of compulsion, that they also require different situations in life. Admittedly, they must have attained a certain degree of maturity in order to be allowed to embody themselves as a human being, yet the closer they came to this last incarnation the more flexible became the constraints of their external shells, and the spiritual substances bound in the forms were able to make use of this relaxation but also to ignore it....

And such is the soul's nature at the start of its path as a human being. These different states of soul also require different earthly paths which can result in total freedom from the form. Even still heavily burdened souls are still able to do this successfully if they voluntarily accept a particularly difficult earthly life. And the soul can decide for itself whether it wants to take this path, since it is shown to the soul before its embodiment....

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This is **one** explanation why people suffer physical afflictions, whose arduous fate often makes you question the reason for their condition.... But there are also incarnated souls who voluntarily accept an especially difficult earthly progress even though they don't need it themselves, who want to go to earth from the beyond and ask for My permission in order to thereby help other souls. Hence they don't have to fulfil a mission but they are merely the burden themselves, who offer their fellow human beings the opportunity to practise love, patience, compassion, gentleness, peacefulness and righteousness.... who thereby heighten their own state of maturity but have already reached a certain state of maturity in the kingdom of the beyond that allows a new incarnation on earth because their request is motivated by a strong will of love and helpfulness.... But then you cannot say that these human beings are in a state of atonement, for immature souls will not be allowed to incarnate again in order to improve their maturity. And you should never forget that no soul is forced to live on earth but voluntarily accepts a fate which it knows in advance. The 'atonement' of a sin on earth is a misguided opinion because only Jesus Christ is able to redeem this guilt and thus the human being finds forgiveness solely through Him, for all of humanity's sins have been 'atoned' for by Him.... And this forgiveness by Jesus Christ must first take place before a soul will be able to voluntarily incarnate itself on earth again for the sake of a mission or in order to render help.... For an enlightened soul is aware of people's heartless state on earth, especially in the last days, and it is also willing to actively help so that people will ignite love within themselves, so that they will exercise compassion, so that they will be able to develop all virtues when they live in the vicinity of a deformed or unhappy person. For I repeatedly emphasise that return incarnations to earth certainly happen but that they all have their specific reasons, yet a still immature soul will never return to earth as a result of My will in order to make up for what it had neglected to do on earth....

Only voluntary sacrifices of atonement can persuade Me to give My permission, but these always have to be preceded by their own salvation through Jesus Christ. The fact that such a soul will also have the opportunity to attain a high degree of maturity on this earth is understandable, because every voluntary sacrifice will be acknowledged and blessed by Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Diseases and cure....

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If you know the blessing of disease, if you know that disease contributes towards the soul's purification.... that disease aids your patience and humility to accept My will and you consequently no longer oppose My will.... if you accept that everything happening to you is recognised by Me as beneficial for you, then you will know that I also recognise the moment in time of your recovery....

However, the fact that I will not cure you instantly is due to your freedom of will, for then you would be forced to believe in Me and My might, but you shall attain this faith without coercion.... Furthermore, you know that the purpose of earthly life consists of providing loving service.... Thus one will always have to work for the other if he wants to fulfil his helpful earthly task. And thus I will also bless the people who are always willing to help even where it concerns physical ailments and pains, and who are able to do so insofar as that they recognise the cause of an illness and the correct remedies to heal it. For depending on their helpfulness and their love for their weak and suffering fellow human beings they will indeed be successful. But in the final analysis every cure is based on My will which therefore imposes a limit on a human being's work when I recognise that the effect of a long illness is of value for the soul. My will determines a human being's destiny, thus it also includes diseases which the human will is unable to cure despite all applied treatments.

I will never condemn people's attempt to discover methods which are intended to help those who suffer.... For as long as loving helpfulness is the reason for all kinds of research My blessing will rest on it too.... If, however, the motive for producing such remedies is based on the acquisition of earthly possessions, they will generally be ineffective or damaging for the human body despite apparent

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improvement.... The most harmless remedies can equally suffice to result in a cure, because it is My will and I deem the moment of a cure to have arrived.

An illness shall primarily further the bond with Me, the human being shall take refuge in Me and appeal to Me Myself to be healed, then I will send people to cross your path who only want what is in your best interests, whose thoughts will be guided by Me if they are in contact with Me in thought or through a life of love in accordance with My will. But such healers are only rarely to be found, and therefore people more than ever use remedies which likewise originate from unblessed work.... And then neither the body nor the soul will be able to derive a cure from them because I Myself don't allow that the soul shall be helped **against** the human being's will.... so that he learns to turn away from the world because the body is no longer able to meet the demands of the world.

Thus you humans can always call upon the help of a physician, but the cure is determined by Me, however, I will often bless the efforts of the latter so that you will recover; yet you shall also derive from every illness a blessing for your soul, that you submit yourselves to Me and My will, that you patiently and gratefully bear the suffering, because it is greatly beneficial for your soul when you prove yourselves during an illness.

But with a rock-hard faith you will also be able to free yourselves from every ailment.... just as I Myself during My life on earth was able to heal people 'whose faith had made them whole....' For nothing is impossible to Me and if your love is so profound that it brings forth a living, strong faith then you will not doubt My love and might for a second.

Then you can be instantly healed, because then this recovery will not be **compulsory** faith for you since you will **possess** an unshakable faith.... But which one of you can muster this strong faith? Who can use My might without doubt, who will give himself to Me so completely with the plea to heal him and is also convinced that his plea will be granted? Then any miracle can truly happen, be it on yourselves or on a fellow human being on whose behalf you voice this request in strong faith.... But anyone who is very sincerely united with Me has already completely accepted My will and lets Me rule and does not use his will in advance.... He will bear even the most difficult suffering with humility in My will and thus renders a far greater service to his soul than through the healing of the body.... But I will always work in you such that your fate will be endurable.... and when a human being has to suffer immense pain it **also** just expresses My love for his **soul**, which one day will be grateful to Me in the spiritual kingdom that it was able to dispose of many impurities on earth, that it was also permitted to remove guilt on earth enabling it to enter the spiritual kingdom far less burdened, which it could never have achieved with a healthy body....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Severe suffering can result in childship to God....

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You have been told several times already that you can only attain childship to God if you surrender to Me with love and also humbly bear the sorrow which you have to experience in order to purge the soul from all impurities, so that, on entering the kingdom of the beyond, you can be completely permeated by My light of love, for every ailment, every suffering the human soul still has to endure on earth dissolves the layers, and then the full light ray of My love can touch the soul, because it has relinquished all resistance....

Therefore, don't be discouraged by a difficult earthly life but believe that it will be a blessing for you which fully offsets all suffering, and be patient, for the reward will be greater than great and the time of the human being's suffering on earth is but short compared to the glorious fate awaiting the soul throughout all eternity. This is why you should gladly accept a life of suffering; you should know that such an earthly life is imposed on you by My immense love so that you soon will be able to reach the goal set by Me since eternity. For what follows your earthly life cannot be explained to you, it is the

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most magnificent fate which is only destined for My 'children', who will be invested into all the rights of the Father, able to work like Him.... without difference, because they have attained the highest goal.

Yet even for these very children I Am unfathomable, that is, they incessantly strive towards Me.... they long for Me and their longing will always be fulfilled.... And the essence of their bliss rests in the fact that they will never cease yearning for Me, that they thus can never be entirely satisfied because I Am and remain eternally unfathomable. For this reason you have to take the most difficult conditions in earthly life upon yourselves, you will be tested time and again, and you have to remain steadfast even in utmost suffering and always know that only your great love for Me and your neighbour can alleviate your suffering, but that you are incapable of such love which could entirely eliminate suffering.... and thus you should be grateful that you are allowed to bear sorrow as it only serves to perfect you. I did not say to you without reason 'Take up your cross and follow Me....' For I knew that only a path of utmost suffering will result in your childship to God, because as human beings you are incapable of the love that also leads to childship of God, and also because earthly life is too short unless you accept suffering at the same time.

Therefore, do not ask why I let a human being suffer.... Rather, think of the benefit of suffering, bear in mind that it dissolves all layers which prevent the soul from receiving the full illumination of love.... and that it is always just a temporary state which is then replaced by eternal happiness, for which you would have accepted even more suffering if only your physical strength would allow for it. Thus you who have to suffer so much should remember that it is the longing for 'children' which motivates Me to put you into this state.... and that you yourselves will be grateful to Me one day for all the adversity you had to endure in earthly life.

Yet this always presumes firm faith in Me, faith in life after death and faith in My infinite love, then you regard every happening as a return of the once fallen spirit to Me.... with the goal of childship to God, which I cannot achieve in any other way but by means of the path across earth. And if you have this faith then you will also patiently endure every suffering, you will only ever see one purpose in it and accept everything that you, as a human being, cannot change anyway, but you will humbly bear it as imposed on you by My wisdom and love in order to guide you to the highest goal.

But only few will reach this goal, yet they can nevertheless be happy if they don't (even **those** people can be happy who don't) enter the kingdom of the beyond entirely without light, for they will still be able to enhance their degree of light there. They will also be able to rise ever higher and experience infinite beatitude but they will no longer be able to achieve the 'childship to God' which necessitates a life on earth.... Nevertheless, they will be able to repeat this life in order to fulfil a mission, and even then they will not be spared all kinds of suffering in order to achieve utmost maturity.... in order to enter the spiritual realm as the Father's true child, in order to then be able to eternally create and work at His side, in accordance with His will and yet in all freedom, as it was His intention from the start....

Amen

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Why does God allow natural disasters, misfortune and destruction?

Premature destruction and consequences....

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very matter is given a certain time of existence for the maturity of the spiritual within it, which cannot be shortened at will by the spiritual itself. Only the will of man is free to free the spiritual from matter or to shorten the duration of its stay at will. For it is up to man to remodel matter and to create new things again and again, which again become a stay for the spiritual. So it is so to speak left to the free will of man how long the spiritual is allowed to stay in a certain form. And this will will always also be the will of God as long as man's activity is meant for the remodelling of matter and as long as the purpose of such newly formed forms is again a serving. Everything that is produced out of matter through human will has to serve humanity again, then the duration of the outer shell of the spiritual corresponds entirely to God's will. However, if an external form is dissolved beforehand by human will and the newly created work is not given a serving task, then this is an interference in the divine order.... The course of development of the spiritual is interrupted or the spiritual is forced into an activity that serves no creature on earth for the best, the spiritual is prevented by human hand from maturing through service. At the same time, however, the human being presumes to destroy creations prematurely and thereby help the spiritual in these creations to become free prematurely, which has an extremely detrimental effect on spiritual life as a whole. For the spiritual substance senses very well that it does not yet have the necessary maturity for its next embodiment on earth and therefore tries to let off steam with people, which does not have a favourable influence on them. The spiritual cannot revive a new form until the old form has been completely overcome. Consequently, a great deal of spiritual substance will be released from its outer shell in the time to come and can harass people until its time is over and the new form can now take up residence.... (25.4.1942) The still immature spiritual, whose course of development was interrupted through premature destruction of matter, the cause of which is the unkindness of men, uses its freedom in a way, which is not to the advantage of men. It remains in the destroyed matter for as long as there are still undestroyed parts in it and awaits its new moulding. But where the material has become unusable, the spiritual seeks another place to stay.... it initially oppresses people, depending on how great their desire for possession was. And indeed, it repeatedly presents itself to this person as that which the person has lost and seeks to awaken their desire and stimulate the will to create the same thing in order to be able to embody itself in it again. And this often means an agonizing state for people because they lack the opportunity to do so. And this agonizing state is the expression of that immature spiritual substance which wants to take revenge on the human being for its interrupted development. But as soon as man uses all his strength to get rid of this destroyed matter, the harassment on the part of the spiritual also ceases, just as man's whole attitude towards matter is decisive as to how long the spiritual stays near it and harasses him. The greater the desire was and still is for matter, the greater influence the spiritual has and the more it uses its influence to increase the human being's desire. Where it is not possible through human activity to bring things into being that harbour this spiritual substance in themselves again, there it oppresses other creations....

It tries to unite with such and to influence their activity, which manifests itself in phenomena which deviate from the natural, thus in irregularities which are particularly evident in the plant world. Immature beings interfere with the divine order without being prevented by God, so that people realize that every work of destruction, every premature destruction for ignoble motives, also has a destructive or unlawful effect again. The spiritual, which becomes free prematurely, is not powerless and in the free state can always press or influence the spiritual, which stands on the same or higher level of development, and it uses its freedom in such a way that it joins this spiritual and wants to be

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active as it were, therefore now two intelligences want to express themselves through a work of creation. Admittedly, these are only ever attempts, for the spiritual in the form resists them, but for a short time it is disturbed in its regularity and this results in deviations which, although not serious, are nevertheless noticeable. For God certainly lets the spiritual in this way seek and find a balance but protects the other works of creation from significant changes through such entities which are still completely immature. But people should recognize from this that every offence against divine order has the effect of overturning the divine order again, and this to the detriment of people.... be it through delayed growth in the plant world or bad harvests or also weather influences, which likewise often cause such spirit beings that have become free to run riot in nature.... in the clouds or in the air. Very often the human will itself is the cause that prematurely destroys works of creation and thereby even influences the plant world unfavourably, for the released spiritual being does not remain inactive but looks for new deformations and a new field of activity, even if it does not yet have the necessary state of maturity for this until it has found an outer shell corresponding to its state of maturity and can continue its course of development....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Disasters in nature and their spiritual explanation....

B.D. No. 2449

August 14th 1942

he earth is in perpetual rotation around itself and never stays in immobility. This is also the explanation for the development of the earth from the original liquid mass to the solid earth body, which now has become whereabouts for creatures of all kinds. But the core of the earth is always still liquid and is also so long unsuitable for any creature as stay, until it has solidified. Breaks now this liquid mass a path to the surface through eruptions, so this is synonymous with a complete destruction of all creatures on this surface, and therefore such eruptions are feared by people and animals, because it brings their complete destruction. The divine wisdom allows therefore those only in cases of extreme necessity, this means, first the will of God must precede by each outbreak, before it can take place, and this is justified in His love and wisdom.... The forces within the earth must be constantly active, because this activity means for the earth, that means for all beings on the surface of earth, possibility of life, as well as the earth is total solidified, any vegetation stops. This inner activity of spiritual forces is thus already a certain serving for the redemption of the spiritual, and therefore it must also even be given the possibility to these forces, to begin their course of development on earth, even though immemorial time must pass, before this spiritual can begin the change of form on earth. Every natural disaster can also be an end of the career on earth for the most highly developed being, for the human, but it is at the same time the beginning of an earth period of incomprehensible long time again for the very immature spiritual, and therefore to be regarded as God's will. All creation is only for the purpose, to develop the spiritual to the height.... If now a higher development of the soul is no longer aimed by the humans, the purpose and the aim of earth life are disregarded, so God ends this life and at the same time He gives the possibility of an ongoing development for the spiritual, standing in the beginning of development.... He annihilates as it were, to let raise up new creations through the work of destruction, which involve the spiritual in itself again, to that one was granted the grace of going on earth. Because nothing happens without sense and purpose, where God's love and wisdom reigns....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Loss of earthly possessions can result in spiritual treasures....

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You will find ample spiritual compensation for everything that is taken from or denied to you if you only strive for spiritual perfection. You will never make a spiritually inappropriate request,

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for every spiritually directed thought is pleasing to God and therefore always successful. The more you humans are involved with matter, the less spiritually minded you are, and therefore it first has to be taken from you in order to change your thoughts. Hence it should only ever be considered a means for perfection if you are forced to forgo material possessions. Yet you will never have to go without, because you are able to receive spiritual possessions all the more if only you want them. You may certainly possess earthly matter but it must never be your master, you must always be able to sacrifice it, which only comes easily when the value of spiritual possessions is recognised. And you humans will only recognise this when you experience earthly hardship, when human help is not available but spiritual help always has to be requested in order to then also be felt as extremely invigorating.

Whatever earthly goods you own can be taken from you, but you never need to fear the loss of spiritual possessions if you care to own them. The request for spiritual goods will always be fulfilled yet there is no guarantee that earthly goods will remain your own, only if you use them well, that is, in accordance with God's will, and thus are active and work for the benefit of your fellow human beings will God also bless and increase them for you. In that case, however, you will have already detached yourselves from matter, you will no longer desire it with every fibre of your being but work with it for the benefit of your fellow human beings. But you won't complain when earthly goods are taken from you, for God knows why He allows it, and even the loss of such belongings is beneficial for you. For then he will shower you with spiritual gifts of grace, and your will only has to be willing to use them for your own and your fellow human beings' perfection. Consequently, never grieve over material possessions which were taken from you, they are of no value in eternity; yet their loss can bring you possessions of lasting value which are able to make you very happy on earth and one day in the spiritual kingdom. What you create and amass spiritually will stay with you and signify a wealth which is everlasting; but gladly and joyfully let go of the earthly material goods you own and exchange them for spiritual possessions, for the time will come when only these goods will be useful to you, when everything you still own today will disappear....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Where is God.... (Cologne misfortune and question)

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want to give you the answer Myself to the question why I allowed it that you were so affected by **L** sorrow and suffering, by worries and troubles, into which also you were put through that event: You are not able to recognize My love in it, and still I am moved by exceedingly great love towards you men, although I did not prevent the work of a man, who carried out an act on behalf of My opponent, which brought deepest suffering over men. But you all value earthly life too highly.... you all don't know that this earthly life was only given to you for testing your will, that you have to cover it as it were as the last station of an endless long earthly way, after the completion of which you can enter the spiritual kingdom completely free of every material fetter. But this earthly life is the most important thing to you; you live it only for the sake of earthly life itself, you don't think about whether you test your will right, whether you comply with the demands which I make on you.... especially when you practice external customs which are of no value in My sight. That is why I did not prevent the act of him who acted on behalf of My adversary, aware of the effect that the attention of many people would be directed towards it.... which already emerges from the question: "How could I allow this?" You shall come alive in faith.... I have no pleasure in a dead faith. But you live thoughtlessly; you do not seek truth, which alone can make you free. But now it is difficult to make clear to you how far a man can purify himself through unusual trouble and how short time still remains for all of you to reach this purification of your soul. Nor can it be explained to you humans, who are still completely without knowledge about the reason for your human existence on this earth, what great guilt you once had burdened yourselves with and that you therefore also have to find Jesus Christ in order to be released from this guilt.... but that you, as you now live along, possess no knowledge about His act of salvation.... that you certainly accept what is demanded of you to believe, but that this is no living

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faith.... a faith of which I Myself have said that you can then no longer die, that you will be redeemed through Himself, because He took all guilt upon Himself.... because I Myself became man in Him and thus redeemed the guilt for you.... I have to call all of you through such events. But believe it.... those who are affected by it do not suffer to the extent that fellowmen accept it. My favour is certain for them because they are only the victims of blinded thinking. But I address all men that they are to take a stand on that what was put before them as truth so far. And those who have gone over have sacrificed themselves, and they will also receive their reward. But you, who ask why God has allowed such events, deal with the thoughts yourselves, and do not deny Me the existence, because even if you do not recognize me as a God of love, so you still know a power over you, which directs your fate and determines your end of life. But believe it that my love is endless, that it includes everything and leaves out none of My creatures and also wants to lead all to eternal happiness. But which means I use.... and no matter how cruel it seems to you.... I achieve the purpose: that the soul purifies itself completely and it will thank me for it one day in eternity. As soon as you learn to see your earth life as a transition station and not as an end in itself, you can also understand My rule and work sooner. You also have to seriously believe in a survival of the soul.... and where is this belief still to be found in truth? Earth life means everything to you; you always live it in view of earthly successes; you do not live it out by taking care of your soul. And what you do for its sake are customs and forms, which are of no use to you, because you lack the inner union with Me. But anyone who has this will not question it either but surrender to his fate.... he will pray intimately to Me that I will help, and his prayer will be: 'Father, Thy will be done!...."

Amen

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Why does God allow the sudden and painful death?

Premature departure from the world.... Purpose....

B.D. No. **3258**

September 16th 1944

People are repeatedly reminded of the transience of earthly things, and they are constantly confronted by death when many people pass away prematurely and when they are helpless in the face of events which cause suffering and despair to human beings. Yet they will not change their mind nor think about the real reason for suffering and untimely death. Thus the suffering becomes ever more painful and humanity will observe world events with horror and turn numb at the size of the disaster that engulfs it. Humanity, however, is asking for it, since the despair of the time leaves people entirely indifferent and they derive no gain for their souls. And therefore God applies the harshest measures to disturb their lethargy, because in spite of people's earthly and bodily suffering their souls remain uncaring, they remain indifferent to the blows of fate or they would attempt to change in the knowledge that their spiritual attitude is the cause of the increased suffering on earth.

Hence many people have to depart prematurely from this life because a longer life would be detrimental rather than beneficial for their souls as they would lose their faith completely and only take care of their physical life. In spite of their inadequate state of maturity God therefore allows the loss of countless human lives to prevent their regression, to give them the opportunity to fully mature in the beyond, because the situation on earth does not remain hidden from them, they can observe the developments and become aware that due to the neglect of their soul's salvation, due to their wrong way of life, due to their lack of faith and unkind thoughts, human beings themselves are responsible for the severe suffering on earth.

In addition, people who are called away by God prematurely can still become aware when faced with death, they can still truly unite with God, they can still become purified due to intense suffering, and thus achieve a higher degree of maturity which they would not have attained during a longer earthly life, and then a premature parting from earth is a blessing for them. And irrespective of how much earthly suffering exists, it is only a means for the benefit of souls.... yet few people understand this as such. The magnitude of hardship is intended to direct their path to God Who can and will banish every distress if the human being faithfully awaits His help. However, when even the immense suffering is unsuccessful, when human beings forget about Him and are in greatest danger to finally strive towards the abyss, God shall end many an earthly life and permit apparently inhuman disasters because He forever considers the human souls and aims to save these even though the body will perish as a result.... because God never does wrong but only what is good and a blessing for the human soul....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Hour of death.... Explanation of suffering....

B.D. No. **4033** April 30th 1947

You never know how your end will happen, and therefore you should call upon God's mercy every day that you might receive it in the hour of your death. Even if you live in accordance with God's will your end can be difficult if it is to serve you to completely purify and liberate yourselves forever. God's wisdom and love is yours until your last hour on this earth, and as long as your souls are still able to change you will be given the opportunity even at the hour of death. For this reason devoted people often have to suffer in the flesh and cannot find an explanation for it because they are

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unable to detect God's love therein. And yet, divine love causes this suffering because it is the best means for the soul to acquire a degree of maturity within a short period of time which allows the light to permeate the soul in the beyond, and the soul will thank its Creator once it is free and recognises God's great love and mercy. Thus all suffering has to be seen as evidence of God's love, and even the end is blessed if it is accompanied by suffering, although it does not appear to the human being that way. The soul indeed separates itself from the body with pain, but immediately lifts itself into the kingdom of the blessed spirits. It not only leaves earth physically but also spiritually and also takes the body's fully matured substances along, because every degree of suffering dissolves the cover which still encloses the soul. And the person who is still able to free himself completely from immature substances on earth will be blessed.... he will have used his earthly life for his deliverance and will no longer revolt against God's will either.

In the hour of death he will certainly struggle for the peace of his soul but he will never consider his physical suffering to be unjustified, for his soul will know that the end is near, that his physical suffering will also come to an end and that the soul will derive benefit from it even if it is no longer able to convey this realisation to the body. The body, however, will separate itself from the soul as soon as it senses its perfection, because then it will have fulfilled its task of having served as an abode for this soul. The hour of death can be difficult for all of you but it can also be a blissful falling asleep in order to awaken in the kingdom of light if the soul needs no further suffering, if it has already found the union with God on earth and He then brings it home into His kingdom, into your Father's house, in order to make you blissfully happy. But you do not know how your end will happen, and therefore pray to God for mercy, ask Him for His grace and strength if God still needs to afflict you, and you will also endure the hour of death. The body will suffer but the soul will joyfully leave the body and lift itself into the spheres of light....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The early death of children....

B.D. No. **8772**

March 7th 1964

And I will provide you with strength because I need your cooperation on earth which requires your free will.... I could certainly choose vessels for Myself and appoint them to work for Me, but this does not correspond to My law of eternal order, because free will alone must and can be decisive, which then will also offer the guarantee of success. People are certainly willing to work for Me, yet they often lack the qualifications to carry out a redeeming activity on earth....

And thus I know who voluntarily wants to do this work and serve Me as a suitable vessel. And I will also know how to keep such a vessel alive and lead it through all adversities, especially when the human being is no longer filled with desire for the world but completely puts his earthly wishes aside for the sake of the spiritual work, which he will recognise as extremely important. And thus it will be possible to continue the vineyard work, and your endeavour will always be blessed by Me, after all, there is as yet much to explain to people who are willing to listen, who will contact Me themselves and ask questions to which I will reply through My servants on earth.

You are repeatedly told that I have many schoolhouses in My kingdom, that the whole universe contains creations all of which serve the maturing of the once fallen spirits.... And every work of creation has its own purpose, it will always serve the higher development of the beings whose state corresponds to the living conditions on this creation.... And thus souls, which have covered the process through the earthly creations, will also be able to embody themselves on **other stars**, due to certain tendencies which only I Am able to recognise, which assure their full maturity on other stars and can even result in those souls' incarnation as a human being on earth who can already be entrusted with a mission.... And this also explains the death of small children and babies whose souls would have been unable to cope with life on earth but who, on the other hand, cannot be described as still being in complete opposition to Me, so that I will provide them with a different opportunity for further

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maturing on one of the innumerable schoolhouses, which usually enable them to accomplish their task and provide the being with some maturity....

In that case it is, in fact, not possible for these beings to achieve the childship to God, which is gained through an enduring earthly life, yet they will be able to achieve beatitude in the spiritual kingdom as well. It is also possible for them.... after having already achieved a high degree of light.... to descend to earth again for the purpose of a mission and then also acquire the childship to God. So many circumstances and tendencies play a part in the soul's embodiment as a human being, including the degree of maturity which it will have already reached in its preliminary stages and which can decline due to the body's weakness but shall not, if the soul embodies itself in the womb of a mother which is unsuitable for the soul's state, in which case the difficulties of maturing are greater and can result in complete failure.

Then I will release the soul from its external shell again and place it where its higher development will be easier and assured, because the soul is no longer blatantly in opposition to Me.

And thus there are many possibilities in order to help the once fallen spirits to return to Me.... Admittedly, the earth is the lowest and most wretched work of creation but it is able to yield the highest spiritual accomplishments if the being is willing to travel this earthly path.... and yet I know in advance whether free will or other reasons make it impossible for the soul to mature fully, and I will always helpfully intervene where the soul's helplessness requires it, which is unable to cope with its imposed fate and yet is not deliberately opposed to Me....

You humans are incapable of judging this, yet everything is based on My love and wisdom, and thus you also have to accept that I have My reasons for the early death of children, for nothing happens without reason and purpose, and everything is just for the benefit of the spiritual beings which once distanced themselves from Me and shall return to Me again.... And I have infinitely many possibilities to reach My goal one day, and sooner or later you will also know everything yourselves and realise what motivates My reign and work. But I Am constantly concerned for the weak souls and will assist them in every way, for I also know a soul's degree of resistance, how far it has diminished and whether and how far it will still lessen, and accordingly I will place the soul where it can reach its goal fastest. Life on earth is indeed the only possibility to attain the childship to God, yet I also know that and to what extent a soul is at risk of losing its already attained level and slipping back again, in that case I will prevent it in the face of its only very low resistance to Me, which is unable to determine free will and the latter would not exclude a descent. Yet even before its incarnation as a human being the soul will be able to decide whether it wants to cover the earthly progress as a human being, and its will is complied with. And this also explains the future fate of violently killed children who are likewise offered the opportunity to complete their path of development on other heavenly bodies and also mature fully, although under different conditions.

But it is also possible for every soul.... if it seriously wants it.... to return to earth again for the purpose of achieving the childship to God, if it has attained a specific degree of light and voluntarily accepts a mission which places great demands on such a soul. You humans are unable to clearly understand everything, you will never fully comprehend My reign and activity, yet I know of innumerable ways in order to help My living creations to ascend, and I also know the course and outcome of every earthly life.... nevertheless, I will only intervene Myself and establish a change of an appalling course of events if a willing soul can thereby be helped.... which is only known to Me alone. Earthly life as a human being is difficult, and it requires effort and determination to bring it to spiritually successful completion.... I will always help the weak soul if it no longer strongly opposes Me.... but how I express My help has to be left up to My love and wisdom, yet it will always be My endeavour to help My living creations attain full maturity, and I will always use **those** means which will be successful for Me, since I long for My children and would let none fall into ruin which already strive towards Me, which I recognise and thus also work accordingly....

Amen

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Explanation of the many cases of death: Closing the gates to the beyond....

he gates through which the souls entered the kingdom of the beyond will close again for a long L time. This can only be comprehensible to those who are aware of the fact that a period of Salvation comes to an end, who know that it will end with the renewed banishment of the souls which failed their test of will as humans, which descended again into the abyss and which therefore will have to repeat the infinitely long process of development through the creations of the new earth. Until this end arrives the gates into the kingdom of the beyond will remain open, that is, all those who depart from earth until then will still be accepted in the kingdom of the beyond, in the realm of the spirits, and they still have a short period of time at their disposal to work their way up from darkness to light, supported by much help so that they won't still descend into the abyss and have to experience the same fate: to be banished into hard matter. It is therefore a huge blessing if spiritually immature people are recalled earlier, if they don't stay alive until the end of this earth for they will then have almost no possibility to find God and to call upon Him for mercy anymore. And many people are currently on earth who are simply too indifferent to endeavour towards psychological maturity.... but who cannot be numbered in the satanic camp either yet who are in utmost danger of still falling prey to him before the end. And God still wants to give these souls an opportunity to raise their state of maturity a little.... Therefore, he recalls them prematurely.... For the time of redemption granted to the spiritual beings embodied as human beings is irrevocably coming to an end.... and the significance of this can only rarely be grasped by a person.

For a separation of the spirits will also take place in the spiritual kingdom, even in the kingdom of the beyond untold souls still linger in profound darkness since all attempts to redeem them have been in vain and thus they must share the fate of those who will be banished into matter again. This is why eager redemption work also takes place in the kingdom of the beyond, the Gospel is preached to the souls in darkness as well, that is, they are offered the opportunity to listen to it but they are not forced to do so.... Everything will be done in order to save what can still be saved, because God would like to help every soul to receive a little light during this period of Salvation, because His infinite love would like to spare every soul the appalling fate which is granted to those who are still completely in the adversary's hands and from whom they shall be snatched.... But anyone who knows their destiny will find a certain comfort in the fact that God recalls people prematurely, for he knows that it is an act of mercy for those souls so that they will be able to escape this appalling fate. For helpful beings of light are exceedingly willing to work on every soul in the beyond, and everything conceivably possible will be done in order to guide them upwards a few steps. Then they will have escaped the danger of descending into the abyss again and they will be spared a repeated progress across the earth. However, with the end of the earth even this opportunity of being accepted into the spiritual kingdom and to continue maturing will be over, for at the end only satanically-inclined people will exist next to the small flock of those who remain faithful to God and whom He will fetch Himself on the Day of Judgment. And therefore, everyone should be grateful if he does **not** have to experience the end, for a ray of hope shines for him in the fact that he has found mercy and will not have to go astray....

Amen

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What does God allow in the future?

Suffering comes to the righteous and the unrighteous....

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t is intended by divine decree that a time of unspeakable suffering will come upon the earth for the ▲ sake of human souls. It will only still be possible to save them through much suffering, and thus humanity will have to endure much sorrow and hardship which shall result in a change of thinking. And many righteous people will have to suffer for the sake of these souls, and this will serve them again for the spiritual higher development and perfection of their souls. They are, as it were, forced to sacrifice their state of suffering, which they cannot completely escape, to their fellow human beings, i.e. if they bear it without grumbling and complaining and resign themselves to everything, they are, as it were, sacrificing all suffering to those who are in need of purification. The righteous must suffer with the unrighteous and often bear the consequences of the latter's way of life, but his spiritual maturity also allows him to recognize the necessity of what God sends upon people, and so he resigns himself to his fate without complaint. He is already imbued with the will of God and does not oppose Him in his thoughts and feelings. Rather, he tries to make his fellow human beings understand the meaning and purpose of the difficult trial and to persuade them to distance themselves from the world and devote themselves to the care of their souls. He reproaches them for their wrong way of life and its consequences and helps those who are too weak and yet have good will. The righteous must suffer with the unrighteous, but the suffering will be bearable for him because he will not go his way on earth without God. He will receive strength and not feel the suffering as severely as his fellow human being in need of purification, and thus he will humbly submit to divine will. And if he has to give up his life then he will be granted twofold favours in the kingdom of the beyond so that he will not lose the favours of earthly life if he has not yet reached his state of maturity. Then he will have laid down his life for his fellow human beings and this will be rewarded to him. For God gives to all according to their merits, and every undeserved suffering results in the richest blessing, as soon as a person humbly submits to everything God sends him....

amen

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God's powerful voice.... The end of the battle....

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November 5th 1944

God's voice will resound impressively and decide the fate of the nations, for God Himself will pass judgment through the forces of nature. And no-one will be able to oppose His verdict, for it will be fair and strike the people who are responsible for having caused great misery and don't want to admit their transgression. It will be an exceptionally sad event in which countless people will lose their lives, yet the event is unavoidable because people can no longer be shaken by anything that is accomplished by human will, consequently they will have to be disturbed by an event which cannot be averted or stopped by human will and which will generate enormous terror because everyone will be faced by death and has to brace himself for his demise. And this event draws ever closer, day after day passes by but humanity will not change, and God's forbearance still hesitates in order to continue granting people the opportunity of turning back before His voice resounds. Yet then worldly events will slowly come to an end because the natural disaster is in the making, because the earth's interior will be plunged into a state of turmoil and will only be waiting for God to liberate the forces of nature and allow them free reign. For people cannot stop, thus God intervenes and puts an end to it.

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Appalling activities will come to a halt but the consequences will be much worse, for people will experience dreadful adversity and be at a total loss in the face of the unleashed forces of nature. They can neither escape nor impede or lessen their raging, they are at their mercy and only have one Saviour to Whom they can entrust themselves in their urgent need, to Whom they can call for help and Who has the power to help them. Yet only a few acknowledge Him, only a few feel that they are guilty and humbly await His judgment in recognition of their sinfulness. And these few will also be taken care of by God in the hours of destruction, which are sent by divine will because there is no other way of removing the spiritual adversity and the earthly hardship is constantly increased by human will. And because people will not put an end to it God will determine the end of a battle which affects the whole world. And a cry of horror will resound across earth which will paralyse people, for the magnitude of the catastrophe will make everyone pay heed and tremble in fear of a repetition. It is God's intention that the whole of humanity shall take part in it, that it shall listen to His judgment, that it shall recognise those who are guilty and God's righteousness. For every fighting party still believes itself to be in the right, only power is being valued and not the law, and God's blessing cannot rest on actions which are detestable because they oppose the divine commandment of love.... And God will punish people in the same way as they act themselves.... except that His work of destruction will be far more powerful so that they will thereby recognise Him. For even the still constrained spirits express outrage at being torn out of divine order and experience this state as painful, for although they were released through human will they are unable to enjoy their freedom since it is not the freedom of perfection, instead the spiritual substances will be deprived of the opportunity to be active and are incensed about it.

And they will work wherever the opportunity presents itself. But above all they will join other still constrained spirits and try to persuade them to also burst their shell and will help them with it. Thereby they want to force people into becoming constructively active again and provide them with the opportunity to enter new creations in order to continue their process of development. And God will not stop the spirits which will be released through human will; He will also give His consent when matter moves within the earth's interior, when the spiritual substances strive towards the light and try to burst their forms. God will briefly withdraw His will and give the spirits' will free reign which, however, due to their complete immaturity will mean a work of destruction on an enormous scale. And thus human resolve will be confronted by another will which is stronger than the former, which seemingly lacks all divine love and wisdom and finds God's full approval.... Yet humanity will not bow down to God, it will not stop its battle of annihilation, it is possessed by demons and allows itself to be driven by them, it is more and more enslaved by the evil power and proves this by its works and actions. And in order to put a stop to this decline, God's will and omnipotence steps into obvious action. He will shake the earth and with it the human race so that it may come to its senses and change. For it is the last time which can still be used for the souls. And this is why God's voice will resound powerfully, and He calls to people: Stop your raging which drags your souls into ruin; change your ways before it is too late and remember the One Who rules over heaven and earth, Who is your Creator and Provider and Whose love you trample under your feet.... Consider your end, for it is soon about to happen....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

A forthcoming natural event....

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November 5th 1961

In the foreseeable future you will experience the truth of My Word, for I will express Myself through the forces of nature, as I have constantly forewarned.... And you will not be able to ignore My voice, for it will resound powerfully and throw the world into chaos.... Although the region of the event will indeed be limited it will still be of such enormous proportions that everyone will be alarmed once he is informed of it.... For, at first, all communications to the affected areas will be cut off.... An eerie silence will engulf the disaster zone because all contact is lost until the first horror has passed.

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And then the world will be informed of what has happened, before it receives the news of the disastrous details.

However, people have to be sharply spoken to by Me because they refuse to listen to My gentle voice, because they don't believe My Word which is sent from above and conveyed to them by My messengers. Hence, I have to express Myself such that My voice cannot be ignored.... And I have to send a judgment on humanity to which many people will fall victim but who may nevertheless receive My love and grace due to their untimely death. And thus you shall recognise the truth of My Word and activate your will, for even after the disaster you can still make a free decision since I force no one to turn to Me.... Yet the appalling natural event can contribute towards people finding their way to Me, because the adversity is extreme and there is no obvious rescue from any side. But what appears to be impossible is possible to Me.... And if a person remembers this and calls upon Me in spirit and in truth he may also experience miraculous help.... I will so manifestly reveal Myself to him, that he will recognise the might and also the love of his God and Creator and then turn to Me in profound faith and humble submission.

Anything that can still bring souls back to Me will be done by Me, but I also know how difficult it is to win them over and therefore extraordinary means of deliverance have to be used, which seem cruel to you humans and yet are only an activity of love on My part in order to save the very souls whose state is known to Me. I don't want to let them fall into My adversary's hands, who will provide them with a far worse fate than the greatest earthly suffering could ever manage.... Believe Me, no matter what happens, no matter what is permitted by Me, I Am only ever motivated by My love.... I watch over every person's fate, no one is too unimportant or too immature for Me, I care for all of you who are presently living on earth as human beings, because I want to help you reach final perfection on earth, because I want to protect you from the fate of a new banishment and only ever want you to turn your thoughts to Me, so that you will escape the final downfall.... to be placed once more into the creations of the new earth.

And irrespective of how disastrous My intervention is for the people of the affected regions.... it is justified by My love for you, for from a spiritual point of view it is just a rescue mission and not an act of condemnation.... Your earthly loss is irrelevant compared to the gain which your souls can achieve.... And if you have to lose your life then you may also depend on My mercy, which provides you with the opportunity in the kingdom of the beyond to become enlightened and to ascend.... For on earth you would, with certainty, have fallen prey to My adversary, and from this I want to protect those of you whom I recognise as still being capable of change. For there is only a short time left before the end, and this end will come soon afterwards. Yet, prior to this I still want to give you a sign, a final admonition and warning which, although it will painfully intervene in untold people's lives, shall strengthen the faith in My Word, so that they can prepare themselves for the end, which will not take long to follow....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

God permits the battle of faith....

B.D. No. **3184**July 9th 1944

People will experience serious psychological conflicts as a result of worldly laws, and this time is not far away. They will be required to openly declare their faith, and God allows this to happen because it is necessary that people should give serious thought to the question of their salvation which they had disregarded so far. He allows them to be put under pressure by the earthly power, to experience serious difficulties due to their faith, so that they have to make a clear decision regarding their belief. He allows every human being his freedom, that is, God will not force anyone to acknowledge Him if he is not warned by his inner voice to remain loyal to God and thus feels the inner urge to confess Him before the world. God will indeed allow this inner voice and observer to speak where there is still doubt and the human being is weak-willed. He will help all those who are

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hitherto undecided, He will send them devout people and through them touch their hearts, He will come close to everyone in His Word, in suffering and in need; He will reveal Himself to them, and with the good intention to recognise God and to fulfil His will a human being will also know how he should decide, because then the beings of light, who care for him, will also guide his thoughts right. But many people will discard what should be their most precious possession.... their faith in Jesus Christ as the divine Saviour....

They will choose the world without hesitation and cause serious distress to their souls. And God cautions them in advance by confronting them Himself through His servants.... by teaching them to know the strength of faith and thus giving them remarkable evidence which can result in faith if they are not entirely opposed to God. And for that reason He will allow the battle against the faith, He will allow it to assume shapes which indicate the depravity of people because He Himself wants to speak during this time in order to save those people who need a convincing reason to believe. Therefore He will not prevent the earthly power when it openly advances against people who confess God. And then people are forced to make a decision, and this decision is vitally important for the souls as it will determine the soul's fate in eternity, whether it will awaken to life or to death after it departs from this earth. To help people make the right decision God will try beforehand to make them understand, He will try to influence them through His earthly and spiritual servants who will help them if they are uncertain what they should do. But He will not force their will and therefore it is necessary that people are compelled by earthly means to make a decision in order that the freedom of their actions is guaranteed....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Destruction of earth is the result of experiments....

B.D. No. 8624

September 23rd 1963

he final work of the earth's destruction will be triggered by you humans yourselves. And I will **I** not stop you, because I also consider the spiritual substance which, as a result of this work of destruction, will be liberated from matter and able to continue its process of development in new forms on the new earth. You have been informed of this several times already and yet have little belief, for the whole event is simply unimaginable to you. Nevertheless, it is the conclusion of a period of development which will lead to a new period, so that the work of return can once again successfully proceed in lawful order, which was no longer evident before the destruction of the old earth. My adversary completes his last satanic work by influencing people to do something which he has no power to do himself: to destroy works of creation.... in the belief of thereby releasing the constrained spirits and taking control of them. He manipulates people and induces them to carry out all kinds of experiments which, however, will fail with devastating effect due to peoples' lack of knowledge. For people dare to experiment without having explored the outcome.... they will unleash forces they cannot control and consequently are doomed to die. And with them the creation work earth, too, will be subject to enormous destructions.... The entire earth's surface will totally change, all works of creation on earth will fall prey to destruction, the effects will penetrate to the core of the earth, and thus one can speak of a destruction of enormous proportions although people themselves will not be able to observe it, apart from the small flock which I will lead away from earth beforehand into a realm of peace.

I Myself would never allow such destruction if I would not thereby gain new opportunities of salvation for the still constrained spiritual substance, which has already languished for an infinitely long time in hardest matter.... Yet continued development would also be possible for this spiritual substance if people did not reverse the lawful order and always just lived up to their helpful task on earth.... But people no longer live within divine order, and therefore My adversary exerts great influence over them and impels them to start a process in the hope of gaining the return of the constrained spirits to him. And I will not stop him, since it still depends on every person's own free

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will to comply with My adversary's inducement.... Nevertheless, regardless of what people do, I will always know how to utilise the effects of their actions correctly. For even the world of darkness is subject to Me and My might, and it will have to serve Me while at the same time taking part in My work of return, if only unconsciously. But I have always known the direction of humanity's will and I was able to incorporate it in My plan of Salvation.... I know when the moment in time has come when spiritual progress can no longer be expected....

I also know when the time has come to liberate the constrained spiritual substances, and therefore will not prevent people's activity when they set an enormous work of destruction into motion due to their misguided will, which aims for My adversary, and thus people are his willing instruments. For he himself is unable to destroy any work of creation, he cannot dissolve any kind of matter and all power over the spirits has been taken away from him. This is why he tries to regain it, and people who belong to him contribute themselves towards the disintegration of matter.... at first through countless experiments which then take on proportions which matter can no longer withstand.... But I allow the spirits captivated therein to be set free, if only at the expense of humanity, which itself has reached a spiritual low that requires a new banishment into matter.... And irrespective of what My adversary and the people who belong to him will undertake.... in the final analysis it will nevertheless serve the progress of the spiritual substances again, which is meant to reach perfection one day. Therefore My plan of Salvation will surely be implemented, as it is proclaimed in Word and Scripture....

Amen

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The purpose of suffering: Bond with God

Life's misfortunes necessary....

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Tot the slightest event is without influence on a person's development. Just as you prove yourselves in the face of every event, success is also more or less beneficial. And so earthly life continues to be the touchstone on which you should test your resilience. Whatever fills you with indignation, annoyance or aversion you must try to change into gentleness and patience, you must always regard it as what it should be for you, as obstacles against which you are to mature.... Not that you can put these disagreements aside at will.... this would not be progress for your soul, only in overcoming all temptations, in perfecting yourselves, do you see the purpose of all adversities which make life difficult for you. You run the risk of taking a step backwards where you are not up to the trials. After all, every day is supposed to bring you advancement and so you must not oppose the trials imposed on you for this purpose but you must surrender to divine will, which allows such trials to come upon you to mature. For a life without struggle is also no possibility of progress for the soul. Only overcoming yourselves can bring you success, but a quiet, peaceful life only brings sluggishness of spirit and a weakened will. And this then harbours many dangers for the soul. The hard fate that is sometimes bestowed upon a person will only have a successful effect on the soul, for in struggling and overcoming the soul strengthens itself and is far more likely to release itself from its shackles; however, a being that is spared all difficulties is not equal to the battle against evil. Instead of being an overcomer itself, it is defeated by the opposing power and has to suffer unspeakably, and these sufferings are much more severe than the adversities of daily life. Only in constant struggle is the soul offered the opportunity to develop freely, and every struggle can be overcome if, when your strength fails, you confess your weakness to the divine lord and saviour and ask Him to take care of you.... He will not leave you without help, for His words are so sweet: "Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden.... I will give you rest." Why do you fear and hesitate, why do you feel weak, when the lord will always help you with His strength if you only ask Him. Leave all fear and anxiety behind and only look to the lord with trust.... He will never abandon those in need who trustingly turn to Him for help. And thus every oppressive or agonizing situation in life will resolve itself, just make sure that it does not have the opposite effect on you than its actual purpose should be.... that it does not make you act hardened and unloving.... make sure that you only ever let love speak within you, for only love alone will overcome and allow you to emerge successfully from such trials. Shape your heart in ever deeper love and thus also become a blessing to your environment, and through love you will become free from the pressure that weighs on you, and your soul will also become free if you overcome all difficulties in life by virtue of this love....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Everything serves to attain perfection....

B.D. No. **6015** August 4th 1954

Regardless of what confronts you in life it will serve you to attain spiritual perfection.... Yet it is up to you yourselves as to whether you also make use of all encounters. The correct attitude towards all happenings concerning yourselves and your surroundings will further your development.... whereas the wrong attitude will bring it to a halt.... The right attitude, however, consists of the fact that you look for the bond with your eternal Father, or strengthen it if you already have found it. Then

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everything will be a blessing for you, even the greatest sorrow.... Spiritual advancement can only ever

be possible through overcoming, fighting or humbly submitting to it if it is not possible to surmount it.... And My strength must always be requested for this because you are not strong enough on your own. The request for My strength requires your contact with Me and will also assure your spiritual progress. I always truly endeavour to draw you towards Me, to turn your thoughts to Me, and if you won't do so of your own accord when you are urged by your heart to seek Me then I will have to affect you such that adversity must encourage you to come to Me.... or.... if you are volitionally already My Own.... I want you to hold on to Me ever more sincerely, in that case your adversities will come upon you so that you will join Me ever more closely. The connection with Me guarantees your soul's ever-increasing spiritualisation, for wherever I Am present everything else is excluded.... where My presence is longed for there is no more room for earthly desire.

And this is all I want to achieve when I allow you to get into difficulties, to endure suffering and feel weak and without strength. The Giver of strength is always at your disposal, yet My strength can only flow into you if it finds a receptive vessel, which your will must thus open itself. This is why you need not fear earthly hardship, for you can resolve it yourselves with My strength, which is more than amply available to you.... Surrender to your destiny and know that I stand above it all, Who can change everything in an instant. What today still weighs you down can tomorrow bring you joy.... if you entrust yourselves to Me, if you unite yourselves in prayer with Me and thus the spiritual purpose of every adversity will have been achieved.... by having come one step closer to Me again, Who wants to be aspired to by all My children so that the strength of My love can permeate them and they can safely proceed to ascend....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Strokes of fate.... The Father's love....

B.D. No. **6277** June 6th 1955

I want your salvation from darkness and your admission into light. This is why I will not throw you into misery and hardship for any other motive than to aid your ascent, because you still languish in darkness and cannot muster the strength to ascend on your own. But My methods and their effectiveness are unknown to you, and you are easily inclined to believe that I Am cruel.... Yet believe in My love and believe that My action is only ever motivated by love, that with every event I only ever intend your beatitude.... Only I know the outcome of such events, only I know which path you would have followed without My strokes of fate.... and only I know when such a path will lead you astray. And what I then allow to happen to prevent it is only ever based on My love and will have beneficial results even if this seems incomprehensible to you humans.

Thus, the last days before the end urgently require painful interventions on My part, and they will repeat themselves many a time, My hand will increasingly have to solve problems and there will be much suffering and mourning, but souls will also be rescued, people will be evidently directed to the One Who holds everyone's fate in His hands.... even though they will then only fear Him since they will be unable to love Him.... but they will acknowledge Him, they will believe in a God and Controller of heaven and earth.... And this belief can show them the way forward if they are of good will.... My love belongs to the smallest creature and I alone safeguard all life so that one day it will enter the stage of free will and be able to fulfil its last task on earth.... But how much more will I look after those who have already reached this stage so that they do not regress and will not have walked their earthly path in vain....

But I also recognise the obstacles on every person's earthly path. And I know whether a human being will rise above this hurdle or whether he is in danger of failing.... And therefore I pursue him with My care and pull him back or continue to guide him onto another path.... But I will never want his downfall.... Besides, you should know that I Am always a considerate Father.... and that My Fatherly

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care is truly more valuable for the earthly human being than any person's care for his fellow human being....

You should always hold on to this when you doubtfully question yourselves as to how I can allow children to become orphans, families to be deprived of their provider, the most precious possession to be taken away from people.... I can give comfort to everyone, I can take all worries from them, and I Am a Father to all who are lonely and abandoned.... yet they have to find their way to Me.... And this is what I intend, that they establish a relationship with Me in utmost adversity.... For of what use are words which confess faith in Me if they are not turned into action, if people don't come to Me when earthly suffering threatens to depress them.... The living faith will be a true support for people.... but a dead faith will awaken one doubt after another about God's love and omnipotence.... And every human being is confronted by hours of intense hardship.... Then they shall take their path to Me and I will truly help them in their distress....

I Am the only One who can take but also give. And if you humans know this then you should also believe that I can **heal** the wounds I have inflicted on you for the sake of your beatitude.... believe firmly and without doubt that not everything you regard as good and useful will always lead to beatitude.... My ways are often different but they will certainly lead to the goal. Always come to Me in this belief, and you may then experience My love because you believe in Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Strokes of fate.... Remedies....

B.D. No. **6290** June 21st 1955

he wounds I have to inflict on you if I don't want you to fall into everlasting death are truly not an **L** expression of wrath, of lack of love, nor are they indications of just punishments for your transgressions.... They are merely remedies to remove ailments which you have caused yourselves and which are needed in order to restore the health of your soul.... It was your own fault that you left the eternal order or your fate would be one of pure happiness and beatitude. Believe Me, I would much rather grant you blissful happiness but you yourselves make it impossible for Me as soon as you leave My order.... however, I will use everything to lead you back into divine order again so that I can make you abundantly happy once more. The more hardship and sorrow, misery and illness are evident on earth the greater are the offences against My order, and by looking at this adversity you humans can see how low you have fallen, for I would truly rather make humanity happy than let unfounded tribulations befall them in order to restore My eternal order again.... And although the individual person believes himself to be a lesser sinner than the misfortune he has encountered.... you humans don't know the correlations or the extent of a misfortune's effect.... nor do you know who will be helped to mature in turn as a result of the individual person's fate.... You also don't know what you have voluntarily offered to endure **before** your incarnation as a human being.... I, however, know everything, and I truly will not impose upon you a greater burden than you are able to bear....

Furthermore, I offer Myself as a cross bearer if your cross seems too heavy for you.... Unfortunately you don't very often take advantage of My help, and thus you complain about your burden and frequently protest its weight.... You were motivated by **love** to offer yourselves to bear a burden of the cross.... But in earthly life you don't know **why** you, who believe to belong to Me due to your will, have to suffer.... Yet I want you to travel your path silently and without complaining even without knowing the cause, I want you to humbly accept your cross, I want that you always submit to My will in the recognition that the One to Whom you submit yourselves is a God of love and that **everything** you receive from Him will be a blessing for you....

Therefore, don't object to your destiny whatever comes your way.... don't complain and grumble if you want to belong to Me but always rest assured that it is only for your benefit.... that it always signifies help and a restoration of My eternal order.... rest assured that one day you will realise it and be grateful to Me that I allowed you to take this arduous earthly path with its misfortunes but also with

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My love, which is the reason for everything that affects you, because it only ever wants you to become blessed....

Amen

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Even the smallest event is grounded in the love and wisdom of God....

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othing shall give you cause to doubt My love, wisdom and might.... You should only ever think of a God Who, in His wisdom, has foreseen every event, even the smallest, and Whose love always seeks to achieve a purpose with it. Admittedly, you humans can neither overlook nor correctly understand My plan of salvation because your thinking is still limited. But I foresee eternities, I know the effects of every smallest event and that souls can always come to maturity as a result. And therefore you should leave everything to Me and also seek understanding for everything.... you should know that My love, wisdom and might are always behind it.... and no matter how doubtful it may seem to you. For even the dark world is subject to My will, and even if its forces pursue the worst intentions My permission must first enable them to carry them out, and I also occasionally recognize such permissions as beneficial for you, which is why I therefore do not completely prevent those forces from working. You should only believe in My love, wisdom and power.... There is much you do not understand and cannot understand as long as you are not yet in the light of realization. But you should believe that you once emerged from My love and also that this love of Mine cannot ever disappear again. And if you are able to believe in My love firmly and with conviction then it will also be easy for you to look at everything from this point of view. And the secure feeling of knowing that you are safe in My love will make you happy and also give you inner peace. You will devote yourselves to Me with complete faith, always in the certainty that only that can come upon you which will result in your salvation, for you will not doubt that all power is at My disposal; and you will not deny Me unlimited wisdom either, because all living creations around you prove this. And now you will also know what I want to be understood by 'acknowledgement of God', by 'faith in God'.... Only very few people will deny that there is a supreme being above you humans, but only the conviction that this being is love, wisdom and power in Itself can I rate as 'recognition of Myself'.... And you should all try to gain this conviction, and it is also part of it that you do not doubt My perfection when events or experiences seem incomprehensible to you, when you are unable to harmonize them with My love, wisdom or might. I stand above everything, I know about everything, I rule heaven and earth, the luminous world and also the dark world.... And the fact that I also allow the various forces a certain amount of freedom is also only based on My love, wisdom and might, for in the end everything serves perfection if it is only evaluated correctly. But if this profound faith has grown up in you humans then you will be carried over the most severe strokes of fate, for they will not particularly affect you because you always know yourselves to be safe in My love, which truly cannot act in any other way than to bless you.... which will one day also be visible to your spiritual eye and then you will also see the many unnecessary worries and thoughts which have burdened you in earthly life. My love, wisdom and might truly embrace every single one of you humans, no-one needs to feel neglected, everyone has the same concern for their soul's salvation, I want to help everyone, I want to win everyone back for Myself, I want to show everyone the path into the father's house.... But the means are different for everyone, the application of which promises success. Yet the same love, wisdom and power is always behind it, whatever happens to or around you. And if you entrust yourselves to Me without hesitation then you have actually done everything you should do on earth, for your complete devotion to Me now makes it possible for Me to let My will flow into you, and then you will also live according to My will.... Then you will have returned to Me and your earthly change will now also come to a successful end, you will soon be able to exchange earthly life with life in the spiritual kingdom, just as you will also recognize all correlations in a flash and only sing praise and thanks to Me that I let you cover this earthly path.... Never doubt My love, wisdom and power.... Then you will recognize Me alive, and then only one small step is necessary towards your perfection....

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Jesus Christ as cross-bearer.... purification....

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ou have to go through suffering and adversity, but it will only be a blessing for you. But One will I help you carry the cross if it seems too heavy, and you should entrust yourselves to this One in every adversity. Jesus Christ is and remains the bearer of the cross.... He, Who has gone the way to the cross.... He, Who Himself loaded the cross on His shoulders, He carried it for you, for your sins, which burdened Him so heavily that He broke down.... For with the cross He bore on His shoulders the burden of sin of all mankind. It was His immeasurable love that had mercy on people, so that He suffered and died for them on the cross.... And this love is always and forever valid for you, and therefore it will also help you carry your cross if you approach Him with faithful trust that He will help you in every adversity of body and soul. And therefore you need not fear any adversity or suffering.... You should certainly take up your cross and bear it patiently, but Jesus, the bearer of the cross, will always walk beside you if only you think of Him.... And He will help you carry the burden so that it will always be bearable for you. But don't forget that it is for your salvation if you go through hardship and suffering.... don't forget that you repel many drosses which still prevent your soul from being permeated by light, and that one day you will also be grateful for the suffering if it has contributed to the purification of the soul and you can be permeated by the divine light of love. And therefore only ask for strength to bear your cross and remember Him Who preceded you on the path of the cross, Who called upon you to follow Him. His words were: "Take up your cross and follow Me...." He knew that it would only bring salvation to your soul if you heeded His words and followed the divine bearer of the cross.... But He also knew that you are often weak and despondent. And therefore He will always walk beside you and take your cross from you when it is necessary.... And this certainty shall strengthen you when you have to go through hardship and suffering, for they are only a means to help you attain maturity of soul while still on earth, for which you will one day be grateful when you discard the earthly body and can enter the kingdom of the beyond. The father's love applies to His children at all times, and the father's love has also determined every person's fate such that it serves his soul for the best. Therefore surrender to this fate, surrender to the father's will and carry your small cross, but always remember Him Who walked the path to the cross for you because He wanted to redeem you from all guilt....

Amen

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Destiny conducive to reach full maturity....

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On My part you are offered every possibility for development, for your whole course of life is determined by Me such that it will provide you with constantly new opportunities to work at improving your soul. Time and again you are faced with opportunities where you must prove yourselves, where you must activate your will, where you thus have to form your own point of view and where it will then matter as to how you reconcile your actions and intentions with My commandments of love for God and your neighbour, which should be at the root of everything you do or don't do. And your destiny is purely arranged such that you will be motivated to become lovingly active.... Time and again opportunities are created for you to consider your neighbour and thereby also prove your love for Me. My sole concern is to help you transform your nature, and therefore I will also always express Myself in a way which offers you possibilities to achieve this transformation. Your destiny is determined by Me, yet only ever in such a way that it will serve you for the best, that your soul can thereby mature fully if you are of good will, that is, if you intend to achieve perfection on earth. In that case you can only ever recognise My hand in everything you encounter, which guides

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you such that it will benefit your soul. And this is why you should also humbly accept what providentially approaches you.... This is intended in My plan of eternity, and this plan is truly designed in love and wisdom and will be implemented in love and wisdom, always for the sake of your salvation.

Hence, disaster doesn't actually exist for you, for although on earth it seems that way, spiritually it is nevertheless only an opportunity to achieve maturity for your souls, and it is only up to you as to whether such a disaster will benefit you, whether it will be a blessing for your soul. It all depends on the attitude of your will, whether it seeks contact with Me and holds on, in that case everything he does and thinks from then on will be a blessing for him. Everything that happens to a person according to destiny must have a good effect for someone who closely unites with Me, for he will not let go of Me and will also overcome every seemingly difficult experience, because I Myself will stand by his side through his heartfelt bond with Me. And thus his destiny will actually resolve itself and take a positive course as soon as the person merely is and remains in contact with Me. And the bond with Me is the purpose and goal of every event, but not everyone will establish it and therefore must often suffer for a long time before he takes the path to Me, Who can then relieve him from every burden when he entrusts himself to Me and appeals for My help. But he should always bear in mind that only his maturing on earth will be blessed on My part and that everything which comes upon a person is conducive to this maturing.... he should always consider that it is up to him as to how long such strokes of fate will burden him, and that he will release himself from them as soon as he enters into heartfelt unity with Me.... he should always remember that it only concerns this heartfelt unity, that he should return to Me, from Whom he had once voluntarily distanced himself....

Amen

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