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Introduction to spiritual knowledge....

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I want to give people an easily comprehensible instruction; I want to enlighten them in the simplest possible way if they are still entirely without knowledge but willing to accept a correct explanation: You humans can imagine that I did not **create** you as you are, for you can detect many shortcomings in people, and if you spend some thought on it, it will seem doubtful to you that the most perfect Being, Which you call 'God', should have created such an imperfect human race.... But since you, as well as all visible works of creation surrounding you, could not have been able to create yourselves there must have been a Power at work, in Which you are expected to believe.... A God has to exist, a Creator of everything you can perceive, including yourselves.... Thus this Creator is supremely perfect, and you can procure numerous evidence of this in earthly life.... He created you humans too, but not in the state you find yourselves in at present, rather, you emerged from Him in a supremely perfect state, you are products of the absolutely perfect Creative Power, Which is an intelligent Entity.... just like you but of highest perfection.... therefore you were perfectly created but did not remain perfect because you possessed free will which was able to evolve in any direction and therefore was also able to relinquish all perfection and change into the opposite.... And this is what you have done....

You left the Father's house, you distanced yourselves from your God and Creator, you rejected His Fatherly love and became unhappy creatures, because it requires God's unlimited love in order to be happy. My love, however, is infinite and also follows you into the abyss, to which you aspired of your own free will.... My love wants to achieve your return to Me one day and therefore won't leave you in your wretched state but will help you to ascend from the abyss again, it will help you to return from the realm of darkness into the kingdom of light again and regain your former state of bliss, because love always wants to please, and so My love will not lessen until you have completed the path of return to Me. And your existence as human beings on this earth is a very short stage on the path of return to Me.... You have the gift of reason, you possess free will and intellect, you are able to think, feel and want and therefore can also conduct yourselves accordingly.... And if you think and want correctly then your thoughts and intentions will always be based on love, love will determine your thinking and wanting because a correctly directed will allows itself to be determined by Me Myself into activities of love and because the activity of love is the same as approaching Me, Who is Eternal Love Itself.... because it is the same as transforming your imperfect nature into the original being which had once came forth from Me in utter perfection.... Thus you humans on earth only have the one task of living a life of love.... In doing so you fulfil the purpose of your earthly life which connects you with the Eternal Love again and thereby enables the Eternal Love to make you abundantly happy and you will become blissful again as you were in the beginning....

This is the only goal you should endeavour towards reaching on earth, and in order for you to do so you will be taught by Me Myself through the voice of conscience, through the voice of the spirit, the

spark which glows within every human heart and only needs to be kindled through kind-hearted activity in order to tell you humans what you should or should not do.... and which will stimulate you into more and more loving actions.... Love is the fundamental substance of your nature, and if you want to be and remain perfect you also have to be completely permeated by love.... If, however, you neglect love you will remain imperfect beings, and then you will belong to the generation which you can presently recognise all over the world: heartless, selfish people who only ever think of themselves and never take care of their neighbour who is suffering in adversity next to them.... But a lack of love also means a lack of happiness, it means spiritual darkness, ignorance, weaknesses and a lack of freedom, for then the human being will not recognise his God and Creator either, and he will not take the path to Him.... Yet only through a union with Me can the being regain beatitude.... And for the sake of this union with Me you are living on earth. You ought to achieve your perfection again which you once renounced of your own free will, you ought to change yourselves into love again which had been your fundamental substance, and with this change you will also establish unification with Me.... You will be allowed to give love and receive unlimited love yourselves, you will be able to enter into a true life which lasts forever, and you will be perfect and therefore also infinitely happy....

Amen

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God's spark of love in humans

Divine spark.... Correct relationship with God....

B.D. No. 6090

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You all carry the divine spark within you which wants to guide you on your earthly path of life providing you allow it to do so and enable it to express itself and instruct you. No human being has to rely on himself; everyone may expect My support; everyone only needs to make contact with Me and I will influence the person through My spirit.... Although you are inseparably connected to Me from the start precisely because of this very spiritual spark you shelter within and which is part of the Father-Spirit.... thus it always stays connected with Me.... it nevertheless remains silent in you as long as you don't consciously hand yourselves over to its guidance.... as long as you still keep yourselves isolated from Me in thoughts as well as in your nature. And thus it is up to you as to whether you **feel** that you are part of Me, whether you let yourselves be guided and advised.... It is up to you as to whether you establish the **right** relationship with Me.... the relationship of a child to its Father.... or of the living creation to its God and Creator. The acknowledgement alone that you are subject to Me as your Creator of eternity is already a step of coming closer to Me.... which will also surely lead you to the point that you will recognise and strive towards Me as your Father one day. Then you will allow My spiritual spark in you to influence you, to warn and admonish you to refrain from evil and to do what is good. Once you acknowledge Me I will be able to speak to you through the spirit. My Words will become ever more loving, the influence of God's spirit will generate ever more love the more you recognise your Father in Me and then, as My children, also obediently abide by the inner voice, which will truly only ever instruct you to your benefit. The connection with Me will remain always and forever, but it will depend on you as to whether you become conscious of it. As soon as your thoughts rise up to Me in prayer you will consciously establish the connection with Me, enabling Me to influence you through My spirit. And so, no human being is isolated from Me in Creation unless he prefers this isolation; if he turns away from Me by himself, if he believes himself to have no connection with the Power Which created him, then he **is** indeed isolated and will not be influenced by Me either.... Then the indwelling divine spark will rest dormant in him, it will not express itself in any way, neither will the human being's free will be infringed upon, the person's attitude towards Me will not be imposed on him.... he must establish the bond with Me of his **own accord** if he wants to experience the blessing of such a bond which, however, will irrevocably lead to perfection....

Amen

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Spark of life.... love.... gift of grace....

B.D. No. 6498

March 11th 1956

You all carry the germ of life within you and therefore need not succumb to death if only you nourish this germ of life, if you supply it with light and warmth so that it can develop.... if you enable the divine spark within you to develop into a bright flame.... if you kindle love within yourselves. Then you will awaken from a dead state to life, and then you need never fear death again. You were embodied on earth as a human being for this purpose in order to gain the 'life' which lasts forever. And in order for this to be possible, God placed a spark of original vitality in you, which you should now increase yourselves.... Every effort on your part will be supported, thus you need only **want to** attain life.... For to kindle the original spark of life in you means as much as to **practice love**, which you are certainly capable of but always have to muster the will first.... Thus love will always be the prerequisite for you to acquire eternal life. **Without** love you will be doomed to death. If you were

to enter this earthly life without this life germ, the divine spark of love, it would be impossible for you to work with love, because then God's adversary would have you completely in his possession.... But since you have already reached a certain degree of maturity through the path of development and this degree of maturity should not be endangered in the stage as a human being, God placed a tiny spark of His spirit in every human being's soul which, however, is sufficient to let a fire of love arise in you if only the necessary nourishment is given to it, if the human being complies with every inner impulse and practices love.... for this divine spark impels the human being from within, yet initially only so quietly that it is hardly felt but nevertheless induces the willing person to comply with the urging.... And now the soul awakens to life.... because love is a strength which tolerates nothing dead around it, which gives life to everything and which will also defeat everything that opposes it. A person who always cultivates love will also feel all inner weakness disappear because the strength of love now flows through him.... because there is nothing divine which is powerless or could leave a weakness behind, and because love is **divine**, because it is the emanation of God.... because it is God's fundamental substance, Who is also strength in Himself in the original form. This is how you attain life, because you draw strength 'directly from God' as soon as you live a life of love.... And this is your task on earth and also your final aim, to enter into union with God through a life of love, thus to return of your own free will to where you started from. The fact that you are able to do so is an unusual gift of grace, because despite your former resistance to His strength of love God nevertheless gives you a spark of this strength as soon as you enter earthly existence as a human being.... But you yourselves must let the fire flare up within you, you must not let this spark of love fade away, you must not spill it, for that would be your death, for then you would deprive yourselves of all life and you cannot be prevented from doing so because you have free will. Every possibility will be opened up for you to regain the life you once lost; yet free will will not be taken away from you and this alone determines what you do with the divine spark of love.... Every person is urged from within to work with love, but if he does not comply with this urge then the voice will become ever softer and finally fade away completely unheard.... And then there is a danger that the human being will completely lose himself, that he will completely fall prey to death again, even though God will touch him again and again and again creates opportunities from outside which could stimulate his will to love in him.... For God courts every person's soul until death, for He does not want it to fall prey to death, He wants it to live.... But He leaves free will to the human being....

Amen

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Urging the spirit spark to the father-spirit....

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The spirit within you constantly urges you to connect with the eternal father-spirit, yet you do not always feel His urging, you do not always pay attention to the expressions He sends to you, you do not always pay attention to what He wants to convey to you. But he **is in you**, everyone carries the spiritual spark within himself as a part of the father-spirit and is therefore also inseparably connected with the father-spirit. And because this small spiritual spark rests within you, every person can also take the path to Me, Whose share you are, because you are urged from within to seek the bond with Me. But you can also resist this inner urge and remain turned towards My adversary, because then the spirit within you will withdraw, thus it will by no means have a compelling effect on your will. And thus your will alone determines the success or failure of your earthly life. But free will is the sign of divine belonging.... Therefore it must remain with the creature or it would remain eternally imperfect. However, it must be possible for the human being to think and want right and wrong because he is to make a decision in earthly life. And two forces will have an effect on him which therefore try to influence his thinking and wanting. But these two forces are different, they oppose each other.... I and My adversary seek to win the human being's soul, and each power affects the human being differently. My adversary seeks to win the body for himself, thus to determine the soul through the **body** to its thinking and wanting, whereas I seek to influence the soul through the **spirit**. And the desires of spirit

and body are of a completely different nature. But if the soul allows itself to be determined by the spirit within to want and think, then it will soon belong to Me, for then the thinking and wanting will be right, i.e. in accordance with My will and lead the soul to the light again, to its former perfection.... If, however, the soul gives in to the body's desire My adversary will have won it, for then the will and thoughts will remain turned away from Me, they will completely enter into My adversary's will, and the soul will still remain at a great distance from Me for an infinitely long time. And yet, it also carries the spiritual spark from Me within itself but it denies it every expression, it cannot assert itself, it does not listen to its urging and desire but fulfils the body's every desire. Although this soul is also connected to Me because there is eternally no detachment from Me as the creating power, it feels nothing of it and is therefore in a state of isolation, which is always a state of unhappiness. It then offers Me a resistance which I do not forcibly break and prolongs the state of distance from Me again for an endlessly long time.... Whereas the soul which pays attention to the expression of its spirit always comes closer to Me and its separation from Me is very soon already lifted, because the spiritual spark does not rest until the union with Me is accomplished.... because the spirit in the human being now solely determines the thinking and wanting of the latter and this cannot be other than good and right, for it is **I Myself** Who now works in you and can also work, because you have given up your former resistance yourselves and I can now let My strength of love radiate into you again unhindered. Thus every person can find Me because he has a guide within himself who takes no other path than the one to Me.... And if he now joins this guide he is also guaranteed to reach Me Myself, he will unite with Me ever more intimately, for I Myself draw him through the spirit which is in you because you are My share....

Amen

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Creating the spark of love

Awakening the spark of God in man....

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My spirit shall become effective in you.... A spark of My spirit is within you, thus something divine slumbers within you which can have an effect on your thinking, wanting and acting if you allow it yourselves. You yourselves decide whether this spiritual spark can become active in you; it is entirely up to your will to awaken the spirit in you to life, for it is indeed within you but it awaits the fulfilment of the conditions under which its activity is permitted. Neither My omnipotence can determine My share in you to be active nor My greater than great love, for the law of eternal order underlies everything, also the human being's shaping with all his abilities and not least the human being's free will, without which a perfect creature is unthinkable and which therefore should also strive to enter the state of perfection again. But it is also not possible for the opposite pole to prevent the divine spiritual spark in you from working if you **want** it to do so yourselves. You alone determine your attitude towards Me and also towards My adversary; thus you also have free will which can just as well act badly as well. I now know every individual human heart and follow its spiritual development; but I also recognize My adversary's attempts to bring the human being under his influence, and his influence is often so strong that it does not remain without effect, that the human being becomes weak to want what is right and is inclined to give in to the one who wants to steer his will in the wrong direction. The human being **is** weak without My support.... for this weakness of will is the natural consequence of his distance from Me due to his past sin against Me.... He **can** want to be right but needs a grant of grace from Me to do so, which is fully at his disposal in his acknowledgement of Christ. Therefore he **must** acknowledge Christ, Who made the most difficult sacrifice for humanity's strengthened will. For I demand a free decision of will from the human being during his earthly existence, thus I also have to offer him the guarantee to be able to relinquish this free decision of will if I want him to reach perfection. He must be able to use his will in every direction, otherwise I could not make such a demand of him. And your spirit from Me will provide you with the necessary help for this if you grant it the right to do so. The spiritual spark, which is part of Me Myself, always affects you in My will, so that **such** human being can certainly rightly say that he is guided by divine will, which has given the spirit within itself the right to express itself.

Therefore it is always My concern that you place yourselves in a state where the spirit can work in you, because then you will already be relieved of all responsibility, for as soon as My spirit works in you, you also already submit yourselves to My will, thus My will can be active in you, yet you have voluntarily inserted your will into Mine, not forced by My will....

My spirit, however, can only work in a person who consciously places himself under Christ's cross.... i.e. the once weakened will could now also receive the strengthening from the divine redeemer through the acknowledgement of Christ and His act of salvation to think and act in such a way that the precondition for My working of the spirit was fulfilled.... The human being who awakened the spiritual spark within himself belongs to the earthly children redeemed by His blood, he already made use of the graces acquired through the death on the cross to shape himself into love; his will was turned towards the divine redeemer and thus towards Me as the creator and father of eternity, because the strength for this flowed towards him, because he opened himself for the reception of grace....

Turning to Jesus Christ and acknowledging the act of salvation inevitably also entails the rightly directed will.... for people's weakness of will was the reason for Jesus' great mercy to come to their aid; the will has to be strengthened without, however, being made unfree, now the human being can

accomplish something he was previously incapable of doing.... For satan had bound free will to the extent that his influence on people was so strong that they succumbed, which, however, they would not have needed if they had made use of the strength of love.... Thus the will was also free before the act of salvation, only completely weakened by satan's influence. And thus the will of a person who does not believe in Jesus Christ and His act of salvation will show the same weakness; he will need a great inner struggle to direct his will correctly and often will not be able to do so, yet he will neither be able to be forced from above nor from below in a certain direction of will.

But what he cannot do by his own strength will be easy for him with Jesus Christ.... he is, as it were, released from his weakness of will, he noticeably feels the influx of strength, his will now moves in the right direction, the divine principle in him gains the upper hand.... the spiritual spark flares up and My will has now entered him, because his spirit is My share and cannot think and want otherwise and now transfers his thinking and wanting to the human being, who now lets himself be guided and freely strives out of himself towards Me.... who is now in truth redeemed from My adversary's bonds because he has recognized Me as God and father of eternity, Who came into the world in Jesus Christ in order to redeem people....

Amen

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Igniting the spark of love.... instruction for this....

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Do not stifle the spark of love within you if it wants to break through, give in to every inner emotional stirring if it is good, and repel every opposing thought which would like to hold you back from loving activity.... For the latter is My adversary's influence, who.... because even without love.... would also like to keep you humans unkind so as not to lose you to Me. Consider that I Myself take care of you as soon as you enter the earth as a human being.... that I place a spark of love in you which enables you to return to Me again after an infinitely long time of separation. And you should guard this spark of love like the most precious possession, for it is a tiny spark of Myself, it is My share, it is what you have been depriving yourselves of for eternities but which is absolutely necessary if you want to become blissfully happy. I gave you this spark of love at the beginning of your earthly life, but now you yourselves must also kindle it in you and let it flare up in order to unite with Me again.... And this is what My adversary wants to prevent, he wants to stop every act of love, he wants you to remain as he is, that your hearts harden ever more and that you thus remain under his control.... He does not want to lose you to Me, but I Myself want to win you.... But it is up to you alone which lord will come into his own. For if you practice love then you strive towards Me of your own free will and he cannot hinder you.... But he can influence you to refrain from loving activity, he can incite you into unkind actions, he can awaken unkind thoughts in you, and then you should always know that it is him, your greatest enemy, who only wants to keep you in unhappiness or plunge you again, because he himself is incapable of loving thoughts, because his nature is only hatred and he tries to transfer all his bad thoughts onto you. Don't let yourselves be captivated by him again, resist him, free yourselves from him and only ever hold on to Me, Who wants to help you with all My love so that you will become free from him.... And you can only achieve this if you ignite the spark of love within you, if you nourish it so that it spreads as a bright fire which now fills your heart and brings you ever closer to Me. You now ask what you should do to let this spark of love in you become a bright ray of fire? Above all you must repress self-love, you must think less of yourselves and **your** well-being than of your neighbour's, and you must be devoted to all people who surround you and want to make them happy, help them and stand by their side with advice and action, you must sacrifice in order to be able to give your neighbour what he lacks. You must carry out your daily work in all selflessness, always only concerned about being active for the benefit of your fellow human beings, not striving for your own advantages at the expense of your fellow human being.... Then the desire to give love will become ever stronger, because then I Myself will urge you from within and because you will feel My urging as happiness.... because you will now also be illuminated by My love and open yourselves and

you will now have started the return path to Me which will certainly also lead to the aim.... If only you don't stifle the spark of love within you but let it flare up, then you need never fear falling into the hands of the enemy of your souls. For since love is My share this share will also always push towards Me, and I Myself will be able to take possession of you, I Myself will be able to assist you with My strength of love, and the flame within you will always increase. And all of you can achieve this because you all carry this divine spark of love within yourselves, because you all receive this gift of grace as soon as you enter this earth as a human being. Yet it is up to each individual whether and how he makes use of this gift of grace, and likewise, each one of you will also have to answer for it one day when the hour of his departure from this earth has come....

Amen

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The sense for good and evil

Sense of good and evil....

B.D. No. 7432

October 19th 1959

Everyone is able to distinguish right from wrong if he only considers the effect on himself, if he considers what serves his own well-being or creates open discomfort for him.... quite apart from those procedures which obviously cause damage or great suffering. The human being will always know what serves him for the best, what he wishes for **himself** or what he would ward off if he were the target of attacks or also of good actions by a fellow human being. The human being knows quite well what is right or wrong, which is why he was also given the commandments of love which once again **require** him to do what is quietly hidden in the human being as a feeling but which he does not always pay attention to. Therefore, the divine commandments of love should make him aware of his duties towards God and his neighbour.... He should learn to live consciously, always with the measure of the divine commandments in his conduct of life. Emotionally he knows that his neighbour demands the same from him as he demands from himself: loving accommodation and respect for what belongs to him.... as well as help when his neighbour needs it, because in the same situation he would also be grateful for the same, for the same consideration he finds in him as well as for the understanding for his own needs. Man need only ever put himself in his neighbour's place, and then he will know what is right in every case. But now the degree of self-love which still controls the human being is decisive, for although he **knows** what he should do and what is good in God's eyes, his self-love can nevertheless be so strong that he is incapable of making a sacrifice for the benefit of his neighbour.... Then he must use great force to overcome his self-love in favour of the neighbour, but it cannot be said that he is incapable of distinguishing good from evil, that he does not know that he is obliged towards the neighbour.... but precisely his knowledge increases the sin of omission he commits when he does not relieve his neighbour's distress, although he is capable of doing so.... For only his excessive self-love prevents him from carrying out a work of help, but he knows that he should do it according to God's will and His commandments of love. He knows what it is like to be in need himself and is then grateful for every help. And so he should also think of his neighbour in his adversity and not deny him help, even if it costs him a sacrifice of overcoming.... But the more his work of love will be valued and he will be rewarded for what he has done out of love for his neighbour. Every person will therefore be able to understand the divine commandments of love, for the feeling for right and wrong, for good and evil, is present in every human being, just as he will therefore not be able to 'sin with impunity' because he will always recognize his wrongdoing towards his neighbour.... Therefore, love for his neighbour should first prevent him from sinful actions against him, he should fight unkindness.... then the path to practicing love for his neighbour will not be far away. For the spark of love is within him and will also easily ignite if the person is of good will.... which he proves when he refrains from all sinful actions against his neighbour and thus wants to protect him from all kinds of harm. Then it is no longer far to render him services of love, because he puts himself in the place of the neighbour who is in need and now also wants to help him.... Good and evil, right and wrong, must be consciously separated.... fight the one, strive for the other.... Then the path is no longer far to unselfish activity of love, for then the human being is of good will and will act according to God's will.... he will act, think and speak according to the commandments of love for God and neighbour....

Amen

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The whole earth existence as man has only one purpose, to bring the still imperfect spiritual, which is in a bodily cover as soul, to the last perfection. And that is why the whole walk of life is to be so directed that it corresponds to the principle of divine order: Man is to always only think and want well; he is to always only carry out good actions, i.e., all thinking, wanting and acting is to be carried by love. For man, since he has free will, can use it in any direction. He can lead a good as well as a bad way of life, and he will not be able to be forced in any way. Every man also has within himself the sense of good and evil, because he has a silent admonisher within him.... the voice of conscience.... and because he feels the effect of good and evil actions on himself, beneficent or sorrowful.... And therefore it is also said: Love you neighbour as yourselves, do to him the same thing that makes you happy, and do him no harm, because you also will not be harmed yourselves. Every man knows how to distinguish between good and evil, if only he is honest with himself. But if he has an evil will, then he also seeks to pervert the law of order, then he denies even the sense of good and evil. But then he only lies to himself, and he will never be able to maintain this assertion before himself. As soon as man lacks all sense of responsibility, his whole way of life is only a lie against himself.... he does not **want** to be good because he is still firmly chained to God's adversary, but he also knows himself that he is bad, even if he does not want to admit this to his fellow human beings and falls into ever deeper sins.... A person who lacks the conscious feeling for good and evil could not one day be called to account for his conduct on earth.... But it is always only his free will how he leads his way of life, and for this he has to answer. If he himself is wronged, then he will also rebel against it. So he knows about right and wrong.... But the adversary is able to dull his feeling so that he is finally only a blind tool for him, that he lets himself be used completely without will for all bad actions and then he already becomes a devil, although he still walks the earth as man.... But his soul is completely dominated by the enemy, by him who seeks to snatch all souls into ruin. That no other fate can be granted to such souls than renewed banishment in solid matter will then also be understandable to you men who make an effort to live in divine order. **Every** man can reach perfection on earth, but his will alone is decisive, whether he seeks support in weakness of will and asks for strengthening, whether he has the desire in him to live right and justly.... Then every possible help will be given to him. And this desire could be in every man, because God leaves out no-one, to whom He {not} offers His favours, which however must also be voluntarily accepted and evaluated.... And man himself determines this. But it is wrong to think that a man would be completely incapable of reaching his aim on earth because he is "unusually" burdened with weaknesses and dispositions.... According to these is also the supply of grace, and also particularly burdened men will come into situations in life where they can think and devote themselves to their God and creator.... That they do not do it is again due to free will, but that they can do it cannot be denied, otherwise God would have to be denied justice, wisdom and love, but He wrestles for every soul to win it for Himself, and therefore truly leaves no means untried to help it. But when the soul of a man gives ear to the opponent and closes its ears to Him Who truly loves it, then it is also pulled down by the opponent, and it does not resist, but is in bondage to him in everything, and that also means that it again completely falls prey to him and again remains his belonging for endless long time. Because you men must not forget one thing that the divine love spark is associated with **every** man at the beginning of the embodiment on earth, that this therefore only needs to be ignited and the danger of a fall into the deep is thereby eliminated. Every man **can** be **active** in love, but whether he is **willing** to love, that is up to him, however decides the success of earth life and his further fate, which can be happiness and bliss in the kingdom of light or also again banishment in hard matter, because otherwise the final aim cannot be reached, which God has set for Himself at the beginning....

Amen

The voice of conscience

The conscience....

B.D. No. 0388

April 25th 1938

Conscience is the true guide to eternal life.... And the one who listens to it, as his inner voice admonishes and teaches him, will not need to fear going astray. And if one of the children goes astray, then it truly did not pay attention to what the Father demanded through the voice of the heart, and so it can only be explained when the call of conscience becomes weaker and weaker.... and finally every warning is stifled in man. Then man has to blame himself if it becomes so difficult for him to obey the commandments of God.... For his indifference to the inner voice threw him from the right path....

The bodily ear of humans would rather receive everything else.... It does not want to hear any admonitions or warnings that came to it from within, from the heart. And so slowly this voice became quieter, to finally say nothing at all, because the call of the world was much rather obeyed and drowned out this inner voice. If a warning passes the heart and ear of man unheard, then also no excuse will be found, and likewise **such a man** who does not fulfill what the inner voice prescribes to him, will have to walk in darkness, .

God the Lord created man so that he can recognize when he wants to.... He has given him for this purpose a constant control of himself in the voice of his conscience.... If he listens to this, it will very soon be clear to him what the purpose and goal of his life is. And if he now conscientiously obeys this voice, then knowledge will also come to him.... it will always guide him, and man does not need any other signpost as long as he does not fight against this inner voice, but observes it as a constant reminder from the Lord....

And how sensibly the Lord has created you that you are to form yourselves and for this purpose He gave you a constant companion and therefore none of you remained without the proof of His favour... i.e. that each of you earthly children really understands this inner voice well and therefore cannot have an excuse to have remained without warning and admonition. You all can think, and don't you all have to feel in your hearts what is right and what is wrong?.... And will you not try, if possible, to always do what is right?....

If you are constantly and repeatedly admonished, then you must be grateful to the heavenly Father, who makes His will known to every child through the voice of conscience, although it is correctly recognized by even a few. He speaks with every single one of you, and so the work of the Deity on you people starts.... through the voice of conscience, free will is not hindered because you can accept it or also not hear.... but then you will stifle the fine impulses, which connect you with everything spiritual, and your struggle on earth will be far more difficult.

The one who bends before the Savior with love will hear the loving words of the Savior in the voice of his conscience and will joyfully fulfill all His desires, and so the voice of conscience will be for him the true pillar of all spiritual thinking and experience..... because the one who obeys this voice will become more and more enlightened in spirit and heart, and he will never lack the strength to open the gate to eternal bliss, because he will then act exactly as the inner voice dictates, which is the voice of God....

Amen

Translation handled by Alida Pretorius

The inner voice informs the human being of God's will, and therefore it should be heeded first, for if he obeys it he is also walking the right path. In order to hear the voice within himself, the human being must be prepared to comply with God's will, he must, as it were, ask for divine instructions in order to be able to fulfil them, and if he expresses this will, God will also make Himself known to him, in different ways depending on his worthiness. Mostly through the voice of conscience.... This is audible to every person who listens inwardly, it is the admonition to do good and the warning to refrain from evil, it is the surest signpost, the exhortation and the warning signal from on high. He who pays attention to his thoughts will recognize that they flow in upon him both desired and undesired. So often thoughts arise which are annoying to him, which want to determine him to do something or prevent him from carrying out something, and such thoughts are always the inner voice audible to man, the voice of conscience. If a person allows himself to be guided by such thoughts, always with God in mind and with the will to do what is right, he will truly be guided correctly. But if this voice is not heeded, the call from on high will become weaker and weaker until it finally falls silent completely, for the will to do good, the prerequisite for hearing the inner voice, is not present. However, if the human being establishes an intimate relationship with the father in heaven by eagerly following the divine will, the voice will resound all the louder, for where the will of the earthly child completely subordinates itself to the divine will, there the lord will let His voice resound audibly and remove all barriers which had been erected between Him and the earthly child. Truly, no special external gift is required for this, but a truly God-loving heart and most intimate devotion suffice, for in such a heart the lord and saviour Himself can take up residence and now speak clearly and audibly with His child. And this triggers all the delights of heaven in the earthly child who is so happy. It may only desire the divine voice and will now never make a wrong request, and the divine saviour Himself instructs it in the most loving way and announces His will to it. And every human being is entitled to this extraordinary grace and yet it is disregarded.... To be in direct contact with God, to be allowed to hear His kind fatherly words and to draw grace, comfort and strength from them in unimagined abundance is truly God's greatest gift of grace.... and yet it is so little appreciated, and in times of adversity mankind suffers through its own fault....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The voice of conscience....

B.D. No. 1565

August 13th 1940

You have no better indication for that which is right than the voice of conscience, the voice of the heart, which truly advises you correctly. This voice will often guide you to do what is pleasing to God. And if you sometimes don't really know what you should do, think or say then you may always call upon God in all sincerity and He will inform you of it such that all doubt, all indecision will fade away and your actions will become conscious and unambiguous. Every wrong thought triggers unease in you and every right thought will make you feel glad, for all good spiritual beings around you endeavour to mentally inform you as to what you should or should not do, and if you willingly accept these suggestions they will give you inner contentment, whereas the other way round they will awaken in you a feeling of unease in order to make you become aware of the inner voice. The prompting of spiritual friends into doing a good deed is often the reason that this deed will then also be carried out, for a person on his own is often too weak-willed if he is not stimulated to do good. And if he only listens to the inner voice he will be correctly guided. The realisation of that which is right will likewise awaken him if he wants to act correctly. For his God-inclined will persistently rejects what is wrong, after all, this will attracts the good and knowledgeable forces which will instruct him truthfully. Although adverse forces try just as hard to exert their influence they will only succeed if a person is weak-willed or indifferent and thus complies with every spiritual influence, completely oblivious as to whether he is being instructed by good or evil forces. This is where wicked forces have

an easy game, although afterwards the voice of conscience will sound reproachfully and disturb his inner contentment. If attention is paid to this then the opportunity still exists that the good spiritual forces will still be able to be more persuasively effective, but often such silent reproaches deep within the heart only drive the person to try to drown them out, so that he will no longer take notice of them and thus deaden his conscience and no longer hear the subtle voice within. And this is extremely unfavourable for the soul. For then a person will find it very hard to perform kind-hearted actions, since he has insufficient strength to do so, but, since he is not stimulated by the voice of conscience to resist, he will not take refuge in God either, Who alone can make him strong-willed and send him spiritual strength to help him. If, however, a person cultivates the voice of conscience within himself, if he complies with everything this voice instructs him to do or not to do, and if he finally, after every question posed to the eternal Deity, listens to this voice, he is not likely to take any other path than the one which leads to realisation....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Voice of conscience.... Feeling.... Right path....

B.D. No. 6262

May 21st 1955

The path intended for you to follow on earth will be repeatedly shown to you, even if you don't receive any direct instructions from Me, for I also speak to you in a way which you describe as 'feeling', so that you can use your common sense, because you will encounter either painful or pleasing situations which will not leave you unimpressed.... Through your feeling you are able to recognise what is desirable for a human being, what makes him unhappy and what has a damaging effect on his body.... and be subsequently influenced by your will to withhold what is painful from your fellow human being or to give to him what makes him happy.... Feeling and intellect by themselves can show you the right path if you lack truthful instructions or if religious instructions don't appeal to you because their origin appears to be doubtful. His **own** experience can determine a human being's will, thoughts and actions, and every human being certainly knows what is fair and just, because everyone lays claim to be happy himself and because every human being can 'feel' physical and psychological pain. The love he has for himself will always prompt him to gain possession of that which makes him feel free and glad.... and a righteous way of thinking will also allow other people the same.... thus the knowledge of the right path is placed into every person; but how he uses the knowledge he gained through his own feeling and intellectual reasoning depends on his will, which is and will remain free for the sake of his own perfection.

And therefore it will also always be possible to differentiate between good and evil, and more precisely, their effect on the human being himself. This is why one can speak of the 'voice of conscience', which will always express itself in 'feeling' but which can also be stifled in the human if his selfish love is so strongly developed that the human being lays claim to all that is pleasant for himself and is unkind to his fellow human being.... In that case his sensitivity becomes increasingly weaker and then people will often claim that not every person knows what is good or evil.... And again, the only answer to this can be: He does not **want** to know it. For as long as he knows what is desirable or undesirable for himself he also knows the difference between good and evil.... even without any external instruction, but which would always confirm that his inner feeling corresponds to My teaching, through which I show people the right path they should take on earth.... to My teaching of love, which only ever requires a person to practise love. However, where animalistic instincts from the previous time of development are excessively present in a person only the feeling of strength towards the weak prevails.... for the forces of darkness take hold of such a person and impel him to act according to their will.... But such a 'possessed' person cannot be used as evidence that the path to Me cannot be found and taken without instructions from Me.... For My love cares for all My living creations but allows them to keep their free will....

Amen

The voice of conscience....

B.D. No. 7698

September 13th 1960

You are guided into perfection and need My support for this, because you once relinquished all your strength and became weak, lightless living beings which had to remain in the abyss until My love took hold of them and helped them to ascend again. Although you now have acquired a certain level of maturity it is not enough to guarantee the path of ascent which you still have to cover during your earthly life. You need My strength and guidance for this. And if you are conscious of your weakness, if you look around for help, then I Am already by your side just waiting for your request for help.... but you have to make this request to Me of your own free will because I will not force your will by any means whatsoever.

Yet I Am always willing to give you the help you ask for, just as I will always provide you with strength as soon as you desire it. And in order to awaken this desire within yourselves I occasionally will let you feel your weakness and darkness particularly strongly. This is only a sign of My love for you because I want to win you for Myself, because by this means I want to persuade you to voluntarily ask for My help. And for this reason you have to believe in Me first....

The knowledge of a God and Creator will certainly be passed on to you, which you only need to accept and think about and with good will you can also believe it. You can rest assured that I will help you to acquire firm faith if only you have the will to think and act **correctly**.... if only you will listen to your inner voice which will always guide you correctly.

And My voice will express itself in every person as their voice of conscience.... but it can be heard or ignored, which is entirely up to the person's own will. Hence their voice of conscience will inform the human being of right and wrong; the voice of conscience will teach him about the fundamental law, about love, because as a human being he knows exactly what gives him joy and a sense of well-being and what causes suffering and misery.... Therefore he can also behave towards his fellow human being such that it serves his well-being and protects him from physical harm.... And thus love can arise in him, and due to his love the light of knowledge will illuminate him too....

Every human being **can** learn to think and act correctly because the delicate feeling expressed by the voice of his conscience was given to him by Me. As soon as he takes notice of it, his nature, which at the start of his incarnation as a human being was still greatly steeped in selfish love, can change into love for other people. This then will guarantee a strong, living faith in Me, his God and Creator, and then he will soon recognise his Father in Me, Who loves him and wants to draw him close to Himself.... And he will strive for this bond of his own free will. I will be able to guide him into perfection, because I will grant help to every human being, I will leave no person in weakness and ignorance, I Am and remain his guide for the duration of his earthly life as long as he does not oppose Me, as long as his will consents to being influenced by his voice of conscience.... which will always happen when the soul is willing to achieve the purpose and goal of its life.... Then the human being can always be certain that I will do everything on My part to help him achieve perfection, that he will never be left to himself and that he will accomplish his goal without doubt....

Amen

Stifle the voice of conscience

Immorality.... Unwritten laws....

B.D. No. 2461

August 30th 1942

General immorality accompanies the time of people's unkindness and the fact that people no longer show any consideration towards their fellow human being's feelings and thus no longer exert any kind of self-restraint is also a sign of spiritual deterioration. And a generation without manners and without meaningful morality is heading for disaster.... Admittedly, people find this incomprehensible, since they consider decency a mere human addition and that the times justify giving full expression to all instincts. And their points of view are encouraged by the completely wrong opinion that moral laws merely prevent people from enjoying life and therefore must be abolished. No nation will ever survive if it does not want to accept any laws as a guiding principle which give people moral stability so that they will live their life within the framework of a certain social order.... These are unwritten laws which people have nevertheless accepted until now, because they have all recognised both the necessity as well as the blessings of such laws and, for the sake of human order, have submitted to them without argument.... These laws are increasingly more forgotten or they are knowingly discarded by people because they prevent them from living up to their sensuality. This clearly shows a decline of spiritual development, for the more sensual a person is, the less he strives towards God; he desires the world, that is, everything that gives pleasure to the body, and for the sake of the body disposes of all consideration towards his fellow human beings. As a result, the human being falls prey to spiritual forces which had lived a life of uninhibited pleasure on earth, which indulged their cravings and thus had led a sinful life. These spiritual forces exert tremendous influence on these people and use them such that the human being pays less and less attention to the unwritten laws, that he unreservedly indulges himself in an easy way of life and that no limits exist for him than the fulfilment of his lust. This attitude towards worldly pleasures will never be conducive to spiritual development, for anything the body demands will always disadvantage the soul. Besides, spiritual aspiration will be laughed at and ridiculed, and this without all inhibition, because people will have lost all sense of decency and good manners.... Hence, the individual person's point of view will not be respected either but will be deemed hostile and therefore be discarded, often in the most shameless fashion. For immorality and spiritual deterioration go hand in hand. People indeed speak about being enlightened and, yet, they are less enlightened than ever before.... They speak of spiritual advancement and, yet, they remain far behind, for they don't understand it as the progress of the soul, instead, they only mean a wrong way of thinking, which they nevertheless find worth striving for. They try to construct a new morality for themselves which aids and abets an easy way of life and intend to portray it as ideal. And thus new laws will come into being and old laws will be revoked, and humanity will change accordingly and lose every guideline for a virtuous, God-pleasing life which is intended to improve the human being's soul....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Law - Justice - Races.... Nations....

B.D. No. 3227a

August 20th 1944

It is unworthy of a whole nation if it is not accountable to itself regarding its thoughts and actions. The conduct of a nation's people should be impeccable towards each other; but they should also observe the commandment of neighbourly love towards other nations, even if this is not to be understood such that actions and thoughts should extend to individual members but that all feelings

and intentions towards another nation should be honourable and decent and not lack a feeling of justice, i.e. they should not be denied what the people of a nation claim for themselves. Law and justice should apply to all people, and the affiliation to a specific race or nation should not determine the actions implemented against them. God set no restriction when He gave people the commandment of neighbourly love, for every fellow human being shall be regarded as a brother, as God's living creation, who should also be treated with brotherly feelings. Hence, the human being should not impose this restriction himself, he should not think that he is entitled to exclude certain people from neighbourly love; he should practise the commandment of neighbourly love without distinction and thus also be accountable to himself when he disregards this commandment. And therefore he must be clear about his thoughts and actions as to how far they correspond to the divine commandments.... He cannot make different judgments at his pleasure and own discretion, he cannot sin against one person and believe his sin to be justified because he deems himself to belong to a different circle, which was drawn by racial or national affiliation.

This dividing line does not exist before God, before God all human beings are equal, and right and wrong remain right and wrong everywhere. It is not acceptable that the human being claims rights for himself which he denies to other people, and if people's thoughts become so misguided that they believe themselves to be right even when they act wrongly, then the human being's spiritual development has already sunk low, for then he places earthly life high above the latter, otherwise he would be unable to defend a way of thinking which arose from the striving for his own advantage.... Anything a human being requires for himself he must inevitably also grant to his fellow human being, and he should never ever set up his own laws if he does not want to fear that he will not be considered by God in a way he would like, but that he will be measured by the same yardstick he measured himself....

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Law - Justice - Races.... Nations....

B.D. No. 3227b

August 22nd 1944

The earth embraces the most diverse nations and races which, on the whole, also differ in their degree of development. Yet no nation received the right from God to oppress less developed nations or to deprive them of their rights. They should certainly exert an educational influence if they are spiritually more highly advanced, they should protect weaker nations against stronger oppressors, but a specific ethnic origin should never stop them from fulfilling their human duties towards a fellow human being. For they should always bear in mind that all people are God's living creations, and that no-one is entitled to cast certain fellow human beings out of the community of states or to pressurise them and plunge them into hardship. One day they will have to justify themselves for this, and they will be judged as they themselves had judged.... anyone who treated his fellow human beings harshly or without love, regardless from which ethnic group they originated, will also only reap harshness and unkindness, he will find no mercy and should never expect a mild judgment, for he will receive according to his attitude, to his will and his actions.... And therefore the human being should always be accountable to himself as to whether his thoughts and actions are just. Justice, however, demands the same rights for everyone without distinction. As soon as selfish love is strong, the sense of justice recedes, then the human being will unscrupulously take for himself what belongs to his fellow human being. And if whole nations are dominated by this way of thinking, there will never be peace on earth, for the strong will suppress the weak, or those of equal strength will inflict suffering and misery on each other and the adversity will find no end. No heartless action can be justified with the objection that other laws apply to other races or nations, that they may not claim the same humane consideration which a person of their own ethnic origin is entitled to. All people are equal before God, the same law applies, always and forever, before God love your neighbour as yourself.... and every human being is a neighbour, irrespective of his racial or national affiliation. And as long as whole nations are trapped in erroneously thinking that they have different rights than the former, injustice will also get out of hand; people will be in a constant state of dispute, time and again hostilities will find renewed

nourishment which will give rise to increasingly worse thoughts and actions, for the commandment of neighbourly love will remain ignored and this will result in actions which are sinful. The same standard for oneself and one's own desire should always be applied; what a person wants for himself he should not take away from his fellow human being, otherwise injustice will constantly grow and, with it, a state which will also confuse people's thinking.... They will lose the power of judgment between right and wrong, because they themselves will have relinquished it since they themselves don't want to think righteously and fairly....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Prevalence of sin....

B.D. No. 4853

March 7th 1950

Sin will prevail and people will live in lust and sin without a sense of responsibility, for satan rules the world and people are in bondage to him. And they willingly follow his whisperings, weakly and without resistance they succumb to his temptations, they fulfil the body's desires and have nothing in abhorrence, sin entices them and thus people sink into their mire. It is coming to an end.... Anyone who pays attention to people's behaviour also knows what hour has struck, that the earth is ripe for destruction and that people forget their purpose of life on earth and thus stand before the abyss. Satan has them completely under his control and they no longer offer him any resistance, they acknowledge him as their lord and do what he demands of them. In sin people will suffocate, in sin they will perish, for in the midst of the enjoyment of life they will find their end, as it is written.... And so I call out to people: One day you will all have to answer for your thoughts and actions and words; you will all be judged according to your will and your works. Do not fall into sin, keep yourselves pure and detest evil, so that sin does not become your ruin, so that it does not drag you into the abyss. Do not dull the admonisher within you, listen to the voice of conscience which warns you against every bad thought and every bad action. Pay attention to its voice and follow it, do not easily ignore sin but remember Him who will judge you one day, who is just and punishes every sin because it demands atonement. Do not let yourselves be tempted by the attractions of the world, and do not fulfil your body's every desire, for it tempts you to sin. Keep yourselves pure and remember that you cannot stand before My eyes if you fall into sin and do not detest it. Free yourselves from satan, who tempts you if you do not resist him. Sin has great power over you and therefore you should beware of it, for you thereby commit yourselves to My adversary and distance yourselves from Me, and this means eternal ruin for you....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Overestimating material goods....

B.D. No. 6948

October 18th 1957

You seek to gain from life everything it offers you; you strive for the goods of this world with all your senses, you increase your possessions and eagerly collect earthly treasures. You do not even think about how worthless all that you desire is.... You do not think about what matter is in the first place and in what relationship you already stand to it. Material goods should indeed serve you, you can make them serve you, but you must not let yourselves be dominated by them.... And this is what you do when your thoughts and aspirations are exclusively directed towards the acquisition of material goods. Then you have already become the slave of matter or also the slave of him whose domain is the material world. For all matter is spiritual that once fell away from God, which hardened itself through its resistance to God and is now forced by God's will into a serving function in order to emerge again from the hardened state.... But the human being was once the same which, after an infinitely long time, worked its way up again through involuntary service, that it was allowed to shed the material coverings and has now regained freedom again to a certain extent in order to now also become free

from its **last** material cover through a right relationship with God and also towards matter, which it has therefore overcome. He should help matter to **serve**, but he must not let himself be **dominated** by it. But the behaviour of people proves the latter.... The addiction to matter has become excessive, people only live with this aim in mind, that is, to acquire what the world offers them, and the joy of possession is an open devotion to that from which their earthly task is to **detach** themselves. For he who desires the world with its goods has no desire for the kingdom that is not of this world. For anyone who desires the world remembers little or nothing of his God and creator, he is not in the right relationship with Him, he is not the 'child' who seeks his 'father'.... He still has much fellowship with the one who is lord of the material world and strives to return to him, from whose power God had already helped him so far through his walk through creation that it is easy for him to completely detach himself from him on earth. But man can never accomplish this release if he does not first free himself from the desire for these material goods. Only when he learns to despise them, when he no longer attaches **more** value to them than that they serve him according to divine order, only when spiritual goods are worth striving for can he accept the latter and thus accomplish the change from this world to the spiritual kingdom, and only then will he succeed in complete detachment from the lord of this world. And everyone could do this if only he would consider the worthlessness of earthly goods, if only he would think about the value of even the most desirable things in this world at the hour of his death, which he cannot determine himself but which can be granted to him on any day. Man lives and therefore thinks only of life, but not of death, which is insecure for him.... and he shakes off every thought of it unwillingly.... And yet he knows that he cannot take anything into the kingdom of the beyond that he has acquired in earthly life.... Yet he allows himself to be dominated by the thought of making his earthly life as beautiful as possible, and again and again he is influenced by God's adversary in this sense, so that his greed for material goods will always increase because one tries to outdo the other and no-one thinks of how poor he really is and in what hardship he will cross over into the spiritual kingdom when his hour has come. But no human being can **acquire** earthly **and** spiritual goods **together**. Only he will be richly blessed at the end of his earthly life who has become master of the goods of this world, who has only sought to gather spiritual treasures that will last for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Sin against the spirit....

B.D. No. 7725

October 14th 1960

You should not resist the spirit.... I tell you this because you commit a sin if you oppose the spirit.... if you recognize My working and yet consciously distance yourselves from it.... for then you will eternally be unable to make contact with Me, because you then reject Me Myself, Who expresses Myself through the spirit. The working of the spirit in the human being is the evidence of My illumination of love, and if you reject it you sin against the spirit because you commit the former sin again: not acknowledging Me Who gives you visible evidence of My presence. And this sin cannot be forgiven because if you reject the spirit.... you also do not acknowledge Jesus Christ and the act of salvation, Who gives you forgiveness, and because then you will have to walk the path through creation again.... a path of immeasurable torment.... therefore do not sin against the spirit, acknowledge My working, for you **feel** it within you that it is **I** Who speaks.... you **feel** that My father-spirit from eternity empties Itself. You feel that spirit speaks to spirit and yet you reject it. And you know that I Myself have said: "All sins can be forgiven you, but not the sin against the spirit..." And this sin is committed by the person who **recognizes** the father's voice and closes his heart and ear when it sounds to him.... this sin is committed by the person who maintains his defensive position although he recognizes it. For he is still in the power of My adversary who will not let him find his way to Jesus.... And he will also never take the path to the cross because the opposing spirit controls him, because it impels him to defend himself and he obeys its will. To recognize the voice of the spirit is a gift of grace from Me which the human being should make use of, for if a person's heart can be

touched by the voice of the spirit then he has already reached a certain degree of maturity.... And only one person will rarely let this act of grace pass him by, for it has a pleasing effect on him, and the spiritual spark in the human being constantly strives towards Me, His father-spirit of eternity.... But My working of the spirit will also be disputed for base motives, although the realization of this is present.... And then you will transgress against Me as you once transgressed, and this sin will increase the former sin many times over and bring unspeakable suffering upon you, from which I would like to warn and protect you all. And if you are of good will you will also be able to recognize if and when My spirit is at work. And then you should confess Me and My spirit.... you should not sin against the spirit so that you will not get lost and take an infinitely long time again until you are accepted by Me again....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The will to goodness

Inner voice Thought Deed

B.D. No. 2020

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Anything a person's innermost feeling objects to does not comply with God's will either, providing His willingness to serve God determines his thoughts and actions. He is exposed to the most varied temptations from the adversary's side. Every weakness of will is used by him in order to cause him harm. Yet an earthly child devoted to God also feels the most subtle impulses directed against it, and therefore everything the human being affirms in his innermost heart will be right, and that which fills it with discomfort will be wrong. Even that which benefits the comfort of his body will make him feel slightly uneasy if it does not comply with divine will but corresponds to the adversary's will instead, for this reason the human being should pay attention to the gentle voice in his heart and always follow it. Each action originates from a thought and the thought is the influence of a good or evil power on the person. The thought is the spiritual flow of the power the human being hands himself over to. And the thought is followed by the deed with the use of God's strength If a positive thought comes to a person, that is, if he receives the mediation of good spiritual beings, he cannot do anything but execute these thoughts by availing himself of the indwelling strength and activating his will. The more unresisting good spiritual forces find a person, the more diligently he performs his occupation, the more he utilises his thoughts, and this is tireless work, it is constant activity. And if the human being lets the good thoughts take effect in him, if he listens to the good spiritual beings, he can only carry out good deeds. However, unscrupulous people also accept the transfers by evil forces and also activate their will by committing bad deeds. Yet they will not be prevented from doing so. If they do not heed the inner voice then all efforts by the good beings are in vain, their influence is minimal, consequently they withdraw from people until they look for God again of their own accord and thus He allows Himself to be found by them. If a person's striving for perfection is great, he will also recognise whether the inner voice gives him the right advice and he will also feel what he should reject, for God gives the striving person the right understanding, and he should only pay attention to his innermost voice, for he will be guided right at all times.

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Will to do good.... increased power....

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The will for good will also let increased strength flow to the soul to overcome the body's wishes, for the human being's free will is always taken into account, the currents of strength will always be stronger or weaker according to this will, the transmission of strength through the bearers of light on earth as well as in the spiritual kingdom is of such varying strength because the soul first has to open itself in order to receive it, and this opening is only ever the result of the will. And thus the will, which is turned towards the good, thus towards God, will accept every flow of strength without resistance, the human being will be willing to receive what God's love offers him. And then the soul can also mature, it can, unhindered by the body, join the spirit within itself, it will not have to fear any counteraction because the body also joins this striving and is no longer so accessible to the temptations of the world, even if they still often approach it in order to test and increase the strength of will. And thus the less resistance is now offered to the light bearers' activity the more successful the soul's earthly change will be, for it will start to loosen its fetters, it will strive towards the freedom of spirit and only use the last days of its earthly life to overcome matter, which will also result in an easy

detachment from form once its earthly life is over. But man can determine himself, he can turn to every power, the good as well as the bad, he is not hindered, but only guided in loving care, so that it is easy for him to turn to God. But whether he develops the good in himself depends on his will, and therefore he is also responsible for his will, he is as it were the shaper of his will and must also take the consequences upon himself, for it is also brought home to him in all situations in life that and why he should decide for God in the last stage of his development. He is never without knowledge about it, for if this knowledge does not come to him from outside through instructions, through the divine word, he can also hear it from within through the voice of his conscience, which originally instructs him loudly and audibly but which can also be silenced by his own will. However, if the soul succeeds in rendering the body without will, i.e., to completely align its desire with the soul's desire, then the soul will use all its will for good, then it will constantly strive upwards and receive the imparting of strength from the spiritual kingdom which will result in its spiritual perfection, for the strength from the spiritual kingdom inevitably leads to ascent....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

It is not the deed alone that decides, but the will....

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It is not the deed itself that is decisive, but the will that underlies this deed. A good will can carry out a deed that has a different effect than that of blessing.... but there can also be a bad will underlying a deed that is seen as good by the eyes of fellow human beings. The **will** alone is evaluated by God. Nevertheless, the human being's intellect must consider every deed, and the person of good will will then recognize whether he acts wrongly or rightly.... but the person whose will is not good will also refrain from an action which he recognizes as contrary to his will. And so that a person's thinking is right he should pray, which only a person with a **good** will will do but then he will also never commit a deed which has a bad effect on his fellow human beings. You certainly have free will, therefore you will not be prevented from doing whatever you plan or carry out, yet you have to take responsibility for your actions, and you should bear this in mind, and then you will not act recklessly, you will proceed conscientiously and always take God's commandments as a guideline and then not sin either. For these commandments dictate your earthly way of life, and if all your thoughts and actions are determined or guided by love for God and your neighbour your earthly change can only be a blessing for your fellow human beings, for love eliminates all error, because right love also enlightens the spirit and guarantees right thinking. Therefore you have to check yourselves whether a deed you want to do is based on love and then only do it when this check is in your favour, when **love** for God and your fellow human beings prompts you to do it. Then it will be good and you need not fear responsibility.... Without love, however, there is always the danger that you will sin, for without love the will is not good either, and what you then carry out will also have its effect accordingly. For you can certainly deceive your fellow human beings but never God, Who sees into your hearts. But the praise of your fellow human beings should not tempt you to do deeds which cannot stand up before God.... Love alone makes a deed worthwhile, and love will also always act right.... love will want to help, and every helpful deed is pleasing to God and will be blessed by Him....

Amen

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Responsibility in life on earth

Personal responsibility.... Dogma....

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Every human being is personally responsible for his soul, and thus he has to justify himself for every bad deed as well as for every omission of a good deed. He can neither blame other people for his guilt nor can he have it compensated by others, but he has to make

Amends himself on earth or in the beyond. And likewise, he alone is able to raise his state of maturity, it cannot be given to him as a gift, but he has to make an effort to live his life in accordance with God's will. Thus he has to accept the care for his soul's salvation himself, because no other human being can relieve him of this. Subsequently, he also has to inform himself of God's will and accept His Word, which reveals the divine will to him. And then he has to let God's Word take effect on him. He therefore should not blindly believe what people want to present to him but first has to compare it with God's Word, and only if it completely corresponds to the latter may he submit himself to its influence.

If the human being is responsible for himself he is also responsible for his own mental concepts. Consequently he is duty-bound to scrutinise whatever is offered to him, because this is precisely what he is answerable for. He cannot excuse himself with having been offered errors and thus he became unable to find the truth, but he has to make his own effort to discover the truth, which will also be offered to him if he asks for it. Since God will hold him to account one day He will first give him every opportunity to be able to recognise and live up to what is right. However, when the human being relies on what is given to him by other people he is bypassing all personal responsibility, he tries to unload it on the other person who has educated him. Yet God has given him intellect and the gift of thought, and by using this gift he can chose for himself what is right and wanted by God and act accordingly, consequently he can also be held to account...

Therefore, academically imparted spiritual knowledge, thus including teachings accepted by the person in the form of formal education, cannot suffice to gain complete knowledge of God's will as long as it does not, by way of his own reflection, awaken and increase a sense of responsibility in the human being.... And on serious reflection the human being will realise which teachings were given by God to people and which teachings have been added to them by people. Thus, in order to be answerable in the future, the human being first has to deal with the received knowledge and in doing so, providing he has a desire for truth, he will also be able to distinguish between truth and error. Whereas a dogmatic teaching will stifle his sense of responsibility in him, indeed it will have to stifle it, because the faith in it or the fulfilment of what is demanded will become a purely mechanical matter and the person no longer feels responsible for what he believes to do conscientiously. Because whatever he does is done by him with a certain amount of obligation since it is demanded of him.... It is not an act of free will, albeit he is also able to refuse or ignore the demand, but the inner urge is missing which should be the reason for every action, for everything demanded by God from people.

The human being should be conscious of the fact that God only values what he does for love, that his thinking and actions should therefore only be governed by love and that every lack of love is a sin against God, Who is love Himself, and that the human being has to be answerable for this. Thus, whatever he is ordered to do, whatever he is duty-bound to do, negates free thought and action. And the human being effectively only gives account to the world, i.e. to those who have imposed a duty on him. For this reason the soul cannot benefit greatly if the human being does not act and think from within. Consequently, since no person can ever assume responsibility for another person's soul but the human being has to accept this for himself, he is also obliged to scrutinise whether his thoughts and

actions coincide with God's will, and therefore he has to know God's will, which is imparted to him through His Word. And thus God's Word has to be the foundation and not human interpretations and additions; and in order to examine this, in order to be accountable one day, a deeply felt relationship with God is necessary, Who will then mentally reveal His will to the person who has the desire for truth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The human being is responsible for the will....

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Whether good or evil comes to blossom in the human being is his own will, which cannot be forced from any side, even if the human being claims to have to act under a certain compulsion. His will can resist compulsion at any time, even if he is physically too weak to offer resistance. Yet he must always answer for his **will**, for it is and remains free, and a person's direction of will shapes him into a good or evil being, the direction of will determines his way of life, his attitude towards God and his fate one day in eternity, for what the human being does as such he does consciously as directed for or against divine order, and God judges this conscious will according to justice.

But for this reason He also takes care that the human being is informed of His will during his earthly life, to which the human will should submit if it wants to live in divine order. What goes against divine will is evil, and this is also perceived as bad by the human being, for he usually acts in secret as soon as he is surrounded by people who are concerned about divine will. And if he acts openly in front of them then his will is consciously directed against God, then he is undeniably recognizable as a representative of the one who is against God. And the effects of his actions will always be to the detriment of his fellow human beings, he obviously acts against love and causes suffering to his fellow human beings, he drives them into adversity and misery and thus abuses his free will to commit bad actions for which he will one day have to answer. Since he himself as a human being has the same feelings as his fellow human beings, he also knows that everything which harms his fellow human being is bad, and he can never portray his actions as right and conscientious, he can never absolve himself of guilt, although he does not want to acknowledge an eternal judge over him.... And if he believes to possess the right of the strong over the weak, he himself would also have to bow to a stronger person and approve of his bad deeds, which, however, is never the case but only drives him to increased uncharitable action.... His will is wrongly directed, of his own accord, despite recognition and knowledge of the laws of eternal order, which are constantly placed before his eyes by the conduct of good people who let him recognize his actions as through a mirror.... A bad person is always given the opportunity to reflect, his God-opposing way of life is always held up to him so that he will recognize himself and try to change.... But his free will must always be active, which **can** be good and need not be bad....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Responsibility of parents and children....

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You start your earthly existence as a human being in complete ignorance. The soul is still shrouded in spiritual darkness because it first has to reach a state of self-awareness before it can get started with dissolving its dense surrounding cover. It can already do this without having received particular knowledge, for it can express its good **feelings** at a very early age even though it does not act in relation to a certain amount of **realisation**. But the human being always has to be cognisant of himself otherwise his thoughts and actions could not be appraised. Such a child develops its spark of love early on; it is good, because it is motivated to do so from within.... whereas another child in the

same state of self-awareness gives in to **bad** impulses within itself, even though it feels a slight sense of wrong doing inside itself. In both cases one cannot as yet speak of realisation, but the spark of love is placed into **every** human being, and children's initial behaviour is therefore only different because their souls react differently to inner urges, but every child is nevertheless conscious as to whether its behaviour is good or bad.... once it has reached the stage of self-awareness.

And now the child slowly receives knowledge too.... it gets acquainted with the laws of order, that is, it begins to understand increasingly more, and it will also experience the effects of good or bad on itself.... it is taught the concept of good and bad, and again people will react differently as they grow into adults, depending on whether they kindle the flame of love in themselves and allow themselves to be influenced from within. And accordingly their realisation will either grow or the soul's initial blindness will remain, for the knowledge given to the person from outside need by no means become realisation, rather, it only becomes it when the human being's love brings the knowledge to life.... Knowledge can certainly satisfy the intellect, yet it will always merely be a deceptive light without strength to illuminate the human being's soul, and therefore the soul continues to stay covered by layers. The human being, however, will be held accountable from the moment he is aware of himself, from the moment he is able to hear the voice of conscience.... thus, when his perception of good or bad has awakened within him, which can happen sooner in one and later in another child, but which is a prerequisite for its responsibility of its actions. Yet the weakness of a soul which has to give up its earthly life at an early stage is always taken into account. The degree of maturity as well as the knowledge the human being was given so far will always be considered. For complete realisation cannot be applied as a criterion, since this can only be gained through love.

The human being, however, is assessed according to his love, and this can be ignited into a flame in every person, but the spark of love can also be stifled, and that always also indicates adverse thinking and doing, which appear as soon as the person becomes conscious of himself as a being which can use its will and does so in line with its soul which is wicked and unwilling to love and which will also close itself to any given knowledge.... thus 'realisation' does not stifle this bad inner instinct. Only when a child can be influenced to do something good can this wicked compulsion disappear and the voice of conscience express itself more noticeably again, too.

For this reason parents carry an extra large responsibility, they should do everything to awaken love in the child, they should encourage it to carry out small helpful tasks and thus cultivate a sense of helpfulness in the children and stifle their excessive selfish instincts.... For as soon as the spark of love has been kindled it will also spread, and the soul will no longer be shrouded in darkness, the heart will become enlightened by itself, and then the child will already think and act consciously which will soon also result in the light of realisation, once it is given the appropriate information.... For love is everything.... and **every** human being is **capable** of love, because God Himself has placed into every human being a spark which is part of Himself in order to lead him from the state of death back into the state of life....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Conversion to love

Activity of love.... Sorrow.... The Savior is present in love....

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May 5th 1938

Those who are Mine will see the glory of God, and they will receive all the blessings of heaven.... Therefore respect one another and love one another, because through love you become that which makes you My children....". You have many opportunities in every situation of life in which you can exercise this love.... but no-one will be spared to collect merit in the activity of love, therefore the Lord lets those who ask come to you so often on your life's journey and tests you how you behave towards them....

And always in the voice of conscience a hint is given to you from above. If you now listen to this voice and thus make use of the opportunity, soon your soul matures in this love, and thus you again and again recognize love as the only true way to the heart of the Father. Remember His walk on earth where the Lord sought to win all people through love, you also have to make an effort to always only follow the course of your heart, which will always admonish you to be active in love. The guideline for this life is always the walk of Christ on earth....

If you can follow this and His words, you will easily reach what the goal of infinite beings in the universe should be. You enter through love into the grace of the Lord because everywhere where love prevails, there the Lord Himself is among you, and in such nearness of the Divine Savior, His grace flows in you, and then this struggle on earth will become easier and easier when Divine grace supports you. This should all those who are pressed down to the earth with burden and sorrow well consider....

If they turn more and more to the work of love, the Lord gives them so much strength that they soon recognize this in themselves and all the worries of everyday life no longer seem oppressive to them.... They are far more likely to have these taken from their shoulders and life from now on is easily bearable. The eternal Creator wants to reveal Himself in all these worries of the earth.... Whoever walks through life without thoughts of the Godhead, should be made aware of a power that dominates him.... From which he cannot escape by his own strength.

If true love now underlies the actions of man, then he will also soon be able in this love to recognize God the Lord in everything, even in what presses and burdens him.... and once he has recognized this, then the Lord Himself pushes Himself into his heart.... since He always stays where true love is the driving force of all actions. When you now cannot recognize the Divine Creator and still act continuously in love, then your soul has already long since recognized, and it would be only a short time until your spiritual eyes are completely opened.

Therefore cherish love as the first commandment, take care of each other.... don't let any of your fellow men lack where you can give, and last but not least be concerned about their spiritual well-being; if you yourselves came to recognition, then help them also to come to this knowledge, and all this you can do only through love, which is an outflow of God, the heavenly Father from eternity to eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Alida Pretorius

Continuous higher development is guaranteed as long as the being's will is still bound; thus, as long as it still travels the path through the works of creation, because it is **of service**, albeit it is effectively forced into this helpful activity. Nevertheless, it is willing to be of service; otherwise it would not have been assigned its function. The willingness to serve is the first condition for constantly higher development. In the human stage, however, it is left up to the being again as to whether or not it is lovingly active. His soul has reached a state of maturity that the greatest shackle, the bound will, can be replaced by free will, but then he will no longer be forced into a serving activity but must accomplish it of his own free will, which will subsequently result in the soul's higher development again. And therefore this stage also holds a certain danger for the human being, that is, for his soul, if it fails, if it does not use its free will for kind-hearted activity, on account of which God has arranged people's life on earth such that they will need each other, in order to provide them with the opportunity to be of service to each other. This is truly not arbitrarily arranged, and the various living conditions serve the wise purpose of making it easier for a person to be of service. Admittedly, circumstances will force him to be helpful, but he can nevertheless refuse or accomplish the work reluctantly which, however, will be judged by God accordingly and will hamper the soul's maturing. For only kind-hearted service will result in the soul's degree of maturity and release it from its bound state. To all intents and purposes, human life is also a life of compulsion which takes place within the framework of natural laws, so that the human being very frequently questions his freedom of will. And yet the human being has much freedom, because he can think, act and want as he likes, and thus he can also infringe against the divine order if he has no control over his instincts and abandons himself to dark forces. The inner battle between good and evil is left utterly up to himself, and this will be more or less difficult for him depending on whether he is lovingly active, thus, whether he helps with love. Only his voluntary kind-hearted services will actually make him aware of his freedom of will, for only then will he recognise that he is by no means forced into doing it, that he is just as entitled to the same freedom of will if he wants to do the opposite. All lack of love increases the will to dominate, whereas every kind-hearted action increases his inner instinct to serve. And if this helpful activity is accomplished voluntarily and with love it will make a person happy, whereas serving under duress, that is, against his will, will exasperate him and arouse his inner objections. In that case the human being is controlled by the evil force which wants to prevent him from redeeming himself. This is why earthly life is a responsible one, because so many opportunities exist to be of kind-hearted service which enables the soul to redeem itself and these opportunities are not used accordingly. And the less people recognise and fulfil their purpose of life the more these opportunities will increase in order to awaken their sense of love in view of their fellow human beings' immense adversity and to encourage their helpful activity.

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Worldly pleasures?....

You have been granted a small measure of self-love by Me, and therefore you may also enjoy the pleasures of life as long as they do not affect your soul's salvation. And to recognize this only requires a will turned towards Me, it only requires the firm resolution to live according to My will and to reach your spiritual aim which has been set for you for your earthly life. If this will controls you, that you want to return to Me again, that you don't want to go against My will, then you are also on the path of return to Me, then you have already passed your test of will to a certain extent, you have inwardly professed Me, and then you will also reach your aim because I will support you in every way. And then even the small pleasures you occasionally prepare for yourselves earthly will not harm you. For then you will know exactly how to measure yourselves because you will obey the voice of conscience which warns you against every exaggeration. You can confidently be happy with the

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

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Transformation to love....

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All My teachings therefore only amount to making it clear to you humans why you live on earth and what purpose earthly life has for you.... You only need to know one thing, that you start your earthly life without love and should have changed to love by the end.... This is all I ask of you, but it requires your free will.... you yourselves must **want** this transformation into love.... I will now do everything else by first trying to influence your will so that it turns towards **Me**. Then I will provide you with the strength to also be able to carry out the will.... And since the transformation into love is to be every person's first and last goal, a spark of love has been placed in your heart from Me.... and you are now no longer **incapable** of this transformation, but you constantly have to be admonished and stimulated, and this shall now be achieved by My word, My word, which conveys My love to you, which longs for your return to Me.... As long as you are without love you have no knowledge whatsoever.... you know nothing about your origin, about your former state in which you were unspeakably happy.... You don't know that you had forfeited this bliss yourselves through your rebellion against Me.... that you thus completely changed your nature into the opposite, that you gave away your love and rejected every illumination of love on My part and therefore fell into an unhappy state. Yet only when you possess this knowledge again will you approach the former state of perfection, for such knowledge will always be the result of a life of love and can never be gained without love.... But the knowledge will also make you happy, for you will now also recognise Me Myself, your God and creator, and know that you are in contact with Me, that you possess the love of your God and creator and therefore may also receive love from Me time and again if you declare yourselves willing to accept it. Hence My word gives you this knowledge, and therefore it is truly a gift of grace of immeasurable value, because at the same time it is proof of My existence, which completely loveless people want to deny because they are devoid of all knowledge as a result of an unkind way of life. But faith in Me is already a blissful benefit for the human being, for to be able to believe in Me also presupposes a degree of love, and the evidence is also given that you are on the

path back to Me if this living faith is within you. It merely concerns Me that you step out of the spiritual darkness into the light during your earthly life.... that you gain an even if only slight realisation, a truthful knowledge.... For then a light of love will have been kindled in you which will flare up ever brighter as love increases in you.... But as long as it is not possible to stimulate you into working with love of your own accord, as long as you don't voluntarily accept My word and live it out, it will also remain dark in you, and your return to Me during earthly life is questionable, if not hopeless. My love truly uses all means to guide you to the light, and therefore it will create opportunities for you time and again where love can ignite in you, where the spark of love within you flares up and pushes you from within into a work of love.... And if you don't resist inwardly, if you listen to this quiet admonition within you, to the expression of your conscience, then you will also safely walk towards the light of day, for love will be allowed to work in you ever more often. You will find your own happiness in helping your fellow human beings in every adversity. For only giving, selfless, gratifying love is to be understood by the love which I demand of you so that you perfect yourselves. Thus I can only influence your thoughts so that your will is directed correctly and time and again create opportunities for you to turn your will into action.... And I can only ever preach love to you.... And if you comply with My will you will also attain the brightest realisation while still on earth and truly be able to enter the kingdom of the beyond with rich treasures when your earthly life is over. Yet if you never awaken the spirit of love to life you will remain in spiritual darkness and your earthly life will be an idle one, yet always through your own fault, for everything will be done by Me to help you find your way out of your wretched state.... However, your free will decides, and therefore you will one day have to answer for this will as you have used (directed) it....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Power supply by connecting with God

Contact with God.... Influx of strength....

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May 17th 1945

Take advantage of every opportunity to make contact with Me through prayer and loving activity and you will never lack in strength.... Whatever life situation you find yourselves in, you will always and forever need My influx of strength and you become receptive to it through heartfelt prayer. And if you do loving deeds My strength will likewise flow to you, for then you will draw Me Myself to you, since I Am Love Itself. And thus you need not fear anything, neither weakness nor loneliness, as long as you are lovingly active and pray.... as long as your prayer rises up to Me from your heart, for then I will hear you and grant your wishes, as I have promised. Believe and trust when you pray, then the fulfilment of your prayer will be certain.... My will directs your destiny according to your faith, and My will is at all times able to banish hardship and suffering. But My love always considers My Own in an obvious way, so that they will recognise their Father when He expresses Himself. And I number all those as My Own who approach Me in prayer, who use every quiet hour to communicate with Me, who often send their thoughts to Me, who look for Me of their own accord and whose hearts love and yearn for My presence.... I will always give My assistance to them, so that their faith becomes strong, so that they ever more tangibly become aware of My strength and they recognise Me in every happening on their path of life. To remain in constant contact with Me ensures them My protection and My help at all times. For their connection with Me also relieves them from the spiritual hardship, because it enables My spirit to work in them. And My spirit guides them correctly, My spirit shows them every path, every Word and every action, and thus every person who is in constant contact with Me can travel his course of life without worry, for I will take him by his hand and guide him.... And his path will be blessed....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Will for good - power supply through divine redeemer....

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December 31th 1946

The will for good also infallibly results in the supply of strength, and therefore every person will also be able to carry out what he wants, because through his thinking turned towards the good he already enters into contact with the giver of strength from eternity. And he who wants to act well will be able to act well.... For this was achieved by the divine redeemer, Jesus Christ, through His death on the cross.... He acquired increased strength and a stronger will for people, He overcame death, i.e. He set the bound will free, He wrested the power over the human being's will out of God's adversary's hand so that the human being is certainly able to give his will to good and also to let it become action. Christ's act of redemption was of utmost importance insofar as people had previously been under the control of God's adversary and could not free themselves by their own strength because their will was repeatedly weakened by him as long as they did not confront God's adversary with the most effective weapon, with love, which is the conqueror of even the soul's worst enemy. And therefore God showed people the way through Jesus Christ, He proved to them the strength of love and acquired strength supply and strengthened will for humanity through His death on the cross, so that the human being can escape God's adversary at any time who believes in Jesus Christ as redeemer of the world and who, through love, makes himself an aspirant of the blessings acquired through His death.... It will certainly be possible for him to want and act well, he will not be at the mercy of the enemy of souls without resistance, if he only strives towards God he will also always receive the strength to accomplish what

is pleasing to God. This is why the eternal deity embodied Himself in a human being in order to give all people the evidence that there is a path they only need to take in order to become free from the dark power. People have a task to fulfil on earth, and this fulfilment will never lie in the realm of the impossible. But before the act of salvation people were in extreme spiritual hardship due to their weakness of will in the face of temptations and challenges which, however, were granted by God to His adversary. Through a strong will to love they could have resisted him. And they lacked this, and therefore they remained in his bonds, the striving for good remained only mental intentions without execution.... And a few felt this weakness, and they suffered from the bound will.... But Jesus Christ redeemed them through His death on the cross. He took the path which all must take.... the path of love which also strengthened the will for good, because through love He gained strength from God and was able to become master of every responsibility.... He broke the power of death, for dead is what lies bound on the ground, what is powerless and therefore remains inactive. And He not only accomplished the act of salvation for the people of His time but for all times He acquired the grace of a strengthened will for people who believed in Him and consciously placed themselves under the cross, i.e. who want to belong to those whom He redeemed from eternal death themselves. They will not lack strength, they will be able to be good if they want to be good, they will live in love, thus they will try to follow the man Jesus because they acknowledge Him as God's Son, as redeemer of the world, in Whom God was in all fullness, because through love He had completely united Himself with God and therefore also possessed power and strength in all fullness to defeat the enemy of souls, to wrest power over people's souls from him. For love alone is the remedy from enemy violence, through love alone the human being becomes strong and powerful and can defeat the enemy of the soul....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Unlimited grant of grace.... effectiveness....

B.D. No. 4952

August 18th 1950

You will be granted a full measure of grace as long as you live on earth. And therefore no-one will be able to say that he was meagrely provided for by Me so that the light of realization was not perceptible. I step into every person's path and point him to the truth, which he will always accept if he has the will to ascend. In every situation of life he is offered the opportunity to enter the path, the path of love, which inevitably leads to knowledge. The whole of earthly life shows a chain of gifts of grace, aids which My love continuously gives to him so that he fulfils his purpose of earthly life. No-one needs to pass by when I want to bestow My grace upon him, he only needs to open his heart and receive the gifts of grace, he only needs to use his will in the right way and the grace I bestow upon him unmeasured will become effective so that he will become blissfully happy. The human being need not possess comprehensive wisdom but only live according to My will, which even the most simple person can recognize because it is placed in his heart what is good and what is evil. Even the most simple-minded person can listen to the voice of conscience and heed it, he can be good or evil from within, he does not lack the knowledge for it as long as he does not silence the voice within himself by consciously transgressing My commandment. Anyone who is bad also knows it, even if he tries to justify his wickedness or to conceal it. This person, too, will be able to experience My grace, he, too, will be placed in situations where he can reflect on himself and change. Then I will stand by his path again and hold out a measure of grace to him, but his will alone decides whether grace will take effect on him. Full realization, however, presupposes a willingness to make use of My grant of grace, it presupposes an opening of the heart to My flow of grace which then, however, will also take effect in such a way that the human being will be transferred from the state of ignorance into brightest light.... Only a person who is active in love will ever possess full knowledge, who has therefore given up all resistance and therefore also feels My allocation of grace and exposes himself to its effect. Every person receives grace, whether he is good or evil.... But it does not find any resistance in the good person, whereas the evil person is still full of resistance against Me and therefore does not accept My gift either. Yet I will not give meagrely to anyone because all people are My living creations whom I

love and want to win for Myself forever. Yet I make the effectiveness of My grace dependent on the human being's will, otherwise it will not be a blessing for him....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The silent warning voice within you

The inner voice....

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July 25th 1944

Listen to the voice of your heart, it will show you the right way. A person's will is often undecided which proves that he is influenced by different spiritual forces which want to win him over for them. At this time the person must make a decision; he must not remain indecisive but ought to turn his will in one direction, and then he should pay attention to the inner voice which wants to advise him to use his will correctly. The more diligently he aspires to take the right path, the more clearly he will perceive this voice. Then it will warn him during temptations, it will strengthen his resistance, it will admonish him and always faithfully tell him if the person is in danger of wanting to take his own paths which don't entirely correspond to God's will. But it is almost imperceptibly faint in those who live their life unscrupulously, who care little about right and wrong. And frequently it will be silenced completely because the person fails to listen and the gentle voice will be drowned out by the voice of the world. In that case, the human being will be in great danger, he must make his own decisions and is more likely to allow himself to be determined by ungodly forces and he will act accordingly. A person with the will to live a good life, thus to live according to God's will, is never left without spiritual guidance, he will be guided, his thoughts will be directed, i.e., although his freedom of will is not being curtailed, the thoughts will come so close to him that he has to accept them if he does not consciously reject them. And if he is weak-willed the spiritual forces will try twice as hard to convey their thoughts to him and he will merely need to listen within, i.e., the human being need only enter into a silent dialogue with himself, and he will be mentally clearly instructed as to what he should or shouldn't do.

However, people often don't remain in this short contemplation, their thoughts fly all over the place, one moment here, one moment there, and this results in indecision, in hesitation, both in regards to good as well as to evil.... For this reason you are admonished time and again to pay attention to the voice of the heart, so that you will act clearly and determinedly and not digress from the right path. An indecisive resolve offers God's adversary an excellent target, for this is the start of his control over the former, and every temptation confronts the will with a decision to be for or against it. If, however, the person pays attention to his inner voice he will not have to fight for long, he will resist the temptation since he will be supported by the forces of light as soon as he pays attention to them and complies with their admonitions. Then he will also grow in strength, for his will entitles the beings of light to give him strength, whereas a lack of will prevents them from doing so. For no human being receives strength against his will, although the beings of light are concerned for the human being's soul with utmost love. Yet their activity is subject to divine law as well, which respects free will first and foremost. The inner voice, however, is only audible to someone who voluntarily listens within, and therefore it can never be considered coercion, it can be heard or ignored, it can be complied with but also disregarded, all depending on the person's will. It merely gently admonishes and warns the person, it assists the weak and guides the undecided; it will never push itself to the fore but will only be heard by someone who listens. But he will be guided correctly and able to live his life without worry, for if he complies with the voice of his heart he will also know that he conducts himself correctly and lives in accordance with God's will....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

I will provide you with what you need on earth to reach the aim in the richest measure so that the maturing of your soul will not be impossible for you. But I have also known for eternity the measure of grace needed for each individual.... I therefore also know which means are useful to him and how he adapts to them. Hence also the different fates of life, but they are all paths to the aim, to the final perfection, if the human being treads them and strives upwards. Life on earth consists for each one in a different activity, which brings him success or failure. The most diverse occupations produce striving people who are intent on earthly success, who therefore also make different demands on life according to their successes, which, however, are mostly for the well-being of the body. However, this earthly striving does not result in spiritual advancement, which is why this is completely independent of a person's living conditions and ability. Only a way of life according to My will is necessary in order to progress spiritually, and every person can lead this way of life, whether poor or rich, whether high or low, whether young or old, whether clever or limited in his knowledge. I have placed a reminder in people's hearts so that everyone also knows by himself what is good or evil, because he knows exactly how every action affects himself. Whoever heeds this admonisher, whoever listens to the voice of his conscience, will also take the right path that leads to the aim. But the voice of conscience is first formed through education, through teachings, through receiving My word, in short, through knowledge which is imparted to each one of you through the gospel which is proclaimed to you through word and scripture. This gospel makes My will known to you, which is summarized in one commandment: Love God above all things and your neighbour as yourself. Whoever fulfils this commandment lives in My order and his spiritual ascent is certain. He can also be without deeper knowledge, yet his soul will mature from.... But he can also receive knowledge from Me.... People are considered according to how they want to utilize the grace they receive.... He who wants to hand out much will receive much; but he who only lives for himself, yet this in My eternal order, will also be able to be ignorant on earth, yet he will not be empty of spiritual possessions, for he will stand in brightest light, thus he will be knowledgeable and powerful as soon as he discards his physical cover. To become perfect on earth does not require special knowledge but only the will to unselfish neighbourly love, and this can be mustered by every person who strives for more, who listens to the admonisher in his heart, who fulfils My will because he feels that he is only pleasing to Me if he is good to his fellow human beings of his own accord, if he shows Me and his neighbour the love I demand of him and therefore have given people the commandment of love as the most important commandment....

Amen

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Dulling the inner voice by rejecting the spirit....

B.D. No. 5760

September 3rd 1953

You should not resist the spirit if it wants to express itself... and it wants to speak if you are inwardly urged to entertain spiritual thoughts, if your thoughts keep occupying themselves with that which does not concern your body but the soul.... if you have to think of death, of a continuation of life after death, of God, of your responsibility towards Him, of your own shortcomings, of mistakes and weaknesses, which you yourselves experience as such and which cause you to feel inwardly dissatisfied and anxious. All these are expressions of the spirit in you which would like its voice to be heard, which demands your attention regarding all these things, as they alone are of importance for eternity.... All these thoughts don't deal with the earthly world but point to the spiritual kingdom, and these thoughts ought to be heeded, for they don't arise in the human being for no reason. They are gentle admonitions and warnings, it is the inner voice which is just not recognised by a person as a voice and which tells him the same, that the person should take stock of himself and not live indifferently, that he should not merely live an earthly life because he thereby causes indescribable damage to his soul. The admonisher within the person will not keep silent but very often will be

ignored, for the voice from outside is louder and drowns out the inner voice if a person is too worldly minded. Then he will become insensitive to the subtle voice which sounds in him, he will only have eyes and ears for the world and be in great danger of entirely losing the ability to hear this voice.... thereby losing all faith and no longer being capable of contemplating spiritual thoughts.

Every person, even a worldly person in the midst of life, has moments of calm when he can take stock of himself if he wants.... Every person will occasionally be drawn into conversations pertaining to spiritual problems; in every person the spirit, which is part of God, tries to express itself.... For God touches all people, and He does so time and time again, because He wants to divert them from purely earthly matters towards spiritual ones. Yet anyone who resists the spirit, who pushes all thoughts away, who remains unreceptive to all inward instructions, prevents the working of the inner spirit at his own peril. For he loses all contact with the Divine, he himself destroys the bridge.... he remains on earth and will never be able to enter spiritual spheres even when his earthly life has ended.... For his soul is so materialistically inclined that it will be unable to leave the earthly sphere.... it is hardened just like matter, which occupied its sole thoughts and intentions in earthly life.... And for this soul the path will be an infinitely long one before it reaches the sphere of the spirit.... for it is considerably more arduous to travel than on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Voice of conscience....

B.D. No. 6585

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Everyone shelters a silent admonisher inside himself which imperceptibly urges or warns him but manifests itself so gently that it can easily be ignored if the human being pays no attention to it. This inner admonisher is a grace of God too, it is a means of help used by God's love, a gift which is given to every person but which has to be paid attention to in order to be of use. As long as the human being wants to live a right and just life he will always pay heed to his inner voice, he will feel impeded if he is on the verge of doing wrong, and he will sense a gentle inner urge where it is necessary to do good deeds, for the inner admonisher is able to express itself in people who are of good will. Yet the 'voice of conscience' can also very easily be suppressed or drowned out by temptations which are louder and therefore more likely to be heard but which will never benefit the soul. In that case the human being becomes insensitive; he becomes indifferent to whether his actions are good or bad.... He abides by all suggestions promising worldly benefits and takes no more notice of the voice of conscience if it wants to manifest itself. However, this insensibility for the advice of conscience is his own fault, for the silent admonisher exists in every human heart but it can be displaced or consciously blocked from expressing itself, and that happens if a person acts contrary to the inner admonition or warning and thereby silences this gentle voice.... For God does not use coercion of will, and it would be a coercion of will if the inner voice ever more loudly came to the fore and thereby inhibited the person's will and actions. Every gift of grace from God must voluntarily be used if they are not to be ineffective.... However, the greatest success can be achieved if the human being allows himself to be completely guided from within.... If, before his every action, he first spends serious thought on it, if he, by always wanting to do what is right, appeals to God for His guidance and subsequently allows himself to be guided by Him....

Then the voice will speak ever more clearly and understandably to him, then the voice of the world will no longer be able to drown it out.... Then the human being will consciously submit himself to the guidance of the spirit, for he will recognise its working in him and know that it is the voice of God which now guides and directs him, which educates him and stands by his side with advice.... Thus the human being's inner admonisher, the voice of conscience, can be motivated by the person himself to speak louder if he is always willing to listen and to comply with its suggestions, but this only happens to people who live a life of love.... Then no further obstacles to express itself exist for the spiritual spark anymore, then it can emerge and openly influence the person, it no longer signifies a coercion of

will, since the will readily submits itself to the divine-spiritual guidance of its own accord.... And when this happens the human being will be leading an inner life, he will constantly communicate with his inner guide and know that it is God's voice which speaks to him, which warns and admonishes him and guides him wherever he goes.... Subsequently, his way of life will also comply with God's will, because the spirit within himself only ever influences him according to God's will. No person need ever go through earthly life without the voice of conscience which admonishes and warns him, for it will address all people as long as they can still be guided, as long as they are still undecided as to whether to act good or evil.... Yet as soon as the will is more inclined towards evil the voice grows ever more silent and can finally completely fade away unless a sudden change occurs. But for as long as the human being is alive God will keep trying to inwardly speak to him and to touch his conscience.... Nevertheless, He will never exert any force whatsoever on his will, He will always allow him to keep his freedom....

Amen

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Address of God proof of His existence....

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You can already be called blessed on earth that you are addressed by Me, that you receive My word and thereby come into possession of the pure truth, for at the same time you are given evidence that I am and that you are in closest contact with Me.... You are given the evidence that a power is at work which provides you with spiritual knowledge which you cannot acquire purely intellectually because it touches an area which is unknown and inaccessible to you.... And now you must also conclude that this strength emanates from a being Which knows everything and also wants to convey this knowledge to you, who are completely ignorant.... And then you will also turn your thoughts towards this being you have now recognized and try to fathom It.... And this alone is My intention, that you send questioning thoughts into infinity which I will then also answer, because I don't want you to remain ignorant but want to let a light shine into the darkness. To hear My address is truly blissful, for you are now also able to believe with conviction in a being Which created you and Which is in constant contact with you if you don't oppose it yourselves.... For then you would not hear My address or recognize it as the address of your God and creator. But anyone who feels addressed by Me also has evidence of Me, of My love and wisdom, and he can and will also soon reciprocate My love, for the word I impart to you is blessed with My strength, thus it will also have an effect on you and already give you the certainty on earth that you have a father in Me to Whose heart you are well sheltered. What you are required to believe becomes an inner certainty for you because I make Myself known to you through My word.... you can no longer doubt, and yet My word is not a compulsion for you to believe, instead, it can only resound in you **when** you believe in a God Who created you and now also reveals Himself to you.... And this inner faith is conveyed to you by My spirit, the little spark of love within you, which is My share.... This spirit instructs you from within so that you are able to believe in Me and My existence alive for the time being and now seek to make contact with Me and thus **consciously** establish this bond with Me.... which happens through prayer, loving activity and heartfelt thoughts of Me.... Then I can express Myself to you through My address.... And then faith will be strengthened in you, it will come alive, you will be aware of the presence of your God and creator, and you will now also not give up this bond.... However, the fact that you do not initially resist the expression of your spiritual spark was achieved by your free will, for you do **not** need to listen to it either, but then you will never be able to hear the voice of your God and father of eternity either.... otherwise all people **would have** to believe, but this would not be beneficial for the human being's soul. Yet I come to meet every person, and he truly only needs to take one step towards Me and I will take hold of him and never let him sink back again.... But this step has to be taken voluntarily, and it will be taken when the human being pays attention to the voice of conscience, to the silent expressions of My spiritual spark, which will only ever have the purpose that the human being acknowledges a God and creator Who also created him.... And no matter how weak this faith in Me may be, it can be

strengthened, for soon I will try to make Myself known to him through his experience so that his thoughts will wander to the power Who is in charge of everything.... And his thoughts will truly be guided correctly, and the evidence of My existence will be given to him ever more clearly and prompt his closer bond with Me. But if he stands in the grace of hearing My word.... be it directly or indirectly through My messengers.... then he has also given up all doubts, then he is fully convinced of Me and My presence, and this firm faith is such a tremendous spiritual progress, for now his actions and thoughts will always be guided by Me, he will consult Me in everything he undertakes; he can no longer doubt because he has experienced Me and experiences Me anew every day and every hour. And the fact that he will now also fulfil his earthly task will be achieved by the strength he receives time and again through My word, and he will constantly pursue his goal of establishing the union with Me which will ensure his eternal life in bliss.... For he will not only listen to the word he receives but live it out, and that means to completely enter into My will, to live according to My will, to live a life of love and thus to shape himself entirely into love.... He will fulfil his purpose of earthly life and finally return to Me because he has become perfect again, as he was in the beginning.... because he has now become My child and will remain so for all eternity....

Amen

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