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The Purpose Of Creation

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Knowledge about the process of pre-development....

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The knowledge about your soul's process before its embodiment as a human being is appropriate during the last days before the end for all people who go through life indifferently and are unaware of their responsibility towards their soul. Although such people will not want to accept this knowledge it can nevertheless reveal to them a new point of view regarding their existence.... It can explain much which was hitherto unknown to them, it can encourage them to think and also unsettle them as they consider their future life, which they will no longer be able to doubt if the knowledge corresponds to the truth. A thinking person will not be able to reject it offhand but only few will be willing to accept it; yet it could still bring many people to their senses before the end and prompt them to change their attitude towards God....

Imparting this knowledge by allowing people to gain an insight into His plan of eternity is also one of the means still used by God in His love because the end of this period of Salvation will also close the gates to the kingdom of the beyond and there will only be the two options for continued existence.... namely, as a human being on the new earth or as dissolved spiritual substances banished anew in the creations. This knowledge was previously not essential because the immature souls were still able to gain maturity in the kingdom of the beyond and thus had enough time for their development, but people in the last days lack this opportunity and thus God still wants to help them by other means to achieve the degree of maturity which will prevent their banishment into hard matter.

Spiritual aspirants have indeed always been granted insight into God's plan of Salvation, yet mainly for the sake of their own development or in order to teach people with a particular thirst for knowledge, whose appeal for clarification was granted by God.... In the last days, however, this knowledge shall be distributed amongst people as admonition and warning, for although people's past memory had been taken away from them, their belief in the soul's previous infinitely long path will nevertheless awaken a certain sense of responsibility, and even an unbeliever can get second thoughts about his way of life and these can surface time and again like silent admonitions so that he will nevertheless consider them. And occasionally such explanations can also fill gaps in people's knowledge and are then more likely to be accepted because the meaning and purpose of creation become obvious.... yet only ever for thinking people who want logical reasons in order to be able to believe.

Such people are thrown a lifeline by God which can draw them onto safe ground.... And He will also let them find ways to find knowledge, He will convey the knowledge of the plan of Salvation and the infinitely long process of the soul's development to where it will be needed, even though not all people will need to know about it.... Yet God knows every individual person's thoughts and considerations and wants to answer their questions or dispel doubts.... But nothing He undertakes will be without meaning and purpose, and whatever He conveys to earth in the form of knowledge He, in His wisdom, has also recognised to be appropriate....

Amen

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The origin of creation is God

Belief in God as the origin of creation....

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am the origin of all things, and if you want to deny the origin you do not recognize Me as a Lecreating power and therefore also not as a powerful being Which can produce out of Itself what It wants. You then believe that everything created came into being on its own without the influence of a power Which has a will. And thus you do not believe in a designer and sustainer of what is visible to you either, instead you regard nature as well as all creation as products which came into being by themselves and which are therefore not subject to any determining power, which are thus not governed by any will. And this completely erroneous view makes you incapable of believing in a being Which is intimately connected with that which It has created through its own might and strength. For if you do not recognize the origin of creation you will not seek a connection with the creator either, thus you will neither love nor fear Him and never work on yourselves in order to come closer to Him.... With faith you also lack love and therefore also truth, for you do not call upon the creator of heaven and earth, Who alone can provide you with everything you lack.... Without faith in Me you will not come closer to the truth, and to believe in Me means to recognize Me as the creator of heaven and earth, to regard yourselves as My products which are inseparable from Me, even if they appear to be isolated in creation. I am from eternity to eternity, and everything that is from Me is imperishable, thus likewise eternal in its original substance. The visible form, however, does not remain eternally; it is transient, even if endless times pass before everything visible has spiritualized itself. This visible form is certainly transient for the human eye as soon as the spiritual escapes from it in order to revitalize a new form for the purpose of further development. If you acknowledge Me as the origin of all things then you also know that all strength which emanated from Me has to flow back to Me, that the apparent transience of creation is therefore the process of reclamation of the created being which did not want to acknowledge Me as creator and sustainer.... which therefore isolated itself and tried to break off the connection with Me. He who recognizes Me also seeks to remain connected to Me; he believes in Me and becomes knowledgeable through faith. He knows that creation, the visible, is only a means to an end but that it will not last forever because it is only the shell of the immature spiritual substance which is to reach maturity. But he who has no contact with infinity, who certainly recognizes creation but not its author, his intellect will never fathom the origin and goal of creation.... He believes himself to be knowledgeable and is blind in spirit.... And his thinking is erroneous.... He lacks faith in Me as creator and sustainer of all things, and without this faith he cannot unite with Me and therefore also cannot merge with Me as the primordial power, which is the ultimate goal of everything that is visible to you....

Amen

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Creation proof of the eternal deity....

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There cannot be more obvious proof of the existence of an eternal deity than creation, for the human being can see a miracle taking place in it every day. He can observe the working of a power in it, and he can now imagine this power however he wants, he has to associate it with something substantial Which expresses Itself visibly through it. For works that testify to profound wisdom, whose existence is not purposeless or meaningless, must have been considered beforehand and now become form in a certain lawfulness through a will that rules over the power. And this will

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testifies to a being Which must be recognized as the eternal creator of the entire universe. No work of creation has come into being without a plan, for even if the purpose is still hidden from the human being it nevertheless underlies every work which has emerged from the will of that creating power. Therefore, the more attentively a person observes creation, the more convinced he will be to see in it the work of a master Who is extremely loving, wise and powerful. And thus creation alone can lead to a rock-solid faith as soon as the human being is searching and, with a serious will, abandons himself to the thoughts which arise when he observes even the smallest work of creation. For God Himself speaks to him through creation, and every human being can understand His language if he is willing to listen to it. For man could not bring into being by his own strength what is visible to him in creation. God's power first has to become effective and this power has to be attributed to an entity because every work of creation reveals a planned nature, thus the power has been directed by a will. But as soon as a will is recognized, there must also be a bearer of this will, no matter in which form man imagines it. For the eternal deity is not conceivable for the human being, and yet It must be acknowledged as a being Which thinks and shapes, Which lets Its thoughts become form through Its will, which testifies to profound wisdom. Wisdom and omnipotence are therefore proven, and love is the original reason for everything that is.... love for that which every work of creation holds within itself.... to the beingness that once emerged from His power and is therefore a part of Himself.... As a seeker, the human being knows nothing about the spiritual life in the whole of creation, he can only initially recognize the elemental force, the creator of what his eye sees. However, the inner life will not remain hidden from him if he strives for this knowledge. For once he has recognized a creator full of wisdom and power, he will also ask about the meaning and purpose of creation. And he will receive an answer.... And then he will recognize God's love, which is constantly active in order to bring new creations into being, in order to assign them to the beingness as an abode, which is to mature in them. And now the human being gains a clear image, he submits himself in deepest humility to his creator, Whom he will now never ever deny, Whom he will recognize as an entity of supreme perfection.... full of love, wisdom and omnipotence.... and Whom he now strives towards with every thought because he has to love this being and desires to come close to It. Thus the human being can, even without the divine word being preached to him by fellow human beings, take notice of His existence himself, for God places the simplest means before his eyes every day, he need only pay attention to creation and let it speak to him with an earnest will, then God Himself will already speak to him and he will receive His word directly by being mentally enlightened so that he can attain a living faith. And this faith will be firmly established in him, for creation bears witness to God's love, wisdom and omnipotence for everyone who, as a seeker, asks and listens for the answer which is conveyed to him by the creator Himself....

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Been created for the spiritual and his case

Act of creating the spiritual beings....

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It is My will that you shall be enlightened where darkness prevails. People who don't question Lacannot receive answers, but those who want to know and turn to Me Myself will receive My reply so that they will learn to recognise Me in My love and wisdom and grant their love to Me.... The act of creating the spiritual beings was a spiritual process which will only be understandable to you humans when you enter the kingdom of light. As long as you live on earth it can only be roughly outlined to you according to your level of understanding. Nevertheless, it will not divert from the truth, but it will lack both the deeper reasons as well as the infinitely many intermediate processes which, however, would not contribute towards your enlightenment either. However, you can rest assured that I will not let your thinking become confused, since you only wish to be instructed in the truth. When I created the first being I was only motivated by the thought of creating a vessel for Myself which was intended to assimilate My ceaselessly outpouring strength of love.... because My infinite love wanted to give itself and only ever provide happiness.... My strength of love constantly brought forth all kinds of spiritual creations. Therefore I also wanted to create something that corresponded to Me Myself, thus an image of Me. And My will came to pass a being of supreme perfection arose beside Me which was pleasing to Me, which was indescribably beautiful, it was an image of Myself which from then on was so permeated by My strength of love that it was equally able to be creatively active without limitation. And just as the source of My strength of love had motivated Me into shaping a receiving vessel into which it could flow, the same will and desire also arose in this being to make use of the constant influx of My love's strength and, likewise, to let beings arise from within itself. Thus the same process repeated itself, because I wanted to let this first-created being participate in the incredible bliss of giving life to like-natured beings, for as an 'image' of Myself it was imbued with the same feelings, it was overflowing with love, and the strength it constantly received from Me did not keep the being inactive either.... which resulted in this very process of creating countless beings.... Hence these created beings could **not be different** from My first-created being.... they were supremely perfect, brightly radiant and overwhelmingly powerful spirits which all corresponded to the image I had externalised. Through My influx of strength, which made the act of creating these beings possible in the first place, I was therefore also their 'Creator', although the will of the first-created being had to avail itself first of this strength of Mine. Hence all beings emerged from Me and My first image.... and all beings possessed the same creative power. But My will was also active in all originally created beings, the host of originally created spirits were inflamed with burning love for Me, because My fire of love was their fundamental element, they had been the products of purest love and therefore all created beings were also positively inclined towards Me....

Endless times passed by in most blissful harmony and a constant exchange of love.... and this state need never have changed. But then the process of creating took on a different form.... which should only be understood in a spiritual sense. This was triggered by the desire of My first-created being, the bearer of light, to see Me. The being's love for Me was still unchanged and therefore it desired to behold Me even though it knew that I, as the 'centre of strength and light' could not be visible to My created beings, which would have ceased to exist in view of My abundance of light.... it would have consumed the created beings.... which were sparks of My light.... and thus a beholding of Me was not possible. And because it was unable to behold Me the thought flashed up in it to become independent from Me and more or less present itself to the host of originally created being as 'Creator itself'.... a thought which arose as a consequence of the desire to see Me despite better knowledge. As an attribute of perfection all beings also possessed free will which, however, always corresponded to My

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will. And this free will allowed for the said mental confusion.... Thus the bearer of light, Lucifer, was not prevented by Me from aiming his will in the wrong direction. Even so, the process of creation started to falter, that is, as long as his will no longer harmonised with Mine he more or less closed himself off to the flow of My love, yet always just temporarily, for at first his resistance was so small that love nevertheless came through again and he utterly devoted himself to Me once more, which then also resulted in an unabated flow of My strength of love and thus continued creative activity. But time and again the wrong thoughts kept emerging in him because he did not confide them in Me Myself so that I could have refuted them.... For he temporarily excluded Me without realising that he thereby lessened his strength.... As soon as he loosened the bond with Me through wrongly inclined thoughts the inflow of strength of love also lessened; however, he did not realise this in view of the countless multitude of spirits he had already called into existence through his will and the use of My strength.... Time and again it must be emphasised that My strength enabled him to create the beings in the first place and that only his love for Me gave him the strength... so it is understandable, that a reduction of his love also reduced the influx of strength. And at the same time, every created being was also the **proof** of Lucifer's connection with Me.... thus no other being could arise after Lucifer consciously separated from Me, on account of which all created beings belong to Me as well, for they are 'My emanated strength of love'. And yet a large proportion of all created beings had fallen away from Me.... And that justifies the question as to whether the beings differed in their fundamental substance....

I only externalised **one** being as an independent entity.... And this being was created in My image. Consequently, all spiritual beings which were brought into existence by this being had to entirely correspond to Me and My image again.... They were the same perfect, most radiantly shining living creations, for only something supremely perfect was able to emerge from our mutual love and will, which both corresponded to each other.... beings, which were by no means inferior to the first-created bearer of light.... Hence they were equally extremely powerful and ablaze with burning love for Me, even though they were unable to behold Me. Nevertheless, they recognised Me, for I also revealed Myself to them through the Word. It was an infinitely large number of spirits which glorified Me and sang My praises, which, in reverence, were willing to serve Me and which were only ever active according to My will, thus they were images of Me Myself. And this indescribably happy multitude of spirits should have increased the light bearer's love for Me ever more.... Yet various feelings in him began to oppose each other: He saw the gloriously radiating beings and desired to behold Me as well.... Since he was visible to the beings he deemed himself superior to Me and no longer wanted to acknowledge Me as the One from Whom everything had emerged, despite the fact that he knew that he, too, had originated from Me. Conscious of the strength permeating him, he began to separate himself from the source of strength.... a process which lasted for an infinitely long time because the desire for happiness repeatedly pushed him back to Me and therefore he repeatedly received strength again for the creation of new beings. And so these beings, too, consisted of the same fundamental substance, namely of My emanated strength of love; however the sporadic separation from Me also influenced the process of creation to a certain extent, insofar as those beings' will and love was more inclined towards their maker than Me.... but I neither tried to influence these beings nor the bearer of light. Yet they were equally enlightened, they recognised Me as their Creator and were therefore also able to make the **right** decision in free will when this important decision was demanded of them.

My first-created being was connected with **all** beings produced by him, just as I was inseparably linked with all beings because My strength of love had to permeate them were they to continue to exist. My adversary tried to maintain the connection with his created beings even after his will was already opposing Mine.... that is, he also inspired the **first** spirits into turning away from Me and a number of of them succumbed to his temptation, Lucifer also pulled them into the abyss and their realisation should have truly made them abhor his disgraceful plan. And their sin was far greater still, therefore, their path of return will also be considerably more difficult.... whereas the majority of the first-created beings remained with Me when the followers of My present adversary detached themselves from Me. The hidden resistance with which Lucifer started to oppose Me resulted in the fact that an infinitely large host of created spirits decided partly for and partly against Me when the

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test of will was expected of them. For the resistance disturbed the hitherto integrated whole.... My former image was no longer governed by the **same** will, the **same** love, it had caused a rift and this division was also felt by the beings which had emerged from our love, which were now like their maker, even though My strength was involved in their creation. But since this resistance had not been present in the first-created spiritual being, since the light bearer's love and will were completely merged with Mine, it was only possible for such beings to emerge from our love which utterly corresponded to us, whose brilliant abundance of light and unlimited strength were true images of Me Myself as well as of the being which I had externalised from Me in My love.... and which also, with a few exceptions, remained with Me. And the same process occurred in the latter as happened in Lucifer: free will aimed in the wrong direction.... they desired to see their God and Creator and drew the wrong conclusions from My necessary invisibility by acknowledging that which was 'visible' to them as their 'God', who then exalted himself and drew countless beings to himself, which all detached themselves volitionally from Me and thereby plunged into the abyss....

Once all created beings glowed with light and strength, because nothing could have arisen without the flow of My love's strength. The reduced emanation of light only began with Lucifer's reduced love for Me, but this did not mean that these beings were lacking the light of realisation, for at the moment of creating the beings My strength of love also permeated the maker of all the beings again; but these moments became increasingly less frequent until he voluntarily rebelled against Me and was no longer able to receive any influx of strength because he rejected it by believing himself to be just as powerful as Me.... And then his state of mind became dark as well.... He.... who once had been in My image.... became My direct opposite, his nature reversed completely, he had sunk into the deepest abyss and his followers with him, whom he regarded as his supposed power and strength. The highest being, having emerged from My love, had sunk the lowest, because it misused its free will, the characteristic of divine origin.... And it was left up to every being to aim this will in My or his direction, every being was able to pass the test of will because every being possessed the light of realisation and also had the strength at its disposal to resist the urging for its maker.... But neither will every fallen being ever lose My love, for My love let it arise and My love will never ever let it perish again, but until it surrenders its resistance it will not be able to feel My love and thus remain wretched. However, one day its resistance will diminish and the being will look for My love again and consciously take the path of return to Me.... Then it will recognise My inconceivable love, it will recognise its God and Creator in Jesus Christ, in Whom I Myself became for all beings the visible God, Whom they desired to see and Who prepared for them the path of return into the Father's house....

Amen

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Cause and origin of Creation....

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What occurred in the kingdom of the spirits was the reason for the origin of Creation, of the entire universe with all its manifold spiritual and material creations. Prior to the emergence of these creations only the spiritual kingdom existed, which was a world of infinite beatitudes in which spiritual beings took pleasure in their existence and were able to create in possession of strength and light in accordance with their purpose. And this 'creating' involved spiritual creations again, they actualised thoughts and ideas which flowed to these beings from God and which they then implemented with immense bliss because the strength to do so was at their disposal and they were also able to freely use their will. And the spiritual beings' state of bliss need never have changed, they neither had to fear a restriction of their strength nor a reduction of light as long as their love for their God and Creator remained unchanged and they were thus permeated by Him with the divine light of love.... But then a situation arose which exposed the beings to a new point of view, when Lucifer, the bearer of light.... the first created being.... presented the Eternal Deity, because He was invisible, as being doubtful.... and presented himself as the one from whom all spirit-beings had emerged and also demanded their acknowledgment of him as god and creator....

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This, however, caused a conflict in the beings because their love belonged to One Who created them.... but Lucifer's presentation confused them, in fact, it appeared more plausible, for Lucifer radiated in light and brilliance and they were unable to behold a superior being above him.... Nevertheless, they were still permeated by the light of realisation; consequently they also doubted Lucifer's portrayal. But gradually their bright moments of insight began to alternate with moments of slight blurring, and the more the being entertained the latter the longer lasted the phases of darkened thinking, or otherwise, the thoughts clarified and the being most lucidly realised its true origin. And Lucifer was **no longer** capable of dulling the realisation of the latter.... The former, however, quickly became subject to his control, they joined him and looked upon him as their god and creator because they resisted their constantly recurring enlightened moments until their final fall into the abyss took place. Lucifer's undiminished strength in the beginning had brought a countless host of most blissful spiritual beings into existence, and due to the abundance of his creations a wrong sense of self-esteem arose in him.... He no longer saw the Source from Whom he had received this strength but only the 'evidence' of the strength which permeated him and he alone wanted to possess it, even though he knew that it also belonged to the One Whose strength he was allowed to draw upon. Yet he not only wanted to possess it, he also wanted to dull the beings' light which most distinctly revealed their origin to them.... And thus he succeeded in causing a conflict in the beings which, however, also lessened their happiness and hampered their creative activity.... until they finally decided to accept their lord and thus the beings as well as the bearer of light forfeited their strength and light and plunged into darkness....

And this spiritual process, which can only be roughly explained to you humans, resulted in the emergence of countless spiritual and physical creations.... These creations are merely reshaped, fallen spiritual beings.... Due to their apostasy from God, due to their infinitely great distance from Him, their substance became increasingly harder the further away it fell. This has to be understood such that the spiritual strength from God, which induces ever increasing activity, was no longer able to touch these spiritual beings because they resisted it themselves; and thus their activity came to an end, their mobility, their life solidified.... and what remained was utterly hardened substance, which originally was indeed God's emanated strength, yet it had become totally ineffective.... But God's love and wisdom had initially intended a different purpose for the spiritual beings: constant activity according to His will which, at the same time, was also intended to be the being's will. The spiritual beings had acted in opposition to their purpose, they wanted to use their strength contrary to divine will yet were no longer able to do so, since due to their apostasy they had deprived themselves of their strength. At that moment God's love seized the completely solidified spirits again, which were no longer able to recognise themselves and were no more than a cluster of God-opposing spiritual substances. His strength of love drove these substances apart and used them to let the most diverse works of creation arise.... Thus He more or less reshaped His once emanated strength, He gave every individual work of creation its task which it then complied with in the law of compulsion, so that the dissolved spiritual substance was compelled to be active but without any self-awareness, which it previously possessed as a spiritual being. Consequently, the creations are nothing other than what originally had come forth from God, just in a completely different state as far as their perfection is concerned.... For all creations are or shelter only **imperfect** spiritual spirits which are on the path of return to God. **Perfect** spiritual beings did not require material creations, they only externalised their ideas and thoughts but these were only the spiritual products of their will and thinking and their unlimited strength again. It was a world which was only inhabited by perfect beings. No flaws, no limits and no deficiencies existed therein.... For these only surfaced when the universe sheltered God-opposing beings.... when imperfect spiritual beings needed shells in which they were forced to become active.

And so, wherever forms can be found they also contain captive imperfect spirits within, and the more solid these forms are the more hardened and God-opposing is the bound spiritual substance inside. But even the form itself.... the material part.... consists of such imperfect substances which are only held together by God's strength of love in order to serve a purpose: as carriers of spiritual beings to help them to progress. Divine strength of love enclosed all these spiritual substances but it will not compellingly influence them by forcefully breaking their resistance.... A work of creation must indeed

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carry out a specific activity according to God's will but the spirit within is not forced to turn to God. And this is why it is possible that the spirit of an original being can cover the whole process through the works of creation up to the final embodiment as a human being and still not have relinquished its resistance to God, because this has to be achieved by its free will which can just as well turn to the prince of darkness again. But the constant activity in the law of compulsion usually achieves a reduction of resistance to God, because even the slightest activity gives the being a certain sense of comfort already, since an expression of strength corresponds to its fundamental nature. The countless worlds of the stars, all their inherent creations, are the result of this past apostasy in the kingdom of the spirits.... They will still continue to exist for eternities; time and again new creations will arise in order to enable the once fallen spirits to return to God. Eternities will pass by until the work of return is accomplished, until even the last hardened spiritual being will be dissolved and able to start on the path of return.... However, sooner or later all these creations will have spiritualised themselves, sooner or later there will be only one 'spiritual world' again where all spirits will work in the same will as God's will and be incomparably happy.... sooner or later God will have achieved the goal of not merely being surrounded by 'living creations' but by 'children' to whom He can provide the greatest beatitudes, because His infinite love urges Him towards constant happiness and will not let Him rest until He has reached His goal....

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Transformation of spiritual creations in material creations

Creation of the world.... Moses.... metaphorical language....

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o not let yourselves be carried away to any judgement as long as you are not yet of fully awakened spirit. There is so infinitely much that would burden your intellect if it should digest it, but which is nevertheless divine wisdom, thus knowledge which completely corresponds to truth. The human being, in his inadequacy, cannot grasp a particle of it, nor can he receive light about it through even the sharpest intellectual activity, but he must desire and receive clarification about it in a spiritual way.... He must let God speak to him directly or in the form of thoughts which arise in him after heartfelt prayer for enlightenment. What is fully understandable to one person can be knowledge darker than the deepest night to another, and thus the latter will reject what the former recognises and accepts as pure truth. But a debate about it can also give clarification to the latter, if he demands such. Likewise, God can also distribute the truth in the form of instructions through fellow human beings, if He can express Himself through an organ or dictate to it in the pen what is necessary to know:.... There are various explanations of the scriptural text of the creation of the world, and each can be truth if it originated from the One Who is the eternal Truth Himself. And thus it depends on the degree of maturity of the person being taught which explanation he needs. He can look at the days of creation as he likes, he can want to recognise a purely spiritual relation and be instructed accordingly.... But he can also regard himself as the centre of all material creation and accordingly interpret the traditional words of Moses or put them aside as incomprehensible to him until further notice, i.e. until his maturity of knowledge is increased by a way of life in accordance with divine will. He will never attain complete understanding on earth, for divine wisdom is inexhaustible, unfathomable, until the human being is perfect, although God enlightens the human being and can impart extensive knowledge to him through His spirit. The creation of the world cannot be made clear to people in any other way than metaphorically. The people of Moses' time were familiar with imagery, so that they not only understood it as the earthly, i.e. the material development of the earth, but were also able to comprehend the spiritual relation, if they wished to learn about it. Moses' words are not given superficially, and therefore they cannot be understood according to their wording either, but God Himself spoke to Moses, and indeed for the whole of humanity of a whole epoch of redemption, which encompasses an infinitely long period of time.... (5.8.1947) And his speech was designed in such a way that it could be applied to the present, the past and the future. It illuminated both the time from the beginning to the end of a redemptive epoch as well as the time before and the time still to come, which was clearly and surely foreseen by a spiritual visionary, as Moses was, even if the human being as such does not know about future things. To the visionary, however, everything is revealed, and his actions are accordingly. Moses therefore gave humanity a light, he was in fullest unison with God's will, and therefore he was also able to express what urged him to speak: God now wanted to make known to people the order of earthly creation, whereby it must be considered, however, that an infinitely long time was needed for this and this time must be related to both spiritual and earthly development. The spiritual development always concerns the creatural in the embodiment as a human being last. Consequently, the upward development as a human being must also be comparable with the slow development of earthly creation, and since the former takes place in divine order, it must resemble the course of development of the earthly material world, which also took its course in Godordained order. Only the spiritually striving human being understands the connection and can realise this, and he also understands the spiritual meaning of Moses' words. However, a more comprehensible explanation cannot be given as long as the parallel of spiritual and material upward development is not sought. To explain the development of the material creation to people was truly not important, and the

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knowledge of it does not enrich the human being. Nevertheless, its beginning was in accordance with the spiritual state of the creatural.... Everything that followed resulted from the preceding. But it can by no means be denied that God constantly gives men indications of their destiny, of their purpose in life.... the higher development of the soul. Through Moses the same thing happened in the same way that people's attention was drawn to the origin of the earthly creation, always in view of the spiritual aim. And in the same way the man Jesus explained the words of Moses, driven by the spirit in Himself, and the spiritual development of the human being was of greater importance to Him, so that He explained everything in view of it in order to induce people to attach less importance to the actual creation of the world than to the spiritual correspondence, the parallel, which every earthly event has to show and which has to be paid far more attention to if the human being wants to achieve success for his soul.... Many other explanations can be offered, and it is also the case that the recipients of spiritual announcements receive different interpretations of them through the work of the spirit. But then a discussion is necessary from time to time, and where the same views, the same explanations are to be found, there it is also possible to speak of sure working of the spirit, for all explanations must agree with each other and ultimately always concern the spiritual man's upward development, albeit in an easier or more difficult to grasp representation. Where the spirit of God itself can work, understanding is also guaranteed....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

Spiritual and material creations....

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nnumerable worlds exist in God's creation, the purpose of which is the upward development of the ▲ spiritual, which is to find its way back to God. And innumerable worlds are therefore carriers of this spiritual, which is partly materially bound and partly inhabits these worlds in spiritual bonds according to its state of maturity. It is not only earthly material creations which have the task of carrying spiritual substances, but since there are different degrees of development the spiritual substance does not always need matter but can also continue its ascent development in spiritual creations as soon as it has passed through earthly matter. But even then the spiritual still has to fulfil tasks which require some kind of creations which present themselves to the spiritual eye and are incomparable in their versatility, kind and purpose. The spiritual can test itself on all these works of creation, it can let its will to love become action according to its abundance of strength and light. The spiritual creations are only visible to the spiritual eye when the being has reached a certain degree of maturity. Before that it is in worlds.... if it has left the earth immature.... in which it cannot recognize any creations because it is completely dark around the being. Thus the miracles of creation also increase with the state of maturity, so that the being can repeatedly observe new creations throughout eternities and recognize God's infinite love in them. The spiritual creations are much richer and completely inconceivable to the human eye. They constantly give evidence of God's creative will, of His love, which constantly seeks to make His creatures happy, and of His unsurpassable wisdom. They are also indestructible but changeable in themselves, because the spiritual does not rest but is constantly active and spiritual creations are again the expression of strength of perfect beings of light who constantly create and create in order to give the still undeveloped or lowly mature spiritual possibilities to progress in development. Completely immature spiritual beings need material creations; but from a certain degree of maturity these are no longer necessary but are replaced by spiritual creations which, however, likewise give the being the opportunity to attain brightest light. The further away the being is from God, the harder is the cover by which it is surrounded, and the more material is also the creation to which it is assigned as inhabitant. If the being has left earth in the same God-distant state, then it still feels surrounded by the same material creation, although the spiritual kingdom has now become its abode.

(23.7.1945) These creations stand before its spiritual eye because the desire for them is still so great that the soul creates material things for itself in thought and now believes to move in them. Hence they

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are not spiritual creations which came into being through the will of God and the beings of light, but they are foam formations which the soul imagines for itself through its will, which it therefore does not actually see with its spiritual eye but only lets arise before its senses in the memory of earth. It will also never be able to enjoy these creations because they always disappear as soon as they want to be used by the being, so that the soul very soon recognizes the transience of its creations, which is their purpose. The spiritual creations, on the other hand, are imperishable, only in constant change, i.e., they arise ever more perfect before the being's spiritual eye the further it rises in perfection. Again and again it is allowed to behold new structures which bear witness to God's love, wisdom and omnipotence in unimagined glory and yet also stimulate loving activity again, because all these spiritual worlds harbour beings which develop higher through the transfer of strength and therefore strive towards the beholding being of light, attracted by the abundance of light which radiates from those beings. Material worlds are mostly without light and require increased care by the beings of light, yet the care for the inhabitants of material worlds is an act of mercy by the beings of light in which happiness also lies at the same time, because love constantly impels them to be mercifully active. Spiritual worlds themselves radiate light because their inhabitants are recipients of light in various degrees of maturity. And that is why the spiritual worlds are in contact with the material worlds; they emit their light to the places of darkness according to the inhabitants' willingness to receive, which can see the spiritual worlds as luminous celestial bodies which circle the lightless celestial body in certain orbits. But the radiation of light only happens spiritually and is therefore only felt by the inhabitants of the material world who long for light and shape themselves as receptacles through their way of life. Only in the spiritual kingdom is the radiation of light visible to the being which is able to see spiritually through its maturity of soul. And thus countless creations have emerged from God's will to shape, which His infinite love let come into being in order to lead the imperfect spiritual into perfection and to make the perfect spiritual happy. And His power and glory is expressed in all His works of creation. However, it only becomes recognizable in all its greatness to the being which, in the spheres of light, enjoys the bliss of dwelling close to God and being constantly permeated by His strength of love.... For this is bliss, to feel God's strength and power, to be seized by His love and to be allowed to be active in the same will with God for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

What is creation?.... reshaped power....

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\ / hen the world was created, the fall of man had already taken place in the kingdom of the spirits, for this was the cause of creation.... it was the cause for a world to arise which was formed from the strength which flowed forth from Me when I created the spiritual beings. It was a world whose substance was precisely that once created spiritual substance which fell away from Me. The strength emanated by Me for the creation of those beings did not work according to My will, those beings did **not** fulfil their purpose, and thus I gave the strength **another** purpose.... I dissolved the beings, the fallen spiritual beings, and now let creations of a different kind arise from the strength.... For the power had to become active according to the law of eternity.... It was not a lifeless world which now came into being, for all strength expresses itself, it is constantly active. And thus My will also assigned each work of creation its purpose, which was then fulfilled by the inherent strength in the law of compulsion.... Thus the beings were transformed into works of creation of various kinds, thus it was certainly a 'spiritual' world but the strength had condensed into form, visible creations had arisen through My will.... However, they were only visible to the human being, to the being which, having once fallen, had passed through this creation for the purpose of changing back to Me, from Whom it had once fallen away. Thus the human being can see My creations and he can also be instructed as to what this creation is in its essence.... And when his soul has attained a certain degree of maturity then the human being knows that he lives in the midst of the once fallen spiritual substance, that everything around him is reshaped spiritual strength which was once formed into

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beings which My will of love let arise.... To possess this realization is already the sign that the once fallen original spirit.... the human being.... is close to its original state and that everything around him is a transformed spiritual force and that it only needs to take a few more steps to arrive at Me again, at its father from eternity.... What is creation?.... Every person should ask himself this question, and if his question is serious he will certainly receive clarification and be given proof that he is already in a high state of development. The strength which flows forth from Me must become effective, it cannot remain inactive. But the beings called into life by Me refused to carry out the activity assigned to them; they turned away from Me, closed themselves to the inflowing strength of love and consequently also became incapable of activity. They hardened in their substance.... which is why I dissolved them and let them become creations of a different kind, so that the strength could become effective again, and this according to My will. But My love and My wisdom also intended a plan with the creation: That which once voluntarily refused to be active in My will now exercises the activity in the law of compulsion, and thus the once emanated strength was induced into a serving activity. That is the meaning and purpose of the whole of creation, that the strength becomes effective according to My will.... And thus every work of creation also has its purpose, which again serves another work of creation to come into being and to exist. Everything that is visible to you shall remind you of My greater than great love and wisdom, for you shall recognize everything as a work of help for the fallen original spirits to regain their former nature, where they were exceedingly full of light and mighty.... You should see in everything that is visible to you the path I have prepared for My living creations so that they can return to their origin on it again; you should learn to look at creation as a great work of mercy by Me which gives you the opportunity to attain the beatitude again which you gave away yourselves of your own free will. But you should also never forget that you yourselves, in the stage as a human being, have to strive for the final perfection, because this can only be achieved in free will. Therefore you should also learn about your earthly progress through this creation and now try to achieve with all your strength that you will find the union with Me again on earth, which you once voluntarily severed. For you shall finally return to Me from Whom you once came forth in all perfection....

Amen

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The process of creation has taken eternities....

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The process of creation was not the work of a moment, even though it truly would have been within My power.... but then creation would have missed its purpose, since it was intended to ensure a gradual development from the abyss to the pinnacle and therefore continued for an infinitely long time. Hence you humans should understand that the description in the Scriptures, in the Book of the Fathers, only informs you of this act of creation in a pictorial manner, because people who still lack deeper awareness would be unable to understand the true process, and it is only intended to teach them that creation once came forth from My hand, that it was and is the work of My will and My might....

Anyone who wants to delve deeper will also come to a more profound understanding. At first it is only necessary to know of a Power Which brought everything into existence the human being can see around himself, as well as the creations he is unable to see. Before the far-reaching correlations can be explained to him he has to know about the original beginning of what My strength of love emanated as independent beings.... And he has to know about these beings' apostasy from Me and the immense original sin with which the beings were then burdened. Only then can the emergence of creation and the process of return through creation be explained to him. But anyone with an unenlightened spirit will hold on to the letter and will never clearly understand it since he is not open to instructions by spiritually enlightened people either.

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Every work of creation required an infinitely long time of preliminary development which, however, always related to the spiritual substance which should progress within a work of creation.... It had fallen so low that it also needed an endless length of time in order to ascend again within the various kinds of creations.... from the most primitive to the most beautifully formed works brought into existence by My will in order to shelter the spiritual substance and enable its path of ascent.... And therefore the creation work Earth, too, was, in the beginning, a mere cluster of utterly immature spirits whose substances gradually condensed to form a mass which could not yet be described as hard matter but had to be understood as basic elements, without form but with tremendous effect of strength, for they contained totally uncontrolled spiritual substances. Yet My wisdom distributed everything in the right measure and used every element for My creative work, so that separate forms arose which had to comply with their destined purpose; and thus began the slow construction of the visible works of creation which continued for an endless time until the earth started to show vegetation and increasingly more mature spiritual substances were able to occupy those creations to travel the path of higher development in this plant world. Then followed the first living beings.... creations, which could already perform a certain, albeit very small, task imposed on them by natural law.

And, again, an infinitely long time of development passed from these minute living beings to the world of animals which included ever larger and stronger forms, in which many spiritual substances had already come together and united in order to keep fulfilling the task of cultivating the earth for the final crowning work of divine creation.... for the human being.... who had to pass through all those preliminary stages and whose soul now is the composition of all those tiny particles which belonged to a once fallen original spirit and which, in a dissolved state, had to go through all works of creation in order to gradually evolve again in this way.

Consequently, the human being could not have been created at the time of 'creating the world'.... just as all works of creation have never been My instant work, precisely because the slow advancement had to proceed first or the whole of the creation work would have been meaningless and without purpose, for it did not come into being for My sake but for the sake of My fallen living creations and thus was also meant to fulfil the purpose of leading the fallen spirits back to Me again. And yet, every work of creation was My externalised thought which was always implemented when the spiritual substance had reached a certain degree of maturity and required a new form in order to continue its path of development. And thus different creations arose periodically. The plant world only became necessary when the world of rocks released the spiritual substance which then required a new and lighter form.... And likewise small and minute living creations arose after the creation of the plant world.... And only I knew when one was necessary for the other, and I also knew how much time the larger living creations, the animals up to the Pre-Adamites, would need to mature their embodied soulsubstances. Hence I also knew when the time had come that the individual tiny particles of the spiritual being had merged again in order to embody itself as 'soul' in the last form. Then I externalised a work of creation again.... the human being, whose external shape is so skilfully created that a maturing to final perfection will be possible. And this creation of the human being also occurred an infinitely long time ago, which you humans cannot establish since your concept of time is still limited, but My work of return has already lasted for an eternity. And although eternities had passed before the appearance of the human being, before the earth with all its works of creation was ready for the human being to take possession of it for the purpose of his final maturing, this point in time is also very remote, because time and again periodical immense upheavals and changes occur on earth which make it impossible to calculate the duration of time since the beginning of earth and of the human being.

But this is certain, you humans will only be able to gain a real insight into My eternal plan of Salvation when you have attained the appropriate degree of enlightenment yourselves.... For until then you will be intellectually incapable to envision the length of time for which the concept of 'eternities' could be applied.... And for as long as your spirit is still unenlightened it has to be explained to you in an illustrative manner.... Only an awakened spirit will be able to gain deeper insight, yet ultimate

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wisdom will only become explicable when it enters the kingdom of light where everything can be revealed because everything will then also be comprehensible....

Amen

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Creations in the universe

Celestial bodies.... Various luminosity.... Purpose of those....

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give in faith and also to accept in faith only as truth, for a proof can not be provided, as long as the man belongs to the earth. The stars have the same missions as the earth.... to give the spiritual beings further development opportunities, but they are so different and completely differing in nature from the earth, but all serve the same purpose, to put immature beings in a higher ripeness. And this task is always decisive for the quality and design of each heavenly body. Each star is thus revived for the first time, from such beings still needing visible works of creation, because they still lack the maturity of soul. The way of activity of those beings on a star beyond earth is not to make people understand. However it differs totally from the earth task of beings, because this task requires matter, while the other heavenly bodies are creations, where neither earthly laws of nature apply, nor by there living inhabitants are required works, which are equal on earth. Only man imagines something similar, as long as he can put nothing else for it. That is the only way clarification can come to man, indeed it is divine will, that also clarification will be given to mankind.... Where your eye can see, you find divine creations, but you do not see the spiritual, that is saved therein. This spiritual gets through infinitely many stations, before it is associated the One, from Whom it is originated. (05/16/1941) It may be enough to go through the visible creation work of God, to re-enter the spiritual state of perfection, in which it once was, then it does not need any more school of spirit. It may be united in the kingdom of light with equal spiritual mature beings and thereby develop ever higher. But countless souls do not use earthly existence, as they could, then they leave the earth in defective maturation and are unable, to enter into the kingdom of light. Those must now be given a further development opportunity, because God's creation is infinitely great, and the educational institutions of the mind are truly enough. Each site corresponds to the state of maturity of souls, who stay in her now. They differ from each other only in the different light intensity, that's to say, they are more or less bright, because the luminosity of each heavenly body is dependent on the maturity of the inhabiting beings, because their maturity level is decisive for the light beam, that they receive. There are stars, that are lightless, because completely ignorant beings inhabit them, who are also not willing to receive the light, that's to say, they close themselves to the teachings offered to them. But knowledge is light.... These lightless stars are most densely animated, because countless souls divorce from the earth, who have taken no spiritual knowledge in themselves, and therefore these can be assigned only to those celestial bodies, where still is darkest night. However they usually feel the darkness as torment, and then there is given the possibility, that they desire and look.... And then the higher development may also be used in those souls, and they can be put into some more enlightening areas, that's to say, on celestial bodies, which have a low degree of luminosity. But the same law obtains for all the stars.... that the beings are active in love.... because it earns light, that's to say, now light in form of knowledge is streaming to the light beings engaged in love. There are stars, that have an incredible luminosity. Thus there are the souls, that have brought through their God-pleasing way of life on earth and their service in love in a high blessed maturity or they were endeavoured to make up for their failed task on earth on other stars and are now light carrier, also receive constantly light and can distribute. These spiritual beings need no stay in visible creations. They are now empowered by their high degree of maturity, to create and design, and do that now for their own felicity. Consequently, those celestial bodies are fulfilled with exceedingly charming creations. These are no earthly creations, so consisting of matter and therefore solid form, but they only correspond to the stay of the beings in spiritual regions, as well as the lightless stars involve no material creations, but are also perceptible to the beings, because everything

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there is available, what the beings desire in their dark state. Before their spiritual eyes even earthly creations purchase, because their will, their desire let be the creations visible, but not exist in material reality. And that means a pain for the being, to stand in desire for something never be palpable or perceptible, but only have an imagination ahead oneself. It is thus made clear to him the transitoriness of earthly things, so that they learn to overcome the desire for it by themselves, for having overcome without this, the being can never enter into luminous spheres. But in the state of perfection the creation and design of things is something else.... These are spiritual creations, that have no connection with earthly desirable things. The different stars are therefore home for in different maturity standing souls, who are separated from the earth. And there are millions and millions of stars from such different luminosity, that truly every soul finds the corresponding home on degree of maturity, to be able to develop further, that therefore only the will of the being is decisive, whether it travels the passage to the altitude in a shorter or longer time. God does not abandon a being and gives him again and again development opportunities also outside of the earth, so in the hereafter. However the unused earth life is never completely to compensate.... because only on earth the being can reach by right will a state of perfection, that gives him the highest heritage of the heavenly Father.... the childship to God.... There are infinitely many degrees of felicity, which the beings can achieve by path of the higher development in the stars. Never however they will be able to enjoy the felicity, which is prepared for a child of God. For this purpose God gave man life on earth, that he, as long as he has free will and thus strength and grace are unmeasured available, can achieve the highest for himself.... the childship to God.... For what this word means, you all can not believe.... And yet you must walk through life on earth without the knowledge of the meaning of that, so you are striving in complete free will on earth to union with God, to get one day the most blessed creatures in eternity....

Amen

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Origin of the creation work 'earth'....

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The path of the spirits across the earth will extend into eternity.... For the spirits themselves became the matter which earth and all its creations consist of.... God's will turned solidified spiritual substance into matter, thus the whole of the creation work earth.... as well as all creations in the entire universe.... is God's once emanated strength which He externalised as a 'being' but which so changed itself that it finally became mere **hardened** substance, which was then transformed into creations of all kinds.

This took place over an infinitely long period of time, because the 'transformation' also occurred in lawful order, the rise of what is now visible as 'inhabited earth' happened during countless phases of development.... it was not an instantly externalised work of God's creative power.... since even the slow development served its purpose.... Time and again minutely disintegrated spiritual particles were captured and reshaped, the process took an inconceivably long time before earth had formed itself into a work of creation which could serve as an abode and sustain physical life for the constantly maturing spiritual substance, as it was designated by God's eternal plan of Salvation. And even this spiritual substance took an endless time before it reached the degree when it was allowed to live as a human being on earth for the purpose of its final perfection.

This last earthly progress as a human being is but a moment in time compared with the infinitely long period of the earth's preliminary development.... Although the creation of every form was indeed the work of an instant for God, because His will and His strength externalised every thought as an existing work.... yet the resistance of the once fallen spirits determined the length of time until their physical transformation. For God did not force this spiritual substance but His strength of love captured it until its resistance had somewhat subsided in order to then encase it in accordance with His plan, to then shape it into various forms where it would perform some kind of activity which was so

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minimal that, again, an infinitely long time passed before these forms could gradually disintegrate and change....

The development of earth took ages until it could be inhabited by living beings, and these, in turn, prepared the earth for yet another inconceivably long time to become suitable for serving human beings as a last place of development.... The tiny individual particles of the human soul, however, had passed through all creations.... The fall from the highest pinnacle into the abyss had taken so long that thus an equally long time had been necessary to ascend from the abyss to the point when the being could receive its self-awareness again, that this final perfection then made it possible to travel the last path of ascent. But for the time being the creation had emerged, and this incorporates the innumerable fallen spirits whose return to God will subsequently also take an infinitely long time, hence an end of creation cannot be foreseen as yet....

Nevertheless, the 'creations' exist and everything will take its lawful course.... They are brought to life by ever new minute particles of spirit whose higher development takes place by way of constantly changing their outer form, and thus a continuous developing and disintegrating of every material creation can be observed.... All works of creation repeatedly renew themselves in this manner and thus serve the inherent spirit to achieve maturity, just as they serve humanity's continued development by safeguarding their physical life an earth. As long as the spirits bound in the creations do not have free will their path of higher development proceeds in accordance with God's will.... the constrained spiritual substance serves in some form or other and thereby matures gradually.... But as soon as the spirit lives on earth as a human being it is once again in possession of free will and then it is able.... instead of continuing to ascend.... to stop its development or to regress again. During the final period of its process of development it is able to fail.... And this regression can lead to the result that the spirit in the human being.... the 'soul' or the once 'fallen original spirit'.... will harden again as before. The outcome will be a disintegration of the soul into countless minute particles again which will have to take the path through the material creations once more.... And this process, which has now become necessary again, also requires the disintegration and transformation of all works of creation.... which can be described as the end of one earthly period and the start of a new one.

And thus you humans should try to explain it to yourselves, that such periodically enforced processes of transformation concerning the creation work earth will take place in accordance with God's will. They are always based on God's love and wisdom and only ever serve the redemption of the once fallen spirits.... And you need to also be prepared for such interventions by God when people no longer recognise the true purpose of their existence, when they thus do not use their earthly life for the maturing of their souls, for their final perfection. For the sole purpose of every work of creation is to bring the human soul into maturity, to help it become what it once was in the beginning.... a supremely perfect being, which originated from God's love but voluntarily apostatised from Him.... It shall return to Him again, and God Himself has provided it with the path of return through all the creations on earth....

Amen

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Earthly creations

Creations.... miniatures....

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he product of the divine will to love must betray the wisest creative spirit in its genesis. The infinite number of works of creation bear witness to this, which, if man observes them attentively, reveal to him the truest works of wonder. God's work of creation, broken down into the tiniest particles, would always show the same creations in miniature. Each work of creation is a world in itself, but it also contains everything that the universe contains. This is incomprehensible to man because he cannot see these miniature marvels with the naked eye. Although individual works of creation reveal the same to him, he considers these to be individual cases, but he is unaware that every work of creation is a miniature of God's great work of creation and contains billions of such miniatures, which are only visible to the human being when he is able to see with spiritual eyes. Then his astonishment will find no bounds, and only then will he fully understand the greatness of the eternal deity, Who is able to create such.... The universe is infinite, i.e. it knows no boundaries, no beginning and no end. And the creations in it are just as infinite and unlimited. The divine will to love took shape and thus moulded itself into the most unimaginable works. And the smallest work of creation is carefully considered by its wise creator. It again encompasses countless creations that are not in the least inferior to the great works of creation, but are even more magical in their delicacy and therefore marvellous to behold. And every creation, no matter how small, contains living beings that perform the same functions in a world that corresponds to their tiny constitutions. And everything is subject to the same laws, everything is well thought out down to the smallest detail and is guided and directed by divine will. God is just as present in the tiniest grain of sand as he is in the entire universe. Not the slightest thing escapes His notice, and nothing is too little or too small for Him to take notice of. Everything, even the smallest thing, is the thought of God that has become form, which, once radiated, never fades away or detaches itself from God and is therefore always and constantly seized by the omnipotence of divine love and remains in existence for all eternity....

Amen

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When does the spiritual in matter become free?....

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Levelopment is to be understood by this, the course through the creations of earth until embodiment as a human being. Hard matter keeps the spiritual imprisoned for an exceedingly long time, while the already more pliable shells in the plant and animal world release it again far more quickly so that it can move into the next external form, for the existence of plants and animals is not of such long duration as the human being himself can ascertain because he can follow the continuous becoming and passing away in the plant and animal world. And once the spiritual was able to obtain such creations, then it is also not too long until the last embodiment as a human being. However, it is hard matter which can often remain in existence for an inconceivably long time without experiencing dissolution, and which is therefore assigned to the still completely rebellious to stay in, so that it should give up its rebelliousness in it. Admittedly, this spiritual substance is not yet aware of itself but

he liberation of the spiritual in matter takes an infinitely long time, if the entire course of

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it feels the agony of its banishment and seeks to break its bonds, which, however, it only ever succeeds in doing when it is God's will, when He deems the right time to have come.... Then the hardest matter can burst, which, however, does not mean **freedom** for the spiritual, but only a change

of its bondage and at the same time a serving abandonment of this matter.... So then the path of serving in the law of compulsion already begins, as soon as hard matter is assigned a purpose, as soon as it is used to serve a certain purpose. And this can again take eternities until such outer shells now dissolve, but the spiritual in all matter always becomes free when a 'serving' in it has become impossible.... always provided that it has already been allowed to serve. And this therefore means that objects of use contain spirituality as long as they can still be used, as long as they serve some purpose. But if these things are deprived of their purpose, if they are thus rendered unsuitable by destruction to continue to fulfil a serving function, but if the spiritual substance in matter has not acquired the degree of maturity which is a prerequisite for the next easier external form, then that spiritual substance will be transferred into newly-emerging identical things in order to be able to continue the interrupted course of development.... but in which a corresponding serving activity must always be made possible for this spiritual substance. You must therefore differentiate: Spiritual things which are, as it were, so hardened in themselves that they have become 'matter', and whose giving up of resistance is expressed in the willingness to serve already more mature spiritual things as a cover.... and spiritual, which in these material shells now likewise declares itself ready for serving activity. And so the material shell can become useless for a specific serving purpose. Then the spiritual that comes to maturity in it escapes and moves into a new outer form, while the previous cover sooner or later receives the same task again, as soon as it has again become a suitable outer form in connection with such other disused covers, in which now again already more mature spiritual is ready to serve. Or else this matter, which has become unsuitable, dissolves itself, then the spiritual in it has freed itself and can now itself take on forms in which it is ready to serve. And the more an external form is given the opportunity to serve, the more matter itself will approach the process of dissolution, and then the second phase of development can already begin, that this spiritual being, originally banished in solid matter, can now already itself be active in external forms, thus serving.... which is why the dissolution of matter is a process which cannot be valued highly enough, but which must not be brought about wantonly, but must again only have as its motive a service to humanity or also to the still unredeemed creature. Only through service can the spiritual release itself from its bondage....

Amen

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Creation of man

Living conditions according to the maturity of the soul.... knowledge of the being beforehand....

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The grace of embodiment as a human being is only granted to the being when it is willing to take this final path, i.e. when its will decides to do so. As soon as the being has travelled the path of development in all previous embodiments it has thereby reached the degree of maturity which is the condition for the last embodiment as a human being, which is indeed also different and therefore also requires different living conditions in the last stage. And the beingness.... of the soul created through the union of different substances... is presented with the life on earth, which it has to live through for the purpose of final liberation, and it is still up to it whether it wants to take the path on earth or not. Fully aware of its earthly task it now takes earthly life upon itself, ready to conquer all resistance in this state and to free itself from the form. It is also aware of the fate it has to endure, but beforehand it only sees the external conditions of life, not its spiritual development, and feels completely strong enough to master life on earth. According to its state of maturity, which could be reached in the most varied gradations before, but always allows an embodiment as a human being, earth life is now granted to it, and more or less sorrowful and full of renunciation. For the soul has to be offered the final opportunities to mature in such a way that it can shape itself into a being of light in this short earthly life if it utilizes it. But its living conditions will always be such that it has the opportunity for active love activity, and its maturing will depend on how far it fills its life with love work. In all living conditions it is offered the opportunity to do so; the human being can also be willing to help and be of service if he lacks knowledge, who therefore knows nothing of the effect of his way of life in eternity. The soul only needs to decide in favour of good or evil on earth, and it can do so in every situation in life, even in the most primitive circumstances. The earthly circumstances, however, are conditioned by its development in the preliminary stages. If the being has previously been exceptionally instinctive, it has to fight against its instincts in earthly life and needs appropriate living conditions in which the soul can purify itself.

The soul is in no way disadvantaged in its possibilities of higher development, although it appears that earthly conditions are a hindrance to it. The obstacles which earthly life offers to every individual person have to be overcome, and some souls need greater obstacles, and therefore the external living conditions are allocated to them in such a way that they serve them. God knows about the shaping of every soul during its embodiment as a human being, He also knows about its strength of will, and His love tries to make the course of development easy for every soul. If the soul endeavours to make use of every opportunity, then the destiny destined for it will also be easily bearable for the human being and God will shorten its path through life as soon as it endeavours to mature spiritually. God's love brings people together in such a way that they can serve each other, that one can instruct the other, that one can give to the other what the latter lacks, and thus spiritual gifts are also offered to every person, albeit in the most varied form and to the most varied extent. Yet what is offered will always suffice to show him the right path he should take, and his willingness alone is decisive as to what advantages his soul will derive from it. The knowledge about God is likewise made accessible to all people.... if not from person to person then the spiritual beings are active and give him mental instructions, and it is always up to him to accept spiritual gifts or not, i.e. to believe or reject what is conveyed to him mentally or through people. And since God has given every human being intellect and free will, he is also responsible for how he utilizes both. All good will is recognized by God and help is granted to him accordingly. This help has already become his before through endless times, and the beingness also knows before its embodiment that the power and love of God assists it.... However, life on earth has to be lived without any recollection in order not to jeopardize the human being's free will. Yet no

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soul embodies itself without knowing about its earthly course, and with full will it takes this last embodiment upon itself in the desire to finally become free from every external form....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The soul - Carrier of all works of creation....

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he substances of soul demonstrate in their composition an extreme finely constructed formation that would strike the human being as enchanting if he could see it. There is nothing that is not present in this creation.... Everything in creation can be found in miniature in the soul because the individual substances had animated every work of creation and therefore also retained the shape of these previous forms, who multiply by continuous association and therefore constantly change and perfect the overall image. A human being's comprehension would not suffice to imagine all these works of creation, yet one day he will, overwhelmed by the wisdom and omnipotence of the Creator, behold the image that reveals to him the most amazing magnificence. The least and most insignificant work of creation holds again thousands of miniature creations within itself which in turn also exhibit everything that is represented in God's great work of creation. The human soul, however, is carrier of all these creations, i.e. it is composed of countless substances, each one has already fulfilled its task in creation and hence was permitted to unite for the last and greatest task.... to complete the infinitely long earthly progress as a human soul. No other work of wonder in all of God's great creation is so extraordinary beautifully shaped as the human soul.... And it is proof of its perfection when the soul can behold itself as in a mirror and perceive its own glory, i.e. when it sees itself in the most radiant light in many thousand-fold shapes and formations, and thus the contemplation of itself causes it unimaginable happiness because the vision of the entire work of creation is an overwhelmingly beautiful experience for the soul. And the soul's contemplations will never end because the image reshapes itself time and again; constantly more enchanting works of creation emerge since God's wonders are endless and so is what His love provides to His living creations who are perfect and thus enlightened.... They always and ever feel His love and as a result experience ever increasing happiness.... There will be no conclusion, no limit of what the spiritual eye may behold.... And nothing remains unchanged, which denotes a state of bliss for the being which progressively increases and therefore requires constant transformation of the being's spiritual vision....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Purpose of creation alignment with God....

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November 6th 1942

The ultimate purpose of creation is to draw closer to God.... God seeks to lead back to Himself everything that once emanated from Him as power but is permanently subject to His will. The will of the beingness in creation is still directed against Him, and only when it bends its will under the divine will has the harmonization with God taken place and the purpose of creation been fulfilled. But the harmonization with God results in eternal life, which is a state in everlasting fullness of light and strength, a state of happiness and eternal glory, which God's great love had originally intended for it, but which also presupposes a certain degree of perfection, which the beingness must have reached through its own will. God's works of creation give the being abundant opportunity to develop to perfection. And God's love never leaves it without support, but the being's own will also has to become active without fail, the being has to decide for itself and therefore cover a probationary period where all freedom is given to it and it can therefore also decide in freedom of will which final goal seems desirable to it; for despite His greater than great love God does not force any being to belong to Him but leaves it complete freedom of will, but still tries to reveal itself to them that their will decides in favour of Him in order to secure them a life in glory. For His love does not want to let anything get

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lost that originated in Him. And His wisdom recognizes the right and only purpose-fulfilling means which allowed His will and His power to become something visible.... He created heaven and earth for the final redemption of the spiritual, which had become unfree beings through its former rebellion against God Himself, so that it can now regain its freedom....

Amen

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Multiple walk through creation.... God's plan of salvation.... recognition in the kingdom of light....

B.D. No. **3345** November 25th 1944

The spiritual had a long way to go before it was admitted to the last test of life, to embodiment as a human being. It had to go through many deformations, it had to submit to divine will, it was deprived of its freedom, and thus forced, so to speak, it covers this earthly path, but with the final aim that it becomes finally free again. The embodiment as a human being is to be the last test in which the being has to prove itself in order to attain final freedom. That which it did in the state of compulsion.... serve.... it should now do of its own free will, uninfluenced, only pointed out.... it should be active in service of its own accord, stimulated by love. If the being is now willing to walk this serving path in love, it can overcome its last form in a short time, and it can enter the spheres of light where it can again work freely and unhindered in bliss. This is the aim and purpose of the change through creation.... Since the aim requires the being's free will, the being can understandably also fail if it does not use its free will properly.... it cannot reach the aim but take a wrong path which leads far away from the aim. Then one walk through creation is not enough but it has to cover this path again in order to reach the aim, sometimes even several times, until it has finally regained its freedom. And every walk through creation requires new possibilities to mature, again and again other conditions are set under which the being covers the course of development to the height. And this is the eternal plan of salvation, which only becomes comprehensible to people when they know about the primordial beginning and final aim of the spiritual through the awakening of their spirit. Only then will they be able to grasp God's infinite love and mercy, His greatness and omnipotence and His exceeding wisdom. But they will only recognize God in the kingdom of light when all veils will fall from their eyes and they will look back on the course they have travelled on earth.... when they know about the eternal creator's infinite loving care for His living creations, about their tenacity in the unredeemed state and the glories of the spiritual kingdom.... Everything that is only has the purpose of returning the spiritual to Him, which was once lost to Him through the will of the adversary, but to whom He likewise gave full freedom.... The mature spiritual substance knows about its shortcomings and its distance from God beforehand and is eternally grateful and devoted to God that He did not leave it in this state but tried to achieve its reclamation by all means; it knows about its own opposition and about God's overwhelming love, and it now almost perishes in love for Him Who saved it from the spiritual abyss. And even if the earthly path lasted infinite times, even if it brought the being immeasurable agonies, the being itself thanks its creator that He allowed it to take this path, that He gave it the opportunity to reach the final aim and to attain the vision of God. For this bliss outweighs everything the being has suffered in its opposition.... And therefore every new creation is a proof of God's love Who wants to guide the spiritual being, which does not yet recognize Him, into knowledge in order to make it blissfully happy for all eternity....

Amen

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Overcome the matter

World only means for the purpose.... overcoming matter....

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he world will never give you fulfilment, for in the end it will take away everything you possess of **L** earthly goods. The world only considers your fleshly body but not your soul, and since the fleshly body perishes, the soul stands poor and bare at the gate to eternity if it has not created spiritual goods for itself on earth. The world only gives you in appearance, but in reality it takes away.... your right to eternal life.... You are indeed in the midst of the world, it has been given to you as a place to stay, so to speak, and the soul had to agree to spend a probationary period in this world. And it can also successfully pass this probationary period if the human being only regards the earthly world as a means to an end, as a means of testing, if he does not let it become master over him but always remains its master, if he does not make himself a slave to what surrounds him but always strives to overcome earthly matter in view of his earthly task, if he certainly uses it where it is at his disposal but in a God-ordained sense by helping matter itself to redemption..... if he regards everything earthlymaterial as what it really is.... directed spiritual, which likewise walks the path of redemption and is grateful for every opportunity for serving activity. Then matter will never become master over the human being, then he will seek something for himself which is more desirable to him because it cannot pass away. Then he will supply the soul with goods which signify true wealth and will remain with it even after the discarding of the body of flesh. In this realization the human being does not regard matter as the fulfilment of his desire, it is only a necessary means for him to successfully cover the earthly path, and thus the world with all its incentives and temptations also loses its value for him. He knows that they are only sham goods and at the same time a strong danger of also losing the imperishable goods. That is why you should not love the world, for this love will only result in the loss of eternal life; you should learn to recognize it for what it is, as the realm of God's adversary, as a conglomeration of immature spiritual things which would like to draw the already more mature spiritual things down to themselves again. You should learn to recognize it as deceptive light in order not to let your souls recognize the true light; you should know that the world will pass away one day and that you therefore have to strive for that which is imperishable. Then the earthly world will lose all danger for you, on the contrary, you yourselves will be able to contribute a great deal to also help earthly matter to ascend by creating opportunities for it to be of service, i.e. by giving material things their purpose by creating useful objects so that the spiritual in them will be of service and thereby progress upwards. Seek to guide everything to its purpose and, in doing so, first and foremost remember your own soul so that it frees itself from earthly desires in the midst of the world, so that it learns to recognize the spiritual kingdom as its place of origin and strives towards it again with the serious will to achieve the reunion with God, which is the purpose and aim of earthly life....

Amen

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Joys granted by God.... creation miracles....

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You are lost to the world as soon as the spiritual kingdom has captivated you. But you will not be captivated by the latter against your will, instead, the voluntary surrender of the world must have preceded it, but then you will also be free of any bond with your previous master.... which, however, does not mean that he will give up his efforts to win you back again.... But then you will be stronger because you will no longer be willing to give away what you have now taken possession of: spiritual

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goods which he will never be able to offer you. But as long as the world's goods still tempt you he still has a certain influence on you, you are not yet completely free from him, but neither do you yet possess My kingdom, which is not of this world. And thus you can also judge for yourselves what spiritual success or degree of maturity your soul has achieved by seriously examining yourselves to what extent your desire is still turned towards the earthly world. If it still appeals to you then you must work very hard on yourselves in order to kill all desire for it if you want to attain My kingdom, which will truly give you far more desirable goods than the treasures of the earthly world. Nevertheless, many earthly pleasures are still granted to you, and you need not fear that any pleasure is an offence against Me or demonstrates a diminished love for Me.... I want you to walk happily through earthly life, to enjoy My works of creation, to joyfully and gratefully accept the goods I offer you Myself.... And you should only differentiate between what is offered to you by Me and what is offered to you by My adversary. And you will easily be able to do so if you think about the degree of maturity of the spiritual substance you desire.... I let countless creations arise in order to wrest from My adversary what belongs to him and to help these creations to slowly develop upwards. And therefore the adversary no longer has power over this bound spiritual. And as soon as you now show the right love towards it, everything will also make you happy which proves to you My greater than great love for the once fallen. Thus you will be allowed to enjoy the manifold creations of nature, for these are visible evidence of My love for My living creations.... And so you will also enjoy the starry sky, the sun with its beneficial rays, the rain with its all-refreshing effect, and these joys, too, are gifts to you from your God and creator of eternity.... just as clear air and fresh water always prove to you the love of Him Who called everything into being. All these pleasures are suitable to refresh your souls and to gratefully remember the eternal creator, thus to direct your eyes and thoughts towards Me, Whom your soul shall find on earth. Therefore, you humans can safely enjoy what uplifts the soul, what drives it towards Me.... But countless temptations are held up to you on the part of My adversary, which pull down all your thoughts, which link you ever more firmly with that, which let you enter into bonds with still completely immature spiritual substances, which, as it were, take you back to a state long since overcome. These are earthly-material goods which your body strives to possess, which then also subjugates the soul to its desire and which therefore cannot find its way to Me, Who is not to be sought where My adversary has his kingdom. And the human being can easily give account to himself whether his body or his soul seeks satisfaction.... And he will have to admit that his thinking predominantly applies to the improvement or creation of physical well-being, whatever it is he strives for.... And he will also know where and when even a right joy can stray and turn into a low joy which poisons the soul.... For this is what My adversary will always try to achieve, that he will also contaminate the pure, that he will try to couple the joy of nature with purely physical desires and draw people into his domain. And therefore the body has to be forced if the soul wants to acquire My kingdom, things the body desires have to be renounced.... For only when all desire is stifled will earthly-material goods no longer harm the soul either.... Then the human being will only value and evaluate them in a just measure, and only then has he set himself free from the adversary, even though he still walks on earth, in the midst of the earthly-material world. But it is no longer able to pull him down, he controls matter, he has freed himself from the dominion of him to whom the material world belongs, and he has already taken possession of the kingdom which is not of this world....

Amen

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Change and destroying creations

Premature destruction and consequences....

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

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

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

Amen

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Reshaping matter.... dissolve.... development process....

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he transformation of matter often takes an infinitely long time, for only when it dissolves does it ■ release the spiritual substance which is banished within it. The human will can accelerate the dissolving of matter, but only a small part of it is at its disposal, namely the shell of the spiritual, which is not in stubborn resistance against God. God knows about the resistance as well as about its abandonment since eternity and has also instructed the spiritual to stay where it will be redeemed according to his will. And this again explains the different nature of the earth's surface and its vegetation, the duration of some creations, the frequent eruptions in certain parts of land, the possibilities of utilizing earth treasures and the different creative power and ability of men. The spiritual, which is willing to give up its resistance and to serve, must always be given the opportunity in the same proportion to dwell in a matter that fulfills a serving purpose. Furthermore, the will of men must also be stimulated to produce useful objects from hard matter. Thus men must need such objects and accordingly live again in conditions where they are necessary. There must be a constant balance between forces that want to be active and needs.... Matter must therefore be needed for creations of a serving, i.e. purpose-fulfilling nature. Only then is a perpetual transformation of the outer form of the spiritual possible. However, an immeasurable amount of spiritual substance is banished into creations in the most solid form as well as in the already mature plant world.... which remains unchanged for an unthinkably long time, i.e. only undergoes minimal changes in itself, which does not fulfill a serving purpose that is recognizable to people but is not without significance for other works of creation and their development. This matter harbors the most resistant spiritual substance and has been destined to be its shell since eternity in recognition of its stubbornness. It probably also undergoes the process of development, only in a slower form. Human hands contribute little to the transformation of such matter and it is mostly only changed by divine intervention, by forces of nature, storms, heat and rain and eruptions, which bring about a dissolving or changing of the outer forms over long periods of time. And that is why earth upheavals have to take place again and again, the earth has to be reshaped in its outer form as well as the spiritual within the earth has to be given the opportunity from time to time to come to the earth's surface in order to be able to start its course of development there. And this is why the earth can never remain unchanged, for it is matter whose final goal is dissolution, which indeed takes eternities but happens again and again in certain periods of time as a compelling necessity for the spiritual substance bound in the solid form, which has to be set free one day in order to be able to develop upwards....

And now the path of earthly life begins for the spiritual substance through countless external forms, each of which it has to overcome through serving activity until the dissolution of this form. And even

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if thousands of years pass over it, the process of development on earth still comes to an end once, because nothing on earth is permanent, because everything has to change and experiences a change partly through human, partly through divine will. Certain laws must indeed prevail, i.e., nothing may be destroyed unlawfully, just as the creations which have come into being through human hands may not harm the next person, otherwise the spiritual in matter will be forced into unkindness and this will have an effect on the people themselves who have caused it to be so active. The will to serve is the beginning of ascent, and the spiritual must testify to this will again and again by willingly fulfilling its earthly task in every form, which it certainly complies with in the law of compulsion, but through its willingness to serve significantly shortens the time of stay in the respective form and can now change it all the quicker. The course of development of the spiritual is therefore an endless chain of deformations of the most varied kind, and the willingness of the spiritual therein determines the duration of each individual form. And that is why the whole creation must change in itself; nothing can remain as it is, but it must constantly take on new forms. And every form has to fulfill a serving purpose, otherwise the spiritual in it cannot mature to the last outer form, to man, who then has to pass the last earth life test in free will to now become free of every outer form and to be able to enter the spiritual kingdom as free being....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

No work of creation is pointless or purposeless....

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here is nothing in material creation what would be senseless and purposeless, even when you men cannot recognize the purpose. Everything once came into being to serve spiritual for ascent development, and this ascent development consists in serving, even so in bound will, in a state of compulsion, where everything takes place according to divine natural law. The serving purpose is not always apparent to man, and still every work of creation has come out of the hands of God, and in unsurpassable wisdom a function is assigned to it, which sometimes only concerns the spiritual itself, which is bound in those creations, that it keeps that spiritual "bound" to break its resistance, to cause it to strive for freedom. Because the spiritual, which is to develop upwards, is through its resistance against God-hardened spiritual, which has to give up its resistance, if it is to progress in its development. And such works of creation remain unchanged in their form through endless times, and still they fulfil a purpose.... that they enclose spiritual, and that this spiritual is already in (out of) the deepest depth and starts its course of development upwards in a work of creation. Because there is still endless much hardened spiritual substance, which has not yet started the way, which could not yet be enclosed by matter, because its resistance is still so strong that it could not yet become matter, that it did not let itself be enclosed by the love of God and still a long time can pass until also this spiritual once starts the way through the creations. But what you men see in creation, everything has a serving purpose, but which you men can prevent through your will, if you do not use the individual works of creation purposefully, if you hinder them through this at serving, which alone brings about their ascent development. The development and continuation of many creations is secured by precisely those works of creation which are able to fulfil their serving purpose. Because creation not only serves man but it secures its own existence because one work has come into being for the other and this is considered and determined in all love and wisdom by God, who lets nothing come into being without meaning and purpose because this contradicts His love and wisdom.... But whether you recognize every purpose is questionable as long as you yourselves as man still stand in a lower degree of maturity; but the realization will come to you with increasing maturity.... And only then the miracle of creation will touch you more and more, because then things will become clear to you, which you are hardly able to grasp, because they prove to you an infinitely powerful, loving and wise creator, Who has set Himself an aim and also surely reaches this aim. And so you humans should also make the right use of everything creation offers you. You should make use of its services, whatever it may be, for both hard matter.... the world of rocks, as well as the world of plants and animals, was created for

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you, that you always use it in the right way.... Every dissolving of the material outer form is a step further for the development of the spiritual bound in form. However, you should not unlawfully dissolve forms whose time is not yet fulfilled, for which you are certainly given the right assessment. You are not to make anything prematurely incapable of serving you, you are to adapt yourselves to the laws of nature, otherwise you yourselves are the sufferers.... Because as soon as spiritual becomes free prematurely, its influence on you men is a harmful one, because the immature spiritual takes revenge on men, who unlawfully interrupted its process of maturation. And this danger exists when man is too much attached to matter and he seeks to draw earthly benefit and he disregards the laws of nature. Everything must always take place in lawful order, then also an ascent development of everything is secured, what is still bound in creation as well as also in man himself and is once to receive its freedom. But divine order is mostly overturned, and that is why also spiritual development remains behind and requires a violent regulation, which also always then takes place when the danger exists that nothing is anymore used according to divine order and that the serving purpose is denied to the spiritual in every form.... Because nothing is in creation what would not have to fulfil a purpose; every work of creation serves the building up and the preservation of earth, and as long as earthly creations arise, the process of development is also not yet finished, which has the final return of the once fallen spiritual as its aim. And eternities will still pass; again and again new creations will arise, because still innumerable many original spirits wait for their change into matter, for their course through this matter and for their final return to their start from eternity.... But everything goes on in lawful order, and so also everything has an unfavourable effect what is contrary to this law of eternal order.... But once the aim will be reached, once everything will again be spiritualized, and once also all creations will only be of spiritual kind, which only still arise for endless happiness of the beings, because these now constantly create and work for their own happiness....

Amen

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New creations

God's creative will.... Spiritual and earthly creations....

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The Spirit which controls infinity is incessantly active, for His emanation of strength never diminishes, just as He never tires of using the strength for creating and shaping. And thus new creations constantly emerge, both in a spiritual and earthly sense.... He causes His thoughts to take on a shape for the redemption of the as yet bound spiritual substances, but He also lets spiritual works of wonder arise to delight the beings of light to which all splendours of heaven are revealed. His creative spirit and His creative will are supreme and never ending and always guided by His boundless love which wants to make everything which has emerged from His strength happy. And even if eternities should pass, there will be no end to new creations because His strength has to take effect in order to increase within itself. Therefore the spiritual being which animates earthly.... thus material.... creations is in constant contact with the centre of strength and, by receiving strength, is able to enter into the circuit of God's flow of love again from which it once distanced itself of its own free will.. Thus it increases its own strength just as it furthers the process of redemption of the spiritual beings which still exist outside of the circuit of God's flow of love. All material creations are a means to redeem the spirits; however, spiritual creations are the ultimate object, that is, indescribable pleasure of the redeemed spirits.

And God's creative will never diminishes because His love is never-ending. But He also causes creations to vanish, and that happens if they no longer fulfil their purpose.... if the inherent spiritual being lacks the impetus towards advance, if it opposes God's will and averts its own will from Him.... Then He will dissolve what He created, so that the spiritual substance can reach the goal in a different form. Yet this dissolution of His creations is only planned to happen periodically, just as His wisdom has recognised from the beginning to be necessary for the constrained spirits within the creations. In contrast, spiritual creations are everlasting, they merely change all the time and ever more glorious formations arise, which no human intellect can possibly imagine and no human heart ever dream of. Yet in every new period of time there will also be even more glorious creations which differ from the previous ones and testify to God's love, omnipotence and wisdom, Who reveals Himself in all creations. His strength is invincible and therefore He will never cease to be creatively active, yet the soul will only be able to recognise its extent when it has attained a specific state of maturity which enables it to behold spiritual and earthly creations. Only then will it be filled with reverence and love for its Creator Whose love created it too, in order to make it blissfully happy for all eternity....

Amen

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God's plan of salvation always requires new creations....

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New creations will still arise on this earth for eternities, and the upward development of the spiritual will continue, which is still bound in hard matter and other works of creation, for eternal times are already required by a once-fallen original spirit for this return from the deepest depth to the height, up to the stage where it may walk across earth embodied as a human being to pass its last test of will: for or against God, to Whom it once offered its resistance and therefore fell.... An infinite amount of fallen spirits still have to take this path, and it takes eternities for these spirits to remain far away from God in utmost wretchedness until they are even allowed to take this path of return.... until it becomes matter according to God's will and then slowly ascends in material creations. For this

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reason all matter is already a state of constraint which proves that God's love has taken care of the hardened spiritual substance in order to shape it according to His will, for it is then already seized by God's strength of love which enveloped it in order to give it a helpful purpose, irrespective of whether it is at the beginning of its development or has already progressed. All matter is hardened spiritual matter enveloped by God's strength of love, which has received its envelopment for the sake of a purpose. It is not always possible for you humans to recognize the purpose, but **nothing** in the whole of creation is without meaning and purpose, only it is often only known to God alone, because human thinking and conceptual ability is still limited. But only as human beings can the original spirits recognize themselves again as beings, because before they were not aware of themselves. And as long as the earth exists and harbours creations of the most diverse kind, countless original spirits are bound in it, all of which still have to gather and find themselves in order to one day be able to animate the form of a human being when those bound little particles have attained their appropriate maturity. And as long as there are creations in, on and above the earth there can be no end to this earth which serves as a maturing station for the fallen spirits. For this reason it is not possible to speak of a downfall of the earth if this is understood to mean a complete decay, a total dissolution of the earth's body, for the bound spiritual substances require shells and thus again and again new creations which offer them shelter depending on the state of maturity which the individual particles have already reached. One day the earth will indeed be a purely spiritual creation, yet eternities will pass until then, because a spiritual creation can only shelter mature spiritual beings and the countless creations on earth only ever prove how much unredeemed spiritual substance has taken abode in those creations. And this spiritual substance cannot jump over developmental phases at will, it has to ascend from the abyss according to natural law, in accordance with the divine order in which God's plan of salvation.... the return of the apostate to Him.... was conceived and is carried out. And this very plan of God's salvation requires eternities and it requires new creations again and again, otherwise the change of external forms could not take place, which is necessary again and again in order to give the spiritual the opportunity for serving activity through which the ascent development is guaranteed. The constant coming into being and passing away in nature is a process according to divine order, which takes place according to natural law.... Yet from time to time acts of violence also take place according to God's will in order to repeatedly dissolve hard matter and release the spiritual within, which is now to begin its course of development in lighter external forms.... and at the same time to capture and bind fallen spiritual again in hardest form. And the earth will still have to serve this task for eternities, it will certainly be transformed again and again but it will not be able to pass away, for an incomprehensibly long time is necessary for you humans until even the last spiritual substance will be embodied on this earth, which you can well describe with the word 'eternity'. And yet, you can also speak of a downfall of the earth, for what lies ahead of you signifies an end of your life for you humans, for nothing will remain alive, people and animals will lose their lives apart from the small flock of those who will be raptured in order to then become the tribe of the human race again on the newly formed earth which shall populate the new earth, as is God's will....

Amen

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New banishment in matter

New course of development.... banishing the spiritual....

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The course of development of the spiritual is interrupted by divine will.... What was in constant upward development for infinite times and now fails at the end, i.e. comes to a standstill or declines in development, that is prevented from further decline and is bound again. Because a decline or standstill of development can only happen in the state of free will, while the bound will always means an ascent development, indeed in a state of compulsion, but also most extensively adapted to the will of the beingness, which is apparent to God at all times. The binding of free will now again necessitates new external forms, which are in accordance with the hardness of the opposing will and now again have to hold the spiritual within themselves, which starts the course of development anew. In God's eternal order and lawfulness there can only be an upward development where His will is active; and only the human being's free will can overturn this order. To a certain extent God does not interfere with the human being's free will, He leaves him complete freedom as to how he uses the last embodiment on earth for his spiritual development. However, if there is a danger that all spiritual ascent development will be prevented, that the spiritual being which strives towards God will also be dragged into a state of lightlessness, then the divine will will put a stop to it by depriving the spiritual being which acts against His will of its free will.... by binding it again in the firmest form in order to give it every opportunity to change its opposing will, which irrevocably has to happen once, even if eternities pass by. For every decision must take place in free will, and free will always presupposes a stage of maturity where the spiritual can embody itself again as a human being. Eternities pass for the beingness which again and again lets this free will become active in a wrong way, and that is why ever harder and more difficult tasks have to be given to it so that it finally gives up its resistance against God and turns to Him in the state of free will. Understandably, therefore, at the end of a period of development the God-opposing spiritual will always start to rage extremely strongly because it feels that it will soon be deprived of its power and because it now seeks to gain control of the light because it believes it will thereby reduce God's power. And this battle with the light takes on such forms shortly before the end that only a violent intervention by God protects what is full of light, for the adversary's power has become tremendously strong due to humanity's voluntary support, and this always signifies the end.... For God will take away his power as soon as the battle against the light comes to light undisguised, as soon as people who strive towards the light are to be forced to turn towards darkness. Then satan's fight is directed against God Himself, and then he finds in Him his master.... The binding in form robs all dark spiritual of all strength and power. It cannot now be active in any work of creation according to its own will, but must now be active according to God's will, it must serve in a state of compulsion and thereby cover the course of higher development, it must in an infinitely long time bring itself again to the state of maturity which earns it the last embodiment on earth.... as a human being, using free will. As long as divine will alone is decisive there is no regression, and therefore the spiritual being must mature as long as it is in bound will, although the strength of the opposing will also determines the external form and therefore also the extent of the torments of being bound. Only when God withdraws His will from the being insofar as He gives it the freedom of its will, thus allowing it to determine itself, is there a danger that the upward development will come to a standstill or decline, and this again up to the limit which God has set.... Then He will interrupt the course of development for the spiritual being and it will have to start it anew in a new earth period which is again intended for its final redemption if it is utilized correctly in the last stage. For only the perfect can get rid of its external form and only through the right use of its freedom of will can the spiritual in the human being become perfect....

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Agonies of a renewed banishment in solid matter....

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No words can describe to you the agonies which a renewed banishment in solid matter entails for the spirits, because this state is inconceivable for the human mind. The spiritual substance perceives itself as a being and yet is unable to use its will although it is aware of it as evidence of its existence as a being. The spiritual substance is held captive and was originally created as something that was able to be freely active, hence its helplessness and weakness and constrained state result in inexpressible agonies which usually make it revolt even more instead of becoming submissive to God's will. Humanity is in possession of free will and is approaching this very painful state.... It would still have enough time to avert this destiny from itself yet it is not open to any presentation by knowing people, and it is completely lacking faith in retribution, in the soul's continuation of life on account of which instructions will not be able to achieve anything and thus the adversity of most people's souls is extremely severe.

As yet the human being is still lord of creation, he is effectively in charge of it and able to avail himself of the creations according to his will.... but one day he himself will be a work of creation again, at first a lifeless, immovable object which can be used but also remain unused throughout an inconceivably long time.... one day he will be very far behind that which he is at the present time and an infinite length of time will pass by until he has evolved into a human being again, into the being which is endowed with free will and the strength to use this will. However, the many stages it will have to pass through, the countless torments it will have to endure in a bound will and the activities it will have to accomplish are not comprehensible to a person and therefore hard to believe for him. And yet he himself is responsible for the fate of his soul after his body dies. As yet he still has the strength to carry out deeds of love which will avert this bitter fate from him, he still has the opportunity to take notice of God's will by listening to the divine Word, and if he complies with this will his nature will change and gain the right to a state of light and freedom after his physical death. As yet he is still able to use his intellect, he can think about himself, his Creator and his purpose of life and, if it is his will, he will also be able to believe.... God approaches every person with His grace and gives them a small incentive to move in the right direction, to choose the right path.

If the person is not opposed to it then he will let himself be pushed onto the right path and the true goal will be assured to him. Yet God also pays attention to opposition, that is, He does not force a person against his will.... but the person also bears the responsibility for his soul, he himself prepares its fate which will be extremely painful, and to its inexpressible regret it will have to take the path of a renewed banishment, for God's grace may not be rejected given that this also means a rejection of His love and thus a distancing of the soul instead of coming closer to Him, which is the purpose and goal of earthly life. Only a few people will take the right path during the last days, and thus the adversity is gigantic and urgently requires corrective action. This is why God's servants on earth should mention the dreadful fate which will await the human soul if it does not change during the last days before the end. Time and again the end shall be described to them as approaching imminently, for time flies and demands utmost activity in order to still save those souls from the downfall which accept the admonitions and warnings and are willing to do what is good. For the day will come unexpectedly and will throw countless people into ruin, into death, i.e., into the constrained state within matter from which they will only be able to release themselves after an infinitely long time. Be warned, you humans, for it concerns eternity, it concerns you yourselves, your souls, which are in acute danger and yet can still be saved if you are of good will....

Amen

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Creations of the new earth

New earth.... creations.... paradise....

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The new earth will again be shaped according to God's infinite love and His unsurpassable wisdom. All creations are again bearers of the spiritual, which can now continue its interrupted course of development and also bring it to a speedy end, because matter is of a shorter life span, i.e., it is also in constant change; the becoming and passing away changes in a shorter time, and therefore the spiritual can very quickly leave the form and move into the next form. And again, the task of every single work of creation is to serve the preservation of other creations. The people of the new earth will be constantly active in an overwhelming will of love and thus also need all works of creation so that they can fully fulfil their serving task. In addition, matter itself will also have no great resistance, with the exception of the hard matter of the fundamental creation, which, since it contains the Godopposing spiritual within itself, which was condemned to a new banishment, is an almost indestructible mass, which would again need endless time to dissolve, if God in His great mercy did not accelerate the release according to the wise plan for the spiritual to be redeemed.

(10.7.1948) On the new earth the transformation of the spiritual can go faster because people have already reached a degree of maturity that even the still bound spiritual in the animal and plant world voluntarily submits to them. It senses people's love and therefore gives up resistance much more easily, it serves them voluntarily even if it is under the law of compulsion and therefore also progresses more quickly upwards. And so matter on the new earth is also more quickly transient, i.e., the coming into being and passing away of ever new creations is in rapid succession, but therefore all creations are also particularly attractive to look at, and they delight people in their versatility and eyepleasing forms. Anyone who still inhabited the old earth, thus belongs to the raptured on the day of judgment, cannot marvel enough at the variety and glories of the new earth, and it is a true paradise for him because only good forces are at work and any influence by forces turned away from God is impossible. These people will best be able to measure and appreciate the wonders of God, for they still remember the old earth with all its good and bad. The following generations will only hear about the old earth and, the further time advances, the more self-evidently they will look at the creations of the new earth, and thus the love for God will then also wane, although a long time will pass where the new earth can still be called a paradise, where love dwells amongst people and God Himself dwells amongst His own. To experience this time is truly worth even the most difficult earthly life, for God Himself has set a limit for people, He will keep His tribe turned towards Himself and faithfully guide it through suffering and adversity until the end of this earth. And He will shorten the time so that His own will become blissfully happy. But everything will be forgotten by the inhabitants of the new earth, for beatitude will outweigh the time of tribulation a thousand fold. And therefore the admonition must be called out to people again and again: Hold out and remain faithful to God.... He will reward you eternally.... and His love will give you strength if you need it....

Amen

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Further development on the new earth....

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All spiritual substances **capable** of development will continue their path of development, even when the end of this earth has come, when a total transformation of it has taken place.... while **that** spiritual substances which have proved incapable of covering the **last** stage of development will

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be relegated again and have to go through the course of development once more according to divine law, which puts all spiritual substances into **such** state which corresponds to their degree of maturity.... And so an epoch of development has ended, but the cycle of development is not interrupted.... The spiritual still in bound will continues to ascend, and the human being can also ascend in free will and finally liberate himself from the form.... But he can also descend by virtue of his free will, and then he has to ascend again from below. The redemption of the fallen one experiences no interruption, even if the earth is facing a turning point spiritually and also earthly.... Only the divine order is restored, which has been considerably disturbed by the free will of man.... Only everything will be moved to where it belongs according to its maturity.... The spiritual substances in the various works of creation, which are still bound in form, will therefore also experience a change of their dwelling place, and this also necessitates a dissolution of the visible works of creation and the emergence of a new earth.... This is not credible to people and yet it will happen according to divine counsel, which only ever aims at the spiritual's ascent development, which is to reach God from the abyss. If the spiritual substance lived completely in God's order in the stage of free will.... as a human being... then a total earth transformation would never be necessary, because then the process of ascent development would take place according to plan and the redemption of all spiritual substances could take place very quickly. However, human free will so often acts against divine order that it endangers the entire previous course of development and again and again requires God's violent intervention in order to correct what has gone out of order again. And this always means the end of a redemption period and the beginning of a new one, it always means a transformation of the earth, thus also a passing away of all works of creation and the emergence of completely new creations.... It means a release of the spiritual bound in hard matter and renewed binding in considerably loosened forms, which now also initiate the upward development of this spiritual already held captive for eternal times.... thus gratefully felt as a relief by this spiritual. Such a reshaping of the earth's surface means progress for all spiritual substances, except for the spiritual substance embodied in the human being, which failed by abusing its freedom of will and constantly striving downwards instead of upwards during its earthly life. This spiritual is transferred to what it longed for.... it becomes hard matter.... it becomes bound by this, to which all its striving and desire applied.... It is a just compensation for the unheard-of grace of freedom in the embodiment as a human being.... but which man disregarded, which he used in a wrong sense.... that he distanced himself more and more from God for the sake of matter, which now becomes his reward.... And the fact that you humans are standing before the end of an epoch of redemption is repeatedly and urgently held up to you.... In all love God gives you the knowledge of all correlations, of cause and effect, of the consequences of a right and also a wrong earthly change.... He conveys the knowledge to you through His word, and you could also believe it with a good will.... But He cannot force you to accept His word as truth.... The freedom of your will alone determines your faith, it determines your thinking, willing and acting.... but therefore also your fate after this transformation.... which can be truly glorious in paradise on the new earth but can also cause you unspeakable torment if you are banished anew into matter.... according to your will and your love....

Amen

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Spiritual creations in the beyond

The spiritual world.... paradisiacal state....

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he death of the body is the conclusion of life on earth and the beginning of life in eternity. These are two fundamentally different worlds.... The one, which belongs to the past and is also transient in itself, i.e. in constant change, is the world of God's visible and tangible works of creation.... a world that is matter in contrast to the world beyond, where material creations do not exist but are only imagined by imperfect beings until the moment of final overcoming. The body of flesh required earthly, i.e. material, creations, as it itself was also such a creation. However, as soon as the outer shell of flesh falls away and the soul passes over into the spiritual realm, it is completely independent of visible works of creation, provided it has reached a certain degree of maturity. The present world is a world of desires.... Every soul finds what it desires, and thus life in eternity will be a paradisiacal state for the human being, provided that the soul wishes to dwell in paradise. For it can also desire that which is still very humanly earthly. But then the state cannot be called paradisiacal, for earthly desires eliminate such a state. In higher spheres, however, earthly-material things are no longer desired but are regarded as belonging to the past, and instead only spiritual good is sought. Spiritual good, however, are for the first time the currents of power which the being in eternity perceptibly feels and recognizes as necessary for higher development and longs for. In this world nothing is tangible or physically visible, but only visible to the spiritual eye, i.e. everything consists of ethereal substances, it is only recognizable in the life of feeling.... the degree of love of the being will, as it were, determine the spheres which are now the soul's new abode. For when the soul is willing, it also receives, and now receiving and giving is a blissful activity for the being. It does not desire something tangible, but only something delicious, which is expressed in the life of sensation. And thus life in eternity is a constant influx and distribution of divine strength, only spiritual things are desired and received and the emotional life is developed to an unimaginable depth, so that bliss can take on ever greater proportions, thus there is neither a standstill nor a decline in what is the epitome of eternal life.... of eternal glory....

Amen

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Different spheres in the spiritual kingdom....

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November 3rd 1944

Immediately after physical death the soul leaves the body and moves into the spiritual kingdom which, depending on its maturity, can be close to or far away from earth. This should not be understood in a three-dimensional sense, the distance is the result of the difference between the spheres which indeed belong to the spiritual kingdom because they are away from and outside of the earthly-material world and the immature soul has to travel a long path in time before it arrives in the spheres of light. By comparison, a mature soul arrives in these spheres as fast as lightening after its physical death since it requires neither time nor space to overcome the distance from earth into the light spheres. It only needs the strength which its state of maturity has acquired.

However, imperfect souls cannot separate themselves as swiftly from earth, partly because they are too weak to elevate themselves and partly because their senses are still attached to earthly matters. They do not want to leave earth and thus remain close to earth for a long time, mostly within the

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surroundings they used to occupy during their lifetime. Subsequently they cannot always feel their change from the earthly into the spiritual kingdom either. Their surrounding still appears earthly to them and the souls are frequently unaware that they are no longer physically alive. Nevertheless, they find it strange that they cannot establish a connection with the people on earth any longer, that they cannot make themselves heard and are ignored by people. This condition gradually makes them aware of their situation, they come to understand that they no longer live on earth but that they are beyond earth in the spiritual kingdom. But as long as the soul is still earthly minded it cannot remove itself from this surrounding; it is still grounded and experiences this as a painful condition because everything it desires or believes to possess is unattainable.

And now it slowly has to overcome its desire for earthly possessions; only when it has succeeded in doing so will it gradually move away from earth, the spheres will take on a different appearance, and depending on the soul's maturity it will no longer see earthly but only spiritual creations, i.e. the spiritual vision of the soul will be able to see spiritual creations which the immature being cannot see even though they are present. But when a mature soul departs from earth it can instantly distinguish its surrounding in the spiritual realm since its maturity has acquired the ability of spiritual vision. Such a soul will also recognise the souls it meets in the beyond whilst immature souls are unable to do so, i.e. they only recognise souls who walk in darkness like themselves, who are in the same imperfect state. However, beings of light are invisible to them, and even when these disguise their light and come close to them they cannot perceive them.... Spiritual vision only develops during a certain state of maturity but then the souls are also surrounded by light, while those who are unable to see due to their undeveloped spiritual vision are surrounded by spiritual darkness.

However, the earthly items they desire are visible to them; nevertheless they are mere illusions which do not really exist but which appear due to the soul's longing, only to disappear again like a mirage as soon as the soul wants to touch or use them, because their fleeting nature should make the soul understand that it ought to strive for higher values than temporary earthly possessions. Consequently, no beings of light will come close to the soul as long as it still desires such belongings, since earthly minded souls will not listen to the beings of light when they arrive in disguise to bring the Gospel. In this situation they can only be helped by the prayer of another human being, only then will they turn away from matter and look for an alternative in the spiritual realm. Then beings who are willing to help will meet them, instruct them and direct them to the path of ascent. And the more willingly they accept the light beings' instructions the sooner they will acquire spiritual vision and are thus delivered from darkness.... they have entered the spheres where they may receive and give light. They have travelled the path which can take a short but also a very long time, depending on the soul's determination for material possessions which keep it attached to earth until they lose their appeal, and are then introduced to the pure truth by the beings of light in order to work for the kingdom of God in the beyond by sharing the knowledge with needy souls who are still living in spiritual darkness....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Purpose for creation.... Process of evolution....

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The world, with all its creations that are visible to you, only serves one purpose: the return of the spirit, which had once fallen away from God and which is bound in countless individual substances or tiny sparks of spiritual essence within these creations, in order to gradually evolve again by means of constant change of location, by means of constant transformation of its outer appearance, until it reaches a certain degree of maturity. This then enables this spirit to incarnate as the soul within the human being, from which the final return to God should now take place of its own volition.... The spirit has indeed walked an infinitely long way before its incarnation as human being, it is a journey which began with the immense torture of confinement and stayed in confinement for an endless long time until the bond began to loosen and eventually eased more and more but always being a state of

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bondage for the spiritual substance from which, however, the human being can release himself it he so wants....

Hence your human soul has passed through all these creations which are visible to you and you have now arrived at the last stage of your evolution on earth. You only have to accomplish your last task on this earth and then you can, free of all earthly restrictions, once again live in the realm which you once had left of your own free will because of your rebellion against God.... And your last task on earth is.... to totally submit yourselves of your own free will to the eternal God because a long time ago you revolted against God.... to serve with love because in the past you wanted to rule with cruelty.... to become perfect again through love because you deprive yourselves of all divine qualities when you sin against God.... You shall become full of light and strong again, as you were in the beginning.... Because you came forth from God as perfect beings but who have no awareness of themselves because they are without love, because they had distanced themselves from God and therefore could no longer be enlightened by His love, since every resistance to God also renders His love ineffective although God's love for His living creations won't end eternally....

The process of development from below to above takes place with everything and through everything you see. Thus the meaning and purpose of creation as well as the meaning and purpose of your life on earth has been briefly explained to you. You may and must know of this so that you can consciously strive towards the last goal on earth, just as you must know of Him Who is God and Creator to all of you. It is He Who wants to be recognised and loved by you as Father to give you the measure of love that enables you to return to your original state once more, so that you end your life on earth as His children and return home to Him to create and work with Him and in accordance with His will, as is your destiny since time immemorial....

In order to give you human beings this knowledge, this awareness, He speaks to you Himself, He lets you hear His Word and teaches you by means of His Word, He informs you of His will, the compliance to which must inevitably result in that degree of maturity again which you had given away of your own free will. All He asks of you is to transform yourselves to love.... If you comply with His will then your upward development is also ensured, then you accomplish your task on earth, then the way from the deepest depth towards the height has successfully been travelled with the result that you are united again with God, from Whom you once separated and with Whom you now stay united forever....

Amen

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