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Spiritual flattening....

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

spirit and in truth, which He will truly also answer and no longer let the person walk in darkness who earnestly desires light....

Amen

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The soul

Explanation about 'spiritual spark' and 'soul'....

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You will always receive clarification providing you appeal for it, because misguided thinking can result in doubts, misguided thinking shows gaps, but the truth is complete wisdom which enlightens you, which increases your realisation so that you learn to understand Me and My nature, My reign and activity as the most supreme and perfect Spirit.... and thereby also attain an ever more profound and living faith, which only the **truth** can achieve. This is conveyed to you by **My love**, whereas misguided spiritual knowledge is My **adversary's** work who wants to destroy your faith in Me.... And I will always teach the **same** truth to you, the knowledge **you** receive will always concur and never present contradictions.... I Am a Spirit for ever and ever.... And spirit came forth from Me again.... beings of the same spiritual substance which were perfect like Myself and yet were first **created** by Me.... The fact that and the reason why these beings lost their perfection has already been explained to you many times by My love so as to make My plan of Salvation comprehensible to you and let your love for Me awaken and grow.... But any being in a state of imperfection cannot be considered 'divine' anymore; it belongs to a different sphere than the one I occupy with the spirits which remained perfect.... It took on a **different** nature, it completely changed within itself, its nature is contrary to My fundamental nature; nevertheless, it is and will remain strength which came forth from Me, which flowed into infinity and will one day flow back to Me again.... but it will only have reached Me once the spiritual being has attained a state of perfection once more.

In order to enable their return to their source the beings, having emerged but distanced themselves from Me, were disintegrated into countless minute spiritual particles, into countless substances, which were all given a task to fulfil in the whole of My Creation.... in order to then travel a path which definitely led them upwards again, back to Me.... Thus I drew the fallen spirit back to Me since, due to the great distance from Me, it would **not** have undertaken the ascent by itself in its weakened state.... And I achieved a situation in which all particles belonging to a spiritual being came together again.... I then gave these minute particles an external cover suitable to fulfil a great task: to stimulate the soul.... the union of all those minute particles.... into taking up an activity that would help restore it to its original state of perfection.... First I animated the dead external form, the human body, with the soul, with the spiritual being which had originally been in My image but had freely left its perfect condition.... And then, in order to enable this soul to attain perfection again, **I embedded a tiny spark of My eternal strength of love into this soul**.... Something divine joined the soul so as to help it on its way to reaching perfection....

Hence a spark of love establishes contact with Eternal Love.... however, it first has to be kindled by the human being himself of his own volition.... it indeed glows within every person but it can be fanned into brightest radiance or be smothered.... in which case any contact with Me would become impossible.... and would lead to renewed banishment. This spiritual spark, which is a part of Me, dwells within the human soul from the start of its embodiment until the human being's physical death.... Once the soul has united itself with its spirit during its earthly life, that is, once it has kindled the divine spark of love within itself and allows this spirit of love to determine its thoughts, will and actions it will have reached its original state again and returned to Me, because that which is part of Me strives towards Me, thus the union of this soul with Me as My child will have to take place. If, however, the soul has totally ignored this spark of love, if it has completely smothered it, then it will have deprived itself of its **divine part** again, which alone was able to help it attain **life**.... Thus it will have voluntarily chosen **death** again, the banishment in the solid form.... into which the divine

spiritual spark cannot follow since, given the opportunity, it can only influence a **self-aware** being but never a being that has been dispossessed of its consciousness and which, in its constrained will, has no option but to comply with **My** will....

Only **freedom** of will **allows** for the working of My spirit, yet this freedom of will can also prevent it, on account of which the soul can also enter the spiritual kingdom without ever having become aware of the spirit within itself. Such souls are in darkness in the beyond for an infinitely long time because the divine spiritual spark cannot shine.... because it left the soul at the moment of death and returned to its origin again.... Although the being is self-aware.... it is nevertheless still full of opposition, which makes it impossible for the spirit's love to take **effect**. This is why it is immensely difficult to awaken the souls from their dead state into life but it is not impossible.... Sparks of love also burst forth in this kingdom, thus time and again My emanation of love tries to ignite within these souls and motivate their will to step into this ray of light and love, and then a willing soul will also be joined by My spirit again, but in that case it will no longer influence the soul from within but affect the soul externally.... i.e., it will be led into realisation by the world of light which on earth, however, could have been brought about by the spiritual spark within the person, had he allowed its working.

This is why the ascent into the spiritual kingdom is incredibly difficult. But it can never be denied that the **soul** is the actual self-aware entity, the formerly fallen originally created angel-spirit.... And it will remain a 'fallen' soul as long as it has not united itself with My spirit.... as long as it is not governed by the principle of love and has adopted its original nature again.... The spiritual spark within the human being.... the part of Me Myself is precisely **this love** which was missing in the fallen beings but which is placed into the human being's heart as a minutely tiny spark to be aroused by him into a blazing flame.... The fallen being had renounced love.... and rejected My love. **Without** love it would **never** be **able** to return to Me, but I want to win it back again and, therefore, I place a tiny spark of My divine spirit into this soul which, however, has to be voluntarily kindled into the brightest glow. The being may also reject My love and will nevertheless not be left without help in the beyond, but the ascent into the world beyond is quite different to that on earth.... The soul will never be able to attain the degree it can accomplish by living on earth if it willingly allows itself to be guided by My spirit within itself.... if, through a life of love, it awakens the spiritual spark and thus, to a certain extent, has already entered into union with Me so that I can influence it directly because it does not oppose My emanation of love and thus changes its nature completely by conforming to My fundamental nature.... It will not be offered the **same** possibilities in the spiritual kingdom, but the soul will still be helped to ascend from the abyss into the light providing it does not resist the efforts of the beings of light and descend again into the deepest abyss, which would signify renewed banishment. The divine spiritual spark within you is the love which is the part of Me that rests in every human being and which can be kindled, but only **voluntarily**.... This spiritual spark has no shape but can permeate the whole **soul** and thus spiritualise it.... For the soul is the once fallen, self-aware entity which is intended to become the angel-spirit it was in the beginning....

Amen

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Imperishability.... soul.....

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Everything that God has created is spiritual power and as such is imperishable. Nevertheless, the visible creations are subject to constant change, thus they do not completely cease to exist but merely change within themselves, and even if it is no longer visible it nevertheless does not cease to exist, because God only temporarily dissolves matter until the spiritual substance therein requires a new external form again. This change now also contributes to the fact that the spiritual develops further, that it therefore never remains in the same stage, but that it reaches an ever higher degree of maturity, until it can enter its last embodiment as man. The human being, too, is to a certain extent transient, but again only the external form, whereas the soul, the spiritual substance in the human

being, also outlasts the final external form and enters eternity as a disembodied being. To man on earth this spiritual, the soul, is not visible; and nevertheless it is the actual being, which only needs the bodily cover for the purpose of the last maturing on earth. But after the death of the body the soul continues its life without any cover and therefore also only visible to the spiritual beings, which are completely independent of earth and every earthly substance. What God has created remains eternally, yet the form of existence, the state of that which was created through God's will, can be very different.... accordingly also more or less visible, although it cannot pass away eternally. The human being with his bodily eyes is only able to see everything created in the stage where it has material shells, for only these are visible to the bodily eye since it can only see the spiritual in its external form in a high degree of maturity. And this is why the immortality of the human soul is usually doubted because the human being only wants to believe what he sees and what he can prove. However, after some reflection he comes to the realization that everything originated from God and therefore cannot be transient, even though it loses its earthly shell. Only when he has recognized the spiritual in himself, when he leads a spiritual life alongside his earthly, external life, does he regard matter as a shell necessary for development, which is only a means to an end for the spiritual. Then he also knows that there is no end for the spiritual, but that the outer cover is only of limited duration and remains as long as it is divine will, which then releases the spiritual for a life outside of earth, outside of matter, which never ever ends but lasts forever. Earthly life can therefore only be regarded as a transitional stage in which the spiritual, the soul, has to overcome its last external form so that it can then enter a sphere completely uncovered where its actual life begins.... in freedom and in the awareness of its strength, which it lacked on earth as long as it had not yet attained the necessary maturity.... where it is aware that it lives eternally, that it can never ever perish because that which is of God is imperishable....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The influence of the mind and body to the soul

Body - soul - spirit.... divine spark.... awakening the spirit....

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You, too, have the divine spark within you who turn away from Me, yet you do not feel it. It lies in deepest sleep as long as you yourselves do not awaken it to life, and thus it cannot work in you and you let the most precious thing on earth remain completely inactive. And yet, a part of Me rests within you, it is the connection between you and Me through which you can effortlessly find unity with Me if you allow its working within you. And thus you can live on earth and yet be dead in spirit as long as you don't give life to the spiritual spark in you through loving activity. Your soul can be determined by the spirit in it or also by the body, the outer shell, to think and want. Understandably, however, the spirit will cause it to think and act correctly, whereas the body only allows purely material thoughts to arise and will mostly stimulate it to want and act in a way which is detrimental to its spiritual development. And therefore I placed the spark of Me into your soul so that it will make the earthly path easier for you and lead you safely to your aim. But you, who are distant from Me due to your unkind way of life, who don't seek contact with Me through prayer or actions of love, you completely ignore the part from Me, it keeps you in the sleep of death, and your soul is only determined unilaterally.... it strives for earthly possessions and tries to gain them by wrong means, through unkind and unjust actions towards its neighbour, and thereby it thickens the cover around itself, the sleep of the spiritual spark in it becomes ever deeper, for only love is able to awaken it. The means of help are available to all of you, I have given all people the opportunity to develop upwards more easily if only they use My gifts of grace. I Myself am in contact with every one of My living creations through the spiritual spark which every person carries within himself, and I constantly admonish everyone to love so that you will feel the blessing of a life of love through the working of My spirit within you. Yet you don't pay attention to My words, you let them fall on your ears without effect, and you don't establish the connection with Me by allowing the spiritual spark in you to unite with the father-spirit through activity in love.... and thus you remain dead in spirit, your soul hardens itself, it renders itself incapable of hearing the voice of the spirit if it speaks to it through its fellow human being, and its earthly life is an idle one which it will recognize with bitterest remorse in the end. But I bless those who let their spirit speak to them, who give ear to it, who live in love and thus allow My working of the spirit within them.... And they will feel Me Myself, for My share testifies to Me, I Myself am present in them and protect them from every relapse, from spiritual decline, I draw them to Me, for as soon as the spiritual spark in them has sought and found contact with Me the soul is unbreakably connected to Me, the once awakened spiritual spark flares up and connects with the eternal fire of My love and can never go out or grow cold.... Therefore change to love, you who are still far away from Me, seek the connection to Me through loving activity and awaken the spiritual spark in you to life, so that you will be saved for eternity.... And your soul will thank you eternally, for then it will be saved from destruction if the spiritual spark can determine its way of life on earth, if it respects its voice and allows itself to be drawn by it, if it allows My working within itself through unselfish works of love and thus redeems itself from all evil, from eternal death....

Amen

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The less resistance the soul opposes the spirit within itself the more obviously it can express itself and the more audible its voice is to the human being, for then the soul also determines the bodily senses and organs to its functions, which then correspond to the spirit's influence. Thus the human being's thinking and willing must first relate to the inner life so that the spirit can become effective in the human being. And thus a person can never be filled by God's spirit if his thoughts and intentions are predominantly directed towards the preservation and well-being of the body. For then the soul would neither be able to hear the voice of the spirit within itself nor would it be able to impart spiritual good to the intellect's organs, since the latter would likewise be unable to receive it. And thus the serious will to be instructed by the spirit in itself is the first prerequisite for it to express itself, for the will starts from the soul and can apply to the spirit or the body. And the will determines the thoughts which, however, then start from the spirit in the human being as soon as the working has been made possible for it. But then the human being can completely leave himself to its influence, he will always think and act correctly if he fulfils the conditions which allow the working of the spirit. First of all, therefore, the human being's thinking and willing must be directed towards his inner life, he must want to think about the soul and not about the body.... Furthermore, he must be aware of the fact that he has to fulfil a task on earth, he must be aware that he must make the divine commandment of love the guiding principle of his way of life in order to fulfil God's will; furthermore, he must long for purest truth and inwardly seek it.... He must listen inwardly to what God, as the giver of truth, conveys to him through His spirit. He has to appeal for His loving instruction, otherwise God's most precious gift will be withheld from him because he does not appreciate it accordingly. And thus the soul must constantly work on itself, i.e. completely adapt its thinking, feeling and wanting to God's will and thus shape itself into the receptacle of the divine spirit, which can then work in it without restriction. The process itself is a transmission of strength from the spiritual kingdom, i.e. God Himself directs His emanation into the heart of the human being, who therefore now harbours divine within himself, which must appear in the form of knowledge, of deepest wisdom, thus of light-fullest realization. The state of knowledge is already an alignment with the eternal deity, Who in Himself is pure light and power. People in whom the divine spirit can work will always be surrounded by light, yet only recognizable to those who are spiritually able to see, whereas the physical eye perceives nothing special, only from the external effects, from the increased knowledge, can the person conclude to divine spiritual working. But if a person is surrounded by light then he is also a bearer of light himself, he has become, as it were, a station of strength in contact with the spiritual world, which can then emit light again and thus pass on the divine emanation to where it will be received without resistance.... Every transmission of power and light requires the willingness of the receiver. The least resistance, however, prevents it, but resistance is counteracted by thinking and wanting.... by the soul turning away from the spirit in it and turning towards the body, i.e., entering into its wishes and desires. Then the soul unites itself with the body instead of establishing the union with the spirit within itself according to its task, which then takes care of a complete union with the eternal father-spirit. Thus it is up to the soul in which direction it turns; it always finds support on the part of the spirit but never on the part of the body. The latter constantly demands, while the latter gives and demands as the only service in return the giving up of resistance in order to be able to work unhindered, i.e., to bring its influence on the soul to full and complete effect.... If the soul, with the help of the spirit, also succeeds in making the body inclined to its wishes, the spiritualization of the body is also guaranteed, i.e., its material substances likewise enter the state which allows light to pass through, all resistance is given up, and the result is that the soul hears the spirit's voice within itself in all clarity and can also audibly convey it to the bodily ear, that the human being thus hears the divine voice resounding within himself and stands in brightest light, i.e., filled with profoundest knowledge, i.e. he is filled with the deepest knowledge, because God's strength of love flows through him in all fullness, because the unification of the spirit in the human being with the father-spirit has taken place from eternity and the soul has matured and can enter the spiritual kingdom as a being of light to unimagined bliss....

Amen

The soul's union with its spirit....

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I reveal Myself to you humans in the most simple and understandable way, for My Words are not solely intended for the intellectual person but for all who desire the truth, even if they do not possess a keen intellect. However, I speak to them in a way that they can understand and therefore I avail Myself of a plainly spoken person, who can also be understood by everyone when he speaks to them from person to person, because then I will work through My spirit if he takes part in spiritual conversations.... When My Word is therefore conveyed to Earth it also happens in a way that the contents of My revelations are clear and understandable. And thus every person will be able to understand that the process of the spirits apostasy consisted of the fact that they rejected My illumination of love, My 'spirit of love'.... and that the return to Me also consists of the fact that they will voluntarily accept My illumination of love again.... that they thus must unite themselves with My spirit once more. The union with My spirit takes place when the divine spark of love, which is placed into every person as My share, gets kindled into a bright flame which incessantly strives towards Me, the Primal Fire.... Then the fallen original spirit will have become its fundamental element again, and this **consciously**.... For even after its apostasy from Me it remained My strength because My emanated strength of love cannot cease to exist.... Hence the return to Me can only be achieved consciously and this requires free will, which is returned again to the previously constrained being as a human who must subsequently use it correctly.... The original being certainly takes the path of return in an unconscious state.... dissolved in countless tiny particles.... while it is bound within the creations of earth. This return is an act of grace on My part, because I want to help the extremely deeply fallen being to reach the point again when it can receive its free will back. But then the unity of the spiritual spark with the eternal Father-Spirit must take place if the final return is to be accomplished.

The original spirit, which travels the earthly path as a human soul, will remain distant from Me for as long as the human being is without love, for I have also given him a spark of love which he must first ignite before a union with the Father-Spirit can be accomplished, for only love can achieve this union, and love must voluntarily be practised by a person, which also makes the illumination of My strength of love possible and the being becomes again what it was in the beginning.... The soul **is** a fallen original spirit.... Consequently, when it is said that the soul unites with its spirit, then the latter should always be understood as the spirit of love from Me, which the original spirit once rejected and thereby closed itself to all illumination of love.... As a human being the soul.... the once fallen original spirit.... carries a tiny spark of divine spirit within itself, but it must voluntarily acknowledge it, which it consciously does when it opens itself to My illumination of love and thereby becomes lovingly active itself.... Thus it has the spirit within itself and it is its earthly task to let itself be influenced by this spirit, which will always result in the fact that the person will practise love and through love unite with Me, since I **Am** the Eternal love Itself. Hence the soul unites itself again with its spirit.... The original spirit no longer reacts negatively towards Me and My illumination of love, instead, it consciously strives towards Me, it wants to be illuminated by Me and every distance between us is abolished.... It is the same divine original being again which originated from Me and after its voluntary apostasy also voluntarily returned to Me again, except that it has become My 'child', which I was **unable** to **create** because it required the created beings **free** will to become supremely perfect. Thus it deified itself voluntarily and can now create and work with Me in supreme beatitude and free will which, however, is the same as Mine, because a perfect being cannot want and think differently than I, as I Am the most perfect spirit in infinity....

Amen

Conscious incarnation to the rise of the soul

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

B.D. No. 2330

May 10th 1942

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

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

Every soul starts its earthly progress consciously....

B.D. No. 7146

June 17th 1958

Many of you are not aware of the fact that their souls started their final incarnation entirely volitionally and that the knowledge of their earthly course of life was not withheld from them before they were allowed to embody themselves. But this knowledge did not stop them since they also recognised the opportunity to thereby end an excessively long state of torment and therefore did not hesitate in starting their path across earth. That their past memory was then taken away from them had to happen to safeguard their freedom of will.... but that the human being on earth is experiencing this or that situation shall always be his proof that he had not rejected it earlier despite having been shown all his circumstances, his destined course of life, for he would not have been compelled to take this path had he not agreed to it himself.

Although no-one on earth will believe this assertion, it shall nevertheless comfort those who have to bear a difficult fate on earth; they shall know that they will be accordingly successful, that it could be their last short path of suffering which they will exchange for a carefree, glorious fate on departing from this earth, and they shall always remember that their time on earth won't last forever. Indeed, many people will fail even though they had been willing to complete this short earthly life successfully.... but no-one will lack strength either as soon as they draw this from God by establishing a connection with Him.... It is up to their free will, which is not influenced in any way, as to whether they do so or not.

The prize to be gained in earthly life is too high as to not require a certain amount of effort.... The human being, that is, his soul, cannot be granted a blissful life as a gift, he has to acquire it for himself, he has to fight for the most glorious possession, for freedom, light and strength.... he has to muster the will to be victorious himself. And he is able to do so in every walk of life, and the more difficult it is, the greater will also be his accomplished reward.

And if only you consider how much effort you are prepared to spend in **earthly** life in order to achieve a specific goal, which is truly not comparable to the said goal, then you know full well that it is just a matter of will as to whether you apply yourselves to this fight.... And therefore you should also muster the same determined will where far **more** is at stake than mere earthly success and earthly happiness.... And if you always bear in mind that you once had been willing to travel this earthly path then you will also draw strength from this certainty and always know that One is walking with you Who is at all times willing to provide you with strength, to support you, and Who will also help you overcome the most difficult situations in life.... providing you appeal to Him for help.... No human destiny is by chance, it is appropriate to his degree of maturity and good for his blissfulness. And a person will always be able to master his situation as soon as he requests strength from God.... But he will have lived his life in vain if he relies on his own strength and thereby hands himself over again into the hands of the one from whose chains he should release himself in earthly life....

Amen

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Particles of soul.... Process of development on earth and in the beyond....

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Matter is judged spiritual substance which, in turn, shelters spiritual substance within itself that travels the path of development according to God's eternal plan of Salvation. This spiritual substance, which is detained by the material external form, always joins up with similar substances on

its path of development and can be described as particles of soul which animate the individual works of creation again. Every work of creation, be it solid matter or the plant and animal world, contains such particles of soul which seek to unite with others as a whole in a new external form which more and more resembles the form of a human being. An infinitely long period of time goes by until, after passing through the course of the entire creation, all particles of soul have found each other again in order to then enter an external form as a human soul, which is given a specific task in order to gain complete freedom from any kind of outer cover. Thus, the human body is the soul's surrounding outer cover whose task it is to help its indwelling soul reach maturity. The maturing process takes place in a way that the human being of his own free will, which is the sign of his divine origin, endeavours to guide all soul substances into God's right order... i.e., by creating a God-pleasing basis for all characteristics of the untold tiny souls, hence by directing all instincts towards God. All cravings which are adverse to God must be changed into God-inclined emotions, which is the conscious work of improving the soul expected to be carried out by the human being during his earthly life.

In practice, this means that everything which still adheres to the soul from former embodiments has to be discarded, hence, animal instincts have to be overcome, just as the desire for matter has to be stifled, because all instincts came from the preliminary development and still cling to the soul as traits of the earlier stages of development. All inclinations from past embodiments must be discarded if higher development is to be successful, and everything that points to progressive development should be endeavoured towards... spiritually-divine attributes such as humility, meekness, patience and compassion, peacefulness and righteousness... For all these qualities originate from love, which should be developed into highest perfection during earthly life. Thereby a very clear guideline was given for the human being's task on earth, God's will is revealed to people through His Word... The soul is, to a certain extent, still disordered spiritual essence which should be guided back into order, however, it can make its own decision because it lives in the state of free will. It certainly **is able** to return to order but is not forced to do so. But as soon as it has put itself in order the spirit of God will have access, which **cannot** penetrate a chaos of instincts and disorderly substances, or rather, it may not interfere by bringing order if the will is missing. Order will be established when the most prominent individual attributes, which characterise a prior embodiment, are reversed into the opposite, since all souls are imperfect at the start of their development and becoming-perfect is the purpose and goal of their embodiment. Thus, recognisable characteristics from past embodiments can never be in harmony with divine order, but they must be changed into the opposite... until only love, kindness, humility, meekness, righteousness and compassion are the human being's nature and indicate his aspired perfection, until the divine order is recognisable and the human being's soul has reached its goal and can leave its outer shell in order to strive as a spiritual being towards ascent in possession of light and strength, which further its progress in the beyond surprisingly fast...

My spirit is constantly at work in order to guide you into truth, but you must also allow yourselves to be guided without resistance, that is, you should not use your already acquired knowledge as a foundation which My revelations should fit in with, but you must hear My revelations **first** and then compare them with your knowledge. If they concur then they will also complement each other, then this prior knowledge of yours will have flowed to you from a spiritual source and serves the same purpose of guiding you into truth... And so continue: The higher development of individual souls in the kingdom of the beyond differs. Every soul effectively has other tendencies, other abilities at its disposal tending either upwards or downwards, which have to be developed or fought against and this is always the result of **realisation**, because as long as the soul does not recognise its state it will be unable to muster the will for change. For this reason it must already have been touched by a small ray of light so as to reach this realisation... on account of which intercession for souls in the beyond is so tremendously important so that they will receive a ray of realisation, only then will they actively strive to ascend. A soul which already achieved a degree of realisation on earth, which thus tackles its work of improving itself on earth already, is surrounded by so many beings of light in the spiritual kingdom that it will always find help and quickly attain higher maturity. Hence it is particularly important that a soul gains realisation on earth, thus knows its earthly task and its own still inadequate state. For realisation is a big step towards perfection and allows it to rapidly move through the regions of the

spiritual kingdom, whereas a soul lacking realisation often remains an incredibly long time below, because it is imperative that it must have the basic knowledge which it will reject for a long time before it is willing to be taught.

And this state of ignorance is extremely painful and can only be remedied by loving intercession. Even these souls are supported by beings of light, yet they remain close to them in disguise and cannot successfully influence them because the soul's free will has to be maintained. However, despite realising its own inadequacies, despite knowing its faults, weaknesses and cravings, the soul is unable to advance without help. And this help is Jesus Christ, on earth as well as in the spiritual kingdom.... If He is called upon with the serious will to ascend, success can be expected with certainty.... He helps where personal strength does not suffice, He not only forgives the sins of the person who appeals to Him for forgiveness, He is also the Provider of strength in the battle as a conqueror.... No being is able to lift itself out of the abyss without His strength, for an imperfect being is and will remain weak precisely because of its imperfection. Only the bond with Jesus Christ imparts it with strength and makes its struggle for perfection easier and also successful. Anyone who does not come to Jesus Christ on earth **must** rush to Him in the beyond, or he will forever remain below.... And, again, this has to be understood such that every soul **must come to love**.... For Jesus Christ is the embodied love. Thus **love** is the redeeming strength, love also acknowledges Jesus Christ, love has to be practised on earth in order to ensure a flight of ascent in the beyond. But it also has to be the driving force in the beyond, otherwise the soul would never be able to achieve a higher degree of maturity. And therefore love is the only means to discard all weaknesses and faults, for anyone who has love recognises himself and consciously strives towards perfection, because he longs for the One Who is love Itself, and this One will always help him, because love strives towards love and the union in love is eternal bliss....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Development of the soul to the height....

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You will only be able to constantly increase the soul's spiritual nature by using all your willpower, because God's adversary will do everything to prevent you from doing so, but your will can set barriers for him if it is directed towards God. Thus, as long as you humans strive towards God first, as long as your aim is and remains God, your will is also directed towards God, and it sets barriers and denies the adversary access. And then the soul will also always ascend, for wherever its will is directed it will also be drawn from there.... Therefore there will usually only be an ascent or descent, only rarely will a soul remain on the same level, and that is when it is completely indifferent, when it does not set itself a firm aim, when it certainly resists the adversary through its way of life but also has no real connection upwards because it does not believe.... because it still turns its gaze towards the world without, however, being completely its slave. These people are now influenced by both forces.... positive and negative forces, because both want to win them. And so even the indifferent people will one day arrive at a crossroads and not know which way to turn.... up and down the paths, and the soul will have to decide. The will will become active.... And it is good when this hour of decision comes in good time, when the human being still has so much time left that he can still cover long distances in order to be able to reach the aim before the end of his life.... It is good if the crossroads is not only reached at the end, even though a correct decision then also still means a plus for the soul but cannot earn it an excessive degree of maturity for the hour of death. The soul must constantly progress upwards, for the path to perfection is far.... But every lost hour is a shortcoming for the soul which is difficult to make up for in the kingdom of the beyond, which can nowhere be remedied more easily than on earth with the right direction of will, with the right attitude towards God.... For then God will safely pull the soul upwards, then He Himself will give the soul the strength to ascend and it will also safely reach the aim.... the unification with the one Whom its will strives for.... with the creator and father of eternity, Whose **child** it can **only** become as long as it lives on earth....

Conscious life on earth lived to mature the soul

Consciously lived life on earth....

B.D. No. 2264

March 16th 1942

Earthly life has to be lived consciously, i.e. the human being has to recognize a purpose in his earthly life and try to fulfil this purpose and reach his goal. The knowledge of the meaning and purpose of earthly life will now determine his walk if he is willing to reach the right goal, then he lives his life consciously. Nor is this knowledge withheld from any human being, for even if he is not informed of it by fellow human beings who teach him, his thoughts will be directed towards it by spiritual beings, so that every person will once ask himself the question about the actual purpose of his earthly life and this question will be answered mentally. Whether he now recognizes this answer depends on his will to what is right and to truth. The rightly acting and thinking person does not resist accepting these mental indications, and thus he will now also make rapid progress in his knowledge either through further mental instructions or mental exchange with people who are of the same mind, or through opposing views challenge his expressions of opinion and strengthen him in the views he has gained himself. And thus faith will come alive in him.... for he will inevitably reflect on the nature of the eternal deity Who has given the human being an earthly task, Who has placed him into the universe as the centre of creation and linked him to a specific purpose. Thus man seeks to fathom the deity.... And God also approaches such searching people.... and again the answer comes to him. And thus his knowledge increases, for God Himself teaches him because He instructs everyone who wants to recognize Him. A person will live his earthly life consciously if he deals with spiritual problems.... On the other hand, he who only desires the world and only strives for earthly goods lives his life without asking questions about purpose and goal. And his life is lived in vain, for he does not mature in spirit, he remains imperfect as long as he does not seek the connection, and he only establishes this when he mentally occupies himself with questions about the eternal deity. Only then does he work on himself, for he who seeks to recognize God also recognizes his own inadequacy and seeks to change. And this searching and working on oneself is a consciously lived earthly existence which gives the soul the degree of maturity which is the purpose and goal of life on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Love and suffering as means of purification....

B.D. No. 6701

November 29th 1956

My Gospel teaches you love again and again, for only love purifies the soul from all impurities; love is the fire which cleanses the soul and turns all base notions into the opposite. And love is often accompanied by suffering, as this first dissolves all hard layers which had still offered resistance to love. Hence, love and suffering are the means of the soul's purification, and love and suffering can change bad habits into virtues, they can disperse pride and arouse true humility in a person's heart, they can train an impatient person to become gentle and patient, they can inspire compassion and let justice emerge.... They can entirely change a person's nature and thus spiritualise the soul while it is still on earth. For this reason you should constantly practise love and patiently shoulder all suffering.... You should bear the cross which was placed upon you and, in so doing, constantly keep suffering at bay from your fellow human beings, pleasing them and also helping them attain maturity of soul by preaching and exemplifying the Gospel of love to them. The human being must consciously work at improving his soul; he must try to release himself from all vices and cravings, and the strength to do so will arise from the love which he practices on his fellow human being. If suffering is imposed on

him, he should likewise regard this suffering as a means towards reaching perfection, because it helps where love is still too weak.... The soul should be able to leave its body in a crystal clear state so that, permeated by light, it can enter the kingdom of the beyond However, you humans still need to dissolve more layers which prevent the soul from being permeated by this light.... You must still work on yourselves in order to develop the virtues which should adorn a soul; you must attain humility, gentleness, peacefulness, compassion, righteousness and patience, and that necessitates conscious work at improving yourselves, which is therefore often accompanied by all kinds of suffering. And so you should also recognise the blessing of suffering, which has a redemptive purpose, which should not always be regarded as punishment for sins but is often merely an effective means to attain maturity of soul.... You should **discard** all your bad habits and vices and that often necessitates a battle which, however, is much easier for you in the form of physical suffering than in a state of physical well-being, since the latter is more likely to increase these evils than to reduce them. I did not thoughtlessly say the Words 'If any man will come after Me, let him.... take up his cross....' I certainly died on the cross for your guilt of sin, I took all suffering upon Me.... and thereby made it possible for you to release yourselves, to gain strength.... For the sake of the act of Salvation you can be forgiven of all your sins and, once you acknowledge Me and My act of Salvation and avail yourselves of the blessings of the act of Salvation by appealing to Me for redemption and forgiveness of your guilt, this will ensure your entry into the kingdom of light Nevertheless, you cannot be spared a certain amount psychological work, for this will determine the **degree of light** in which you depart from earth. And the willingness to endure suffering is the conscious or unconscious participation in My path to the cross, and anyone who takes the path to Golgotha by My side is truly doing his soul a great service, for it can take the path into the kingdom of light like Me and, in radiant brilliance, it will be with Me in paradise, for the change from an imperfect being into the divine being it was in the beginning, had still occurred on earth and, in a manner of speaking, it has already participated in Christ's act of Salvation on earth because it had humbly carried the cross.... Therefore you should bless the suffering which accompanies your path across earth, and let the love in you evolve fully, then your earthly path will not be in vain, it will let you reach the most beautiful goal: the complete union with Me, your God and Father of eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

All circumstances of life offer opportunities to mature....

B.D. No. 8435

March 10th 1963

How your earthly life turns out is entirely determined by My will, because I have known from the very beginning which direction your will is going to take during the time of your earthly life as a human being. And according to this will all events will happen to you such that they can influence you to direct your will **correctly**. So even if you apparently shape your own circumstances of life you will nevertheless be affected by the same measure of suffering and adversities, by destined experiences, regardless of what kind of living conditions you have. And therefore you can go through life with a certain composure since I will, after all, always provide you with the greatest possibility to reach your goal of attaining perfection on earth. Consequently, it is entirely irrelevant for your soul's development as to whether you are poor or rich, whether you are nicely shaped or have physical defects, for all advantages as well as your disadvantages can contribute towards your eager work of improving your soul, just as they can equally be the reason for you to neglect this psychological work.... For it always depends on yourselves, on your will, as to what extent you allow yourselves to be influenced by everything that approaches you externally in the form of experiences, strokes of fate, illnesses and all kinds of adversities but also of wealth, fame, honour and earthly power.... Everything can be detrimental and everything can be beneficial to you.... It depends entirely on what kind of attitude towards Me you find in earthly life.... It depends entirely on whether you allow yourselves to be spiritually influenced, whether you are able to look upon your earthly life as a test of your will, as a means to an end, as a gift of grace by the One Who brought you to life.... It depends entirely on

whether you not only place importance on your body or are seriously concerned about your soul.... If the latter is the case then everything will be a blessing for you, no matter what comes upon you, and you will climb the ladder which leads to ascent step by step which helps you to reach higher spheres until you reach the goal when your soul will leave the earthly body.... This is why you should unperturbedly accept everything, always in the knowledge that I thereby intend to attract those of you to Me who are still distant from Me and yet need to find the right attitude towards Me in order to subsequently live your life on earth according to My will, which lets you achieve perfection....

And when there is a risk of people being entirely distant from Me, then I must indeed use means which are described as an unusually severe destiny of life, yet they are always based on the fact that an unusual resistance towards Me still exists, which I cannot forcibly break but which can recede in view of the immense earthly adversity, which can subsequently push the human being onto the right path to Me and thus show a correctly inclined will, which signifies everything for the person, for then I Myself will be able to take evident charge of his earthly life, and the human being will be truly relieved from all responsibility if he completely hands himself over to Me and lets Me think and act on his behalf.... So everything that can contribute towards a change of will is good, even if it appears to be distressing and unbearable, yet it is not distressing for the soul but fortunate and a blessing, for it matures and reaches that goal which, on its own.... without My indirect help.... it would hardly be able to attain. For I know every individual person's will. And thus I also know to whom I can bestow exceptional gifts of grace, who will use these correctly and derive the most blessings from them.... In that case, I will win this soul over to Me with less severe means, because the resistance, which in the beginning of the embodiment as a human being still firmly controls the soul, will have already considerably lessened.... In that case My means of help need no longer be so painful, slight impulses will suffice that the person will take the right paths, that he will recognise his purpose of earthly life and makes an effort to do justice to it.... And the suffering or adversities which are still imposed on him will be easy to endure, for then the person will already have established the connection with Me and through this connection he constantly receives strength from Me, which makes his ascent considerably easier.... Thus, a person's external circumstances of life are irrelevant for the shaping of his soul.... In fact, difficult situations in life often have more favourable effects on his soul than an easier and worldly-blessed life on earth, which is more likely to be a danger to its maturing.... However, no destiny is so severe that it could not be endured by a person who believes in a Power Which is love, wisdom and might in Itself, for if he believes he will turn to this Power for help, and he will indeed receive it.... For then he will already have the right attitude towards Me and that will certainly guarantee his full maturing on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Change of character by conscious soul work

Change of nature only from within....

B.D. No. 6158

January 8th 1955

Nothing external has a beneficial effect on your inner life, no formalities can help your soul to mature and lead it to perfection.... Your change of nature can only be accomplished from within, this is why you humans must frequently withdraw into solitude in order to take stock of yourselves and remove whatever is spoiling you, whatever imperfections you still harbour within yourselves.... External sources can certainly draw your attention to conducting this psychological work, you can be taught how to achieve it, what you ought to observe.... what you must avoid because it is harmful and what you should do to become perfect.... but you must accomplish it yourselves and only by means of detaching yourselves from everything external even if you are in the midst of the world and forced to fulfil your duties. Yet this psychological work has to be carried out simultaneously because it is entirely independent of your occupation, for it concerns your inner nature, your faults and bad habits, it concerns the human being's inner life, his thinking, volition and conduct which.... even if it is directed in a worldly way.... ought to emanate love, otherwise a transformation of personality cannot be spoken of.

Hence your psychological work has to consist of refining your thinking and inclinations and of directing them towards divine goals; you always have to make an effort to live a life of unselfishness, selflessness, gentleness and patience, of peacefulness.... You have to develop all good qualities within yourselves and expel bad thoughts and attributes.... And all this requires the sincere will to live correctly before God.... It need not become outwardly obvious, that is, it should not be outwardly displayed.... yet a life in accordance with God's will also always affects your fellow human beings, it stimulates imitation and will always be more effective than many speeches or formal customs which do not yet vouch for an inner change of attitude.

A person can only change if he takes serious stock of himself by thinking about his shortcomings and faults and resolves to improve himself. And this inner change has to be undertaken by every person himself if he wants to reach his goal of becoming perfect. The resolve also has to be followed by the deed or the will is not in earnest.... And from this you can realise again that the attainment of beatitude is not determined by the denomination but only ever by the human being's will to kindle love within himself which totally transforms him, which turns all bad attributes into good ones and which therefore is the only means of becoming perfect.... but which can be practised by all people, irrespective of which denomination they belong to.... All denominations, however, teach love.... this is why all of them can lead to perfection, yet no denomination can guarantee this perfection.... only the human being can achieve it by the serious work of improving himself....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Conscious psychological work....

B.D. No. 6730

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Iwant to find a permanent dwelling within you so that I will be able to associate with you like a father with his children.... Only then will the original relationship be restored which you had with Me when I created you. But I can only take abode in your heart when you have purged and adorned it for Me yourselves, for I can only stay in a place of absolute cleanliness, where no impurities remain,

for these prevent My presence as they are part of My adversary, who has to be totally expelled from you to enable My being there.

And thus your earthly task only consists of preparing your heart such that it can serve Me as an abode.... However, fulfilling this task requires your determination and therefore also your desire for Me which thus prompts your will to accomplish this work consciously: to purify your heart from everything that could prevent My presence. Even just the will to be united with Me is extremely highly valued by Me, and it will also provide you with enough strength to accomplish your intention.... You will recognise where you have to intervene, what you have to do in order to shape yourselves such that I can take abode in you.... You will realise that you still have many faults and imperfections, you will recognise all vices and longings as obstacles to My presence and then endeavour to repel what displeases Me and change everything which is degrading into virtues.... thus you will carry out conscious psychological work because you are attracted by the goal: to be eternally united with Me. Thus your love for Me must have been kindled in you already, and this love impels you towards Me and also gives you the strength to change your nature, which you certainly realise as ungodly and not in accordance with My will.... Consequently, everyone who recognises himself as imperfect can also be certain that I will help him to change.... However, people are in a bad way if they fail to discover any imperfections in themselves, if they are convinced of their worth, if they don't find it necessary to improve themselves and therefore will never be able to receive Me in their hearts, because they suffer a rather sizeable evil.... pride, by which My adversary has firmly anchored himself in their hearts.

Anyone who, in profound humility, recognises himself and his unworthiness will appeal to Me for strength and help and for mercy.... And I will help him and even draw him to Myself with burning love and compassion.... But anyone who does not recognise his low, imperfect state, will never call upon Me either. He travels his path through life and is and remains conscious of his worth. But he walks without Me.... for as soon as he would feel My proximity his arrogance would leave him too.... But he is unable to feel Me, because I cannot come near him since he so obviously displays My adversary's characteristic.... And thereby he pushes Me back; he lacks humility, which alone is regarded and showered by Me with a wealth of grace. As long as you live on earth you are all still afflicted by imperfections and faults, which therefore necessitate the conscious work of improving your soul if you want to receive Me Myself in your heart, if you want to unite yourselves with Me and experience the intimate Fatherly love yourselves.... But the resolve to attain Me and to change for My sake is enough for Me to provide you with so much strength and grace that you will indeed be able to accomplish this work of transformation, because I Myself long for your return to Me and will therefore help every human being who of his own accord also aspires to return to Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Inner soul work

Inner reflections and self-knowledge....

B.D. No. 2759

May 29th 1943

A person pays too little attention to his inner life, otherwise he would recognize himself and his shortcomings better and try to remedy them. The work on his soul only begins when he recognizes his inadequacy, when he consciously strives for perfection, when he tries to ennoble himself by recognizing his faults and weaknesses. And he only realizes these when he deepens his inner self, i.e. when he subjects his life, actions and thoughts to serious criticism.... If he is a child of the world, then he only pays attention to outward appearances, he only sees his physical constitution, but not that of the soul, and all his thinking and willing is only directed towards the body and its needs, because the world constantly approaches man with its demands, which he now eagerly fulfils. And his inner life fades completely into the background. He will think little or not at all about his behaviour towards his fellow human beings, his attitude towards God and how he will stand up to himself if he is called to account for his thoughts and actions. And therefore he will not work on himself. Conscious soul work also includes recognizing his own... man must criticize himself relentlessly, he must not overlook any faults and weaknesses, he must have the firm will to develop himself progressively, he must not be satisfied with himself but must always and constantly strive for perfection. And in order to want all this, he must be convinced of his unworthiness, of his inadequacy, but this is only the result of inner introspection. A person is usually honest with himself as soon as he subjects himself to an examination. And this inner, uninfluenced thinking first brings about a clear judgement of oneself, and this is then followed by work on oneself, because no human being is without faults. The more a person withdraws in order to dialogue with himself, with his vices and desires, the sooner he declares war on them, because the inner voice warns and admonishes him, if only he has the will to let this inner voice resound within him. Then it will draw his attention to every fault, it will spur him on to conscious soul work, it will urge him again and again to introspection, and he will become humble because he recognizes himself and his weaknesses and gives up all arrogance. And through such introspection he will mature inwardly, he will learn to understand the weaknesses of his fellow human beings because he finds them in himself, and he will ask for strength for his transformation, which he recognizes as necessary and therefore tackles seriously. The inner reflections have a very great ennobling value, because only now does the person learn to recognize himself and consciously work on himself....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Introspection....

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You too, My loyal servants, have to be admonished by Me to improve your souls more eagerly, for as long as you live on earth you all still carry immature substances within yourselves. You all more or less still have to fight against inclinations, longings and all kinds of weaknesses, and you should always remember that you ought to spiritualise these substances during your earthly life. A constant struggle will have to take place, and you should overcome them, you should try to influence the unspiritual substances with much love to let go of you, to join the desire of the spirit within you, to stop pestering your soul so that it will be able to ascend to the pinnacle with ever greater ease and without being held back. I want to make the path to happiness easier for all of you, but you also have to work on yourselves, you seriously have to examine yourselves as to what weaknesses and faults are

still burdening you; you have to question yourselves whether your soul is still constrained by any cravings.... you have to fight against every impure impulse, suppress each irate motion, you must not send out any ignoble thoughts and deny any human being your love.... you have to try to put right every injustice you have inflicted on a fellow human being....

Your thinking shall always be noble and pure, which excludes every thought of hatred and vengeance.... You should avoid every unkind word and always remember that you expect love, compassion and forgiveness from Me, thus you should also grant the same to your fellow human being.... In everything you think or say you should know that I know it too, and you should ask yourselves whether you are behaving correctly in My presence?.... I know that you are all still weak, that the battle which you should wage against yourselves is indeed the most difficult.... But My strength is always at your disposal and you only need to send a pleading thought to Me and, truly, I will give you the strength and you will be victorious.... You will be able to pacify the evil spirits within yourselves. They will leave you progressively more alone, they will become modest and also comply with the soul's desire to calm down and make use of the strength for their own purification....

For they have this possibility to reach maturity themselves within the earthly body and to join the soul, because it will take all fully matured spiritual substances along into the kingdom of the beyond when it has to leave its earthly body. The soul itself still has various instincts within itself from its previous embodiments, which it is supposed to change for the better.... And it is also pestered by the body of flesh, because that is shaped from unspiritual substances.... But the human being also has the possibility to exercise a redeeming influence on these evil spirits.... if he tries to change all negative qualities to the contrary until he has become humble, gentle, peaceful, compassionate and just.... until he has become love himself, which includes all those virtues, and then the human being will also be able to enter the spiritual kingdom fully matured. And therefore you should seriously examine yourselves as to what virtues you are still missing.... investigate, whether you have changed your nature completely already.... check, what you still need and seriously work at improving yourselves....

And you most certainly will be successful if only you have the serious intention and appeal to Me to give you strength because you are too weak on your own. Call upon Me in Jesus so that I will strengthen your will, so that you will lose your weakness of will, so that I will forgive you when you have become sinful, and truly, My help is assured to you, for it is My own will that your souls shall mature, and I Am truly pleased in those who take changing their nature into love seriously.... For as soon as you are full of love all unspiritual substances within you will also become spiritualised, because they cannot resist the strength of love. But wherever these evil spirits are still active, love is not yet profound enough, in other words, I Am as yet not able to work in all fullness within you and you will have to fight to become pure so that I can take abode in you.... And then you will also have been redeemingly active within yourselves....

Amen

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Education for love

Soul work on fellow human beings.... blessing on earth....

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May 13th 1941

Every activity that is for the benefit of the human soul is beneficial. For if the human being considers how short earthly time is compared to eternity, and if he further considers the minimal success he can achieve on earth.... but if, on the other hand, he imagines the value of spiritual endeavour in eternity and the happiness of the soul, which can show spiritual wealth, then he will not hesitate for long and take up the work on his soul. And only then will he pursue the right purpose of earthly life. And what a person does for his and his fellow human being's soul is already blessed by God on earth. He will stand by him in earthly adversities, He will always be willing to support the work on the soul and earthly life will always correspond to the desire for spiritual maturity. And therefore people should believingly and trustingly abandon themselves to divine guidance, for if they are serious about spiritual progress every day will bring events which are conducive to this spiritual progress. And man truly need not fear.... The more faithfully he devotes himself to God, the more successful his life on earth will be for eternity. And if the human being places his life, his earthly activity and his spiritual work at the service of his neighbour, if he therefore lovingly works to help his neighbour to spiritual maturity, he will already receive abundant blessings on earth.... He will not need to suffer hardship, he will escape severe affliction, he will banish his fellow human being's suffering and now also be relieved of his own suffering, suffering and misery will only pass him by like a dream, and God's blessing will rest on everything he starts, for he is driven by love and concern for the human soul, consequently, his soul will also be granted relief on earth. And so man can confidently look forward to the future.... If sorrow and worry still weigh him down, he himself is not faithful enough. He still sees too much of the earthly events around him, he pays too much attention to worldly things, and that is why these things also come to him as a test of his faith. If he learns to overcome them, i.e., if he ignores them, they will no longer burden him and now he can eagerly devote himself to the actual work of preparing his fellow human being's soul for eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Feature of spiritual upward development....

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This is the sign of spiritual upward development, that the human being is no longer content with the pleasures the world offers him but strives for something higher, that worldly knowledge is not enough for him either but he ponders over things which go beyond worldly knowledge. He seeks information about everything that lies beyond the earthly, because the earthly no longer satisfies him, and thus he strives for higher knowledge.... To the same extent he now also thinks about himself, he sharply criticizes himself and his thoughts and actions, he seeks to shape himself into perfection. And the word of God also becomes effective in such people, it falls on good ground, the human being receives it, he thinks it through and seeks to live accordingly. For as soon as he begins to detach himself from the world and its pleasures, as soon as he strives for higher knowledge, the word of God is presented to him in the most effective way. And he heeds it and seeks to live by it. And thus the slow change of his nature begins, the spiritual ascent begins, the soul begins to mature and the human being fulfils his task of earthly life. Thus the renunciation of the world and its pleasures must inevitably precede the awakening of the human being's urge for a more valuable life, before he becomes spiritually active through serious reflection and striving towards God. For both at the same

time are impossible. A person who still belongs to the world only listens with half an ear to the teachings which impart higher knowledge to the human being, for the world drowns them out, and as long as the world still entices and appeals the human being finds no pleasure in spiritual things, he is neither thirsty for knowledge nor desirous of truth, he has no urge to ennoble his being, he only pays attention to the world and completely places his body at its service. And therefore he pays no attention to the divine word, it is empty sound to him, it only resounds to his ear but does not penetrate into the heart and also does not let his will become active to work on himself, he does not become aware of his imperfection but in his arrogance considers himself a creature which is powerful and mighty, but he will never be able to give a sign of this strength and power. His spiritual striving only begins as soon as he is aware of his inadequacy, and this again presupposes reflection and strict self-criticism. But a person who loves the world and its trinkets is still far removed from inward self-examination, instead his life is a hunt and chase after earthly goods and he seeks to gain everything from the outside, but he does not pay attention to his inner being and therefore does not recognize himself and also not the necessity of changing himself, his nature and his will. He remains on the same spiritual level until he lends a hand himself, until he makes an effort to live a life according to the word of God. But then he also detaches himself from the world and seeks connection to the spiritual kingdom.... The further a person is in his spiritual development, the more diligently he works on himself. For the approach to God is his aim, and this presupposes an adaptation to the essence of the eternal deity, thus a shaping of himself into love. The human being who strives towards God recognizes his inadequacy, his great distance from God, and he therefore seeks to change. But he is only successful if he does not only think of himself alone, but also tries to influence his fellow human beings, so that he tackles the work on himself. For he shapes himself into love if he lovingly works on his fellow human being, if he helps him with advice and action where he alone is too weak. As long as the human being only leads a life of his own, as soon as he only seeks to lift up his own soul life, self-love is still too strong in him and this does not support him. And that is why spiritual activity must also draw large circles, for as soon as the human being seriously strives for his perfection he also wants to communicate himself, he wants to bestow upon those he loves what he himself considers worth striving for. And so he will also work for the kingdom of God, even though he is not officially considered a servant of God.... He will communicate, i.e. express his spiritual thoughts and also try to transfer them to his fellow human beings, thereby he will draw them into the same striving, he will set an example himself through loving activity and encourage them to love, he will be a representative for Christ's teaching, for the divine word, as soon as he encourages people to love activity. And thus he will mature himself through his care for his fellow human beings, he will shape himself into love, and he will be successful because he will become knowledgeable, knowledge will make him happy and spur him on again to pass it on. For the word of God will be conveyed to him as soon as he wants to work with it. Spiritual work requires knowledge, and spiritual work is done by the human being who tries to guide his fellow human being onto the path of love. For he must also introduce him to the blessing of love, he must enlighten him as to what love helps him to achieve, he must instruct him and can only do this as long as he is knowledgeable himself. This is the course of higher development, that the human being, through activity of love, puts himself into the ability to receive knowledge, that he utilizes this knowledge by trying to transfer it to his fellow human beings, and that he thereby rises again, thus he can register progress in spiritual development. But the human being must never be concerned only with himself, for then he will not practice neighbourly love. Then he is only intellectually active, i.e. he endeavours to mature, however, he lacks the activity of the heart and therefore the soul cannot mature, for only through unselfish neighbourly love does it attain the height of love.

Amen

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Every human being is solely responsible for his soul. And therefore it is of utmost importance for him to know what he has to do in earthly life in order to save the soul from falling into the abyss, from eternal darkness and torment, in order to prepare a blissful fate for it, an eternal life.... He has nothing more to do than to free his soul from dense shells which surround it, to create the possibility for it again to let itself be radiated through by the divine light of love, as once before the being fell.... The human being must be aware that earthly life was given to him for this purpose, and thus he must also use this life for this purpose. And every day, every hour gives him the opportunity to do so, for he need only constantly practice unselfish love.... He has to try to free himself from selfish love, which let those dense shells grow around the soul. Whatever the human being undertakes on earth is completely worthless for eternity, for the transformation of his being, for the maturing of the soul, if unselfish love is not the motive of his activity. And everything that arises from the motive of self-love is only of use for the time of earthly life but not of lasting value for eternity. The human being should always observe which feelings dominate his thoughts and actions. And he will be able to ascertain that self-love still emerges powerfully and unselfish neighbourly love is rarely only the driving force in his actions. But with good will he can change himself and his feelings, he can consciously work on himself by forcing himself to put aside himself and his desires in order to help those who are in need instead.... And he will always see hardship around him, he will always have the opportunity to be of service, and it will also always give him more pleasure the more consciously he works on himself.... yet not for the sake of a reward but out of his own conviction to be inadequately shaped and to use earthly life in order to become perfect. He must strive upwards, then strength will also be supplied to him from above.... He must want that his earthly life is not lived in vain at the end of his days, and then he will certainly also reach the aim. As soon as the human being has succeeded in putting his ego aside for the sake of his fellow human being he has already become a victor, and the soul's shells dissolve and can let in the divine ray of love, and then he no longer needs to fear having travelled the earthly path in vain.... But he must also do this very work on himself and know that he himself bears the responsibility. But the knowledge comes to him through the word of God.... If he allows himself to be touched by God's word, if he thinks about it and tries to follow it, then the work on himself already begins.... But anyone who does not listen to the word of God, who only lets it ring in his ears, who does not feel addressed by it, walks through life irresponsibly, even if he acts responsibly in earthly matters.... For he is only driven to this action by his self-love, which seeks earthly success, honour and fame but does not result in any spiritual transformation.... And such people will also hardly believe in the soul's continued existence after death and its torments in the kingdom of the beyond. For self-love makes it impossible for him to believe.... And therefore love for God and one's neighbour cannot be preached diligently enough, because only through such can the human being attain faith and the light of realization. Yet the human being cannot be forced into love either, it has to develop in him freely, but every human being is capable of it, because every human being has been given a spark of love for this course of his earthly life, thus only every human being needs to ignite it.... for which only his will is necessary. And the will is free but can be stimulated by the consciousness of responsibility. And the awareness of responsibility can also be awakened in every human being as soon as he seriously reflects on himself, on the creative power which brought him into being and on the purpose of his existence.... For anyone who **seriously** reflects on these questions will also receive a mental answer, and this answer will prompt him to live a conscious life with the purpose of the past perfection. And furthermore, every person will also receive enlightenments from outside which he can accept or reject.... But his own attitude is required, because only he himself can accomplish the work of changing his nature. But since every human being knows the damaging effects of an earthly, irresponsible life, he also knows the importance of a sense of responsibility.... And he can also value this for his soul.... and the transience of all earthly things should strengthen the awareness of responsibility for the eternal and imperishable even more.... Without love, however, man remains blind in his spirit and completely inactive. For the human being's work on his soul consists precisely of works of unselfish love, and as long as the human being's will is not willing to do so, the purpose of

earthly life will not be fulfilled either, and the soul is and remains in greatest adversity, and the danger of sinking into the abyss again is great if it enters the kingdom of the beyond in this dark state.... unless the completely unselfish love of a human being on earth follows it into that kingdom and helps it to achieve a little light there.... But she will never be able to catch up or achieve what she was able to achieve on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Acquire sense of truth

Urge for truth and justice....

B.D. No. 2293

April 9th 1942

The urge for truth and righteousness is always decisive for the soul's higher development, for they are already God-focussed and therefore must also be seized by God's love. And since they strive towards God they will not offer any resistance but claim the divine favours which are offered to them through God's love. The desire for truth and righteous thinking also makes it easier for a person to recognize what is right, and thus he will also tackle the work of transformation himself and always make an effort to live according to God's will. And every attempt is already equal to the accomplished deed, because it testifies to the will towards God and God strengthens his willpower as soon as his will strives towards Him. And as soon as he thinks righteously he will also observe everything God demands of him through His commandment of love towards his fellow human beings. And thus he has to develop himself upwards, he lives his life consciously and thus fulfils the right purpose of earthly life, for he will be of service since he recognizes God and his love for God will constantly increase. He will try to harmonize every action with love for God and his neighbour, and this is a conscious work on his soul which has to earn him the degree of maturity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The spirit of truth....

B.D. No. 3745

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You can never receive lies from the spirit of truth, since the spirit of truth is the spirit which comes from Me.... And this spirit will always work where the human being's will accepts Me, where the person aspires towards good and thus endeavours to integrate with My eternal order. My spirit becomes active in him but varies in its effectiveness according to his soul's degree of maturity. But it is certain that he will never be taught wrongly by My spirit as long as it concerns such matters which are favourable to the attainment of his soul's maturity. My spirit will always draw the human being towards Me if he does not resist Me with his opposing will.... thus My spirit will give him the knowledge which alone will lead to Me.... Such a person's thinking will be guided into the right direction, he will come closer to the truth. If his conduct in life is right, which testifies of his aspiration for good, he will always mentally acknowledge Me as the Creator and Father of eternity and feel the impulse to practise what he knows to be My will, since he is guided to do so by My spirit, because in the knowledge of his will to ascend I will mentally show him the path to Me.

And thus no person who seeks Me, albeit unconsciously, will be misled if his will aspires towards good, he can only have a greater or lesser degree of knowledge. His intellectual ability can still be poorly developed, depending on his effort to improve his soul, thus consciously shaping his nature in relation to My will. He can be more slack in observing this work but My spirit will always instruct him correctly.... i.e. he will always feel what is right and what is wrong, he will never consider a wrong to be right, thus be unsure about My will. But My spirit can only give him more profound spiritual knowledge after he has achieved a certain maturity of soul, because the soul has to be able to receive and understand such knowledge in order to convey it to the person's mind. And this ability is achieved by the soul through consciously working to improve itself, through constant activity of love.... everything it merely felt - and thus believed - in the first place will then be comprehensibly explained to the soul.... it will penetrate the eternal truth because I Myself can now work in the soul through My spirit. And My spirit will increase the soul's knowledge and delight it, because the truth

given to the human being by My spirit is a precious possession, it is everlasting spiritual wealth which assures eternal life for the soul because it leads to Me, Who is eternal truth Himself....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Serious desire for truth....

B.D. No. 7559

March 26th 1960

The pure truth has to be desired in order to be received.... and desiring the truth means being willing to relinquish the existing knowledge, to completely empty oneself and now ask Me to impart the pure truth to the human being, which only I Myself can bestow upon him. For I Myself am the truth.... I am the way and the life.... I Myself alone can distribute the truth and thereby show you the path which leads to eternal life. But for the most part people are unable to detach themselves from the spiritual knowledge they possess.... Yet they should always bear in mind that there are many schools of thought, that different people's spiritual knowledge also differs but that there is only one truth, that not everyone can claim to stand in the truth as long as their thinking still deviates from each other. And therefore they should make every effort to come into possession of the truth, they should not be satisfied with knowledge which was transmitted to them according to tradition, they should first try to fathom the origin of their knowledge and always approach Me Myself for enlightenment of their thinking so that they will find the pure truth.... They must desire the truth.... And they will be able to be convinced that they will also find it, for I Myself take care of those who desire the truth with all their heart.... For I am the eternal truth and I want My living creations to walk in truth, that they think correctly, that they form a truthful picture of Me Myself and My reign and activity.... I don't want them to be ensnared by the error which is presented to people by My adversary so that it is impossible for them to recognize Me Myself correctly and then also to learn to love Me.... and because My living creations' love for Me is the aim which people should achieve, I want them to recognize Me correctly, and therefore I will repeatedly convey the pure truth to people who desire it, I will no longer leave them in error and enlighten their thinking so that they will learn to distinguish truth from error and turn away from the latter. Truth will always make people happy, for truth will spread light in the heart.... Error, however, darkens the path people take, and this never leads upwards, to Me, because it is My adversary's path into which he tries to push people who do not resist him. And every person should seriously ask himself how far he is satisfied with the knowledge he possesses.... he should seriously ask himself whether he desires the pure truth and what he has already done in order to attain this truth.... He need do nothing more than seriously ask Me to instruct him in the truth if his thinking is wrong.... But this will has to arise from the heart, he has to be deeply, holyly serious about moving in truth.... And most people lack this seriousness. They are content with the knowledge they have taken on and hold on to it, they don't think about it, otherwise they would discover contradictions themselves and would have to pay attention. But the will of man cannot be forced.... This is why error is far more widespread in the world than truth, and this is why I again and again try to address people from above in order to convey the pure truth to them, which should encourage them to compare and take a stand on it themselves. And blessed is he who accepts the truth.... Blessed is he who seeks to free himself from previous knowledge if it does not agree with the knowledge conveyed from above.... One day the soul will be able to record as spiritual wealth the knowledge it accepted on earth and will also take with it into the kingdom of the beyond.... It will be able to register a considerable plus compared to the souls which could not free themselves from their wrong teachings on earth, for in the spiritual kingdom the soul will only be able to work with such goods which correspond to the truth. All other knowledge will be of no use to it, no matter how much knowledge it possessed on earth. If it was not the pure truth it will lose it like all earthly possessions and dwell poorly and ignorantly in the kingdom of the beyond, where it will not be allowed to engage in a blissful activity until it has also accepted the pure truth.... which will certainly be offered to it in the spiritual kingdom but which, just as on earth, requires its free will to accept. And this is why it is so necessary for the human being that his thinking still becomes clear on earth, that he learns to distinguish error from truth on earth, for

only truth is the path which leads to eternal life, only through truth can the human being become blissfully happy and no longer lose eternal life....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Overcome the world

Soul work.... Overcoming Self....

B.D. No. 2237

February 17th 1942

The more undauntedly a person works on himself, the more successful his endeavour will be, for then he will have the sincere will towards God, and this will also result in the allocation of strength which will ensure spiritual progress again. The soul's work requires overcoming oneself, and therefore it can only be achieved if the human being constantly practices self-denial. What is beneficial to the soul will always mean a renunciation or sacrifice for the body, and therefore a strong will is needed that is more focussed on the soul than on the body. Spiritual success can only be achieved by setting aside the body, and precisely this is so difficult for people because the body will always push forward with its desire, whereas the soul usually has to be content if the human being's will considers it sparingly. And therefore the soul can only progress in its development when it is given more consideration than the body. Thus the human being cannot do enough in caring for his soul, he must constantly practice love, and this will then also result in wisdom.... the realization.... in its wake. And as soon as a person recognizes, he cannot help but submit to the divine will, i.e. do what is beneficial for his soul. The divine will will also be revealed to anyone who only strives to fulfil God's will, and then he will willingly separate himself from matter, from the goods of the world.... and consequently he will not pay attention to what pleases the body either, and he will only ever be intent on collecting spiritual possessions, for earthly goods will no longer seem appealing to him. And that is only the blessed state for humanity, that it leaves the world and its goods unnoticed and turns to spiritual experience. Then people think, hear and see differently, i.e. always remembering their souls, and only this is spiritual progress, which is based on a certain renunciation, on overcoming oneself, on an inner struggle against that which is part of the adversary. And anyone who earnestly strives towards God will gladly and joyfully give up what is of benefit to his body, for he exchanges something more valuable in return.... an increased degree of maturity of the soul....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

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

B.D. No. 2551

November 15th 1942

Free yourselves from the bonds of the world and you will achieve the greatest success, for what the world offers you only lasts for a short time, but then you will recognize your shortcomings, for you have only lived for the world and have no other success to report than to have stood in worldly honour. A life on earth in limited circumstances, a life of simplicity and unpretentiousness, on the other hand, can bring you spiritual goods of incalculable value. You always have to remind yourselves that earth is only a short time of preparation for the actual life in eternity, you have to consider that you cannot take any of the earthly goods with you, that reputation and fame are invalid in view of death, that earthly knowledge is worthless in eternity. You must also consider that the body passes away and with it the comforts it desired.... Only the soul remains, whose state corresponds to the pursuit of spiritual possessions on earth.... And if you go along on earth in utmost unpretentiousness and think of your soul at the same time, then you are to be called abundant when you enter the beyond, for only now does life on earth have an effect. And this state is of eternal duration as soon as it is a state of light, but it means endless agonies for the soul which refrained from spiritual endeavour on earth and only strived for earthly success, earthly well-being and earthly wealth. As soon as the world still entices you, as soon as you expect success from it, this will always happen at the expense

of the soul, for where the soul earnestly strives and struggles for perfection, there the desire for the world dies.... Where the soul seeks God and wants to live to please Him, the pleasures of the world are ignored. **This** is the right life on earth, although man should fulfil his duty, i.e. use his vitality for the benefit of his fellow human beings, as it is the divine will. For God has given every human being his task for earthly life, the fulfilment of which contributes to the attainment of maturity of soul, so that love for one's neighbour is the driving force and the human being is willing to place himself and his strength at the service of his neighbour. Increased enjoyment of life, however, reduces the soul's success, for spiritual striving ignores the world, but worldly pleasures make spiritual striving impossible. And therefore choose and decide what you deem more precious, earthly possessions, wealth and reputation and an eternal life in darkness or an unnoticed earthly life in simplicity, which you use to shape your soul in order to then be able to enter a light-filled beyond, which will richly compensate you for all privations.... People only think about the present, and they try to gain everything from the present, and yet life on earth passes by quickly and they are faced with eternity, which they could shape into a marvellous one for themselves if they did not value the present, the time on earth, so highly. Therefore, try to free yourselves from what the world offers you.... For it is vain dazzle, it is poison for your soul and a constant obstacle to your soul's work. Seek God alone in this world so that you will have found Him when you enter that world which is the real life for the soul. For God is your bliss, and His love seizes you who, for His sake, disregard the earth's goods....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Do not sell your soul....

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The price you pay for a joyful, pleasurable earthly existence is too high, for in return you sell your soul to the one who pulls it back down into the abyss. It is only an exceedingly short time during which you can indulge in the pleasures of the world, but eternity is infinitely long, the time is infinitely long when you dwell in darkness again in unspeakable torment. But you overestimate this short time on earth and thoughtlessly give away an eternal life in glory for truly worthless things.... You don't know what you are doing and don't listen to the serious warnings and admonitions which are constantly sent to you, so that you will lead your way of life responsibly, so that you will remember the time after your physical death when you will receive the delicious reward if you take all warnings and admonitions to heart and only try to improve the state of your soul. My adversary knows how to lure you with the charms of the world and you don't see through his game that he tries to win your soul with it, which only needs to get rid of the last shackle in order to be able to enter the kingdom of light, My kingdom, where it will be blissfully happy again in light and strength as it once was.... And neither the bliss in the kingdom of light nor the torments of the abyss can be shown to you, for you have to return to Me again in complete free will.... just as **he** cannot **force** you to follow his enticements and lose your soul to him either. But I truly do everything to draw your attention to the horrors of the abyss which you will inevitably face if you are unable to separate yourselves from the world and its goods. And you will also be told about the beatitudes in the spiritual kingdom which await you if you live according to My will, if you strive to attain spiritual goods and put the world aside.... The fact that you don't believe in it is the result of your way of life, for you completely forget about your neighbour who is in need because of your desire for the world and earthly goods. If you would willingly turn your help to him then everything would also seem more credible to you which is held up to you by My servants who, in view of the end, step into the path of all people once in order to proclaim the gospel to them. But the increased greed for the world and its pleasures dulls you, and every warmer feeling in your heart is stifled, for My adversary, who knows that love snatches souls away from him, takes care of this, that he will certainly lose them if only the human being kindles love within himself. However, the human being's desire for earthly possessions makes him insensitive to his neighbour's hardship; his selfish love becomes ever stronger and he only seeks to gain everything for himself, and it hardens his soul, the shells become ever tighter and My adversary has won the

game.... He has only paid a small price for the soul: a physical comfort for a **very short time** which has already come to an end with the death of the body and.... can already be over on the morrow. Why do you humans not even seriously consider your situation, the certain end of your life on this earth, which you yourselves cannot determine in terms of time.... why do you attach such great value to earthly goods and the pleasures of the world? And carelessly you give away the indescribable bliss of the spiritual kingdom for the sake of these short, worthless pleasures. Earthly life is a test for you humans, it is the last time of free decision for Me or for My adversary. And he will offer you everything in order to win you over for himself.... but I, too, will let grace upon grace flow to you, yet I will not exert any coercion of will upon you. Yet it is not impossible for you to make the **right** decision, for you are constantly informed and you can also recognize the transience of earthly things on a daily basis, you experience the sudden recall of fellow human beings from their lives on a daily basis.... you can think about everything.... Thus you will one day also have to bear the consequences of your decision if it is **not** for **Me**, and you will be allowed to enjoy indescribable bliss if you renounce your short earthly lifetime in order to gain Me and My kingdom for eternity....

Amen

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Conscious asking for forgiveness of sin

Forgiveness through Jesus Christ.... increase of the degree of love....

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October 17th 1963

If you openly confess Me in Jesus, then you also belong to Mine, over whom I watch and whom I protect on all their ways. If you have accepted Jesus as divine redeemer then you will also have turned to Me Myself again, Who became man in Jesus. And since Jesus has atoned for your original sin through His crucifixion and you acknowledge Me again as your God and creator, you now also return to Me again, your free will has become active, which completely hands itself over to Me and which has subordinated itself to Mine.... And you belong to Me.... the release from My opponent is accomplished because Jesus Christ has ransomed you from him with His life, because He has redeemed your sin guilt with His blood. And anyone who has become Mine can now also fearlessly end his earthly life, he will no longer fall prey to My adversary, for his power has been broken through Jesus death on the cross. I Myself have won over him in a man, Who was so filled with love that He won the superiority over the opponent, who is powerless against love. What man now has to endure on earth are only purification means of his soul, which is to purify itself, so that it can be radiated through with light to a high degree, when it enters the kingdom on the other side. The original sin is therefore redeemed through the acknowledgement of Jesus and the request for forgiveness. But the soul still has to work on itself to reach the highest perfection, because through the endless long separation from Me, its God and creator, it had stepped out of its state of perfection, it had become a completely love-less being, which has indeed reached a certain degree of maturity again through service in the state of compulsion, which however has to consciously acquire the illumination of love from Me again in earth life, which has to consciously increase its degree of love through its own love activity in free will.... And this degree of love can still be low, and that is man's work on his soul to increase it, through which the soul becomes crystal clear and can now receive stronger and stronger light radiation. You therefore have to make a distinction between 'forgiveness of your guilt of sin' and 'perfection of your soul', which every person can achieve himself on earth precisely through conscious activity of love.... The **forgiveness** of sins is given to you through Jesus' work of mercy, but **love** must be kindled by the human being himself and flare up into the brightest flame, and that is why a soul which has found Jesus can certainly enter the kingdom of light because He has redeemed its guilt of sin.... but the **degree** of light can be completely **different**. And that is why the human being must make good use of his earthly life for works of love in order to increase his degree of love (light), and the more blissful he will be after the death of his body.... Love and suffering bring about the purification of a soul; love and suffering earn it an ever higher degree of light, and that is why you are also to bless suffering, because it is an effective aid, which brings you to maturity. People who have not yet found Jesus also often have to suffer, and then their gaze is to be turned towards Him Who took upon Himself the **greatest** suffering voluntarily and out of love for people whom He knew to be in greatest spiritual hardship and wanted to help them. For the thought of Him will once arise in every person who knows about Him, especially in great suffering.... but whether the thoughts are accepted is again determined by the free will of man, and that is why such thought waves can also be rejected. And the soul remains further in greatest trouble. And again, people who reject the divine redeemer Jesus Christ will also perform few works of love because love would already earn them a brighter degree of knowledge and they would then not be open opponents of the divine redeemer.... Because those men are influenced by the opponent and also prevent them from love work. And still opportunity enough is offered to all where they could practise love. But the acknowledgment of Jesus and therefore the acknowledgment of Myself.... earns every person increased strength, for I take care of all those who want to return to Me, which proves their acknowledgement of Me Myself in Jesus. I truly

leave no man without help, without protection and without power, because I am infinitely much concerned about the return of every single soul, and what can be done for its rescue out of the fetters of dark power, that will truly not be omitted.... For My **love** pursues all My creatures who once voluntarily departed from Me, and My **love** was the cause that I Myself accomplished the work of salvation in the man Jesus, for this love was embodied in the man Jesus.... The eternal deity Itself had ascended to earth, It completely filled the man Jesus and accomplished the greatest work of mercy in Him for the sake of people who languished in the adversary's fetters and were unable to release themselves from him.... He loosed those bonds, He laid down His life to restore **life** to those who had fallen.... to those who had perished.... He has redeemed the great guilt that was the cause of your being on this earth. And He has cleared the way for you again to your God and creator, to your father from eternity....

Amen

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Entrance into the kingdom of light without Jesus Christ?....

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Your father's love for His children is unlimited.... And this love will also grant you the requests you present to Me because it wants to make you happy. You should only ever ask and I will answer you. And if it is not possible to address you directly then you will receive an answer through My messengers who serve Me as instruments and whom I can address at any time if they want to hear Me. And thus you shall also receive information if you are moved by the question whether a person can enter the kingdom of light without acknowledging Jesus Christ if his way of life has been led in constant compliance with My commandments of love. Since I embodied Myself in the human being Jesus and thus accomplished the act of salvation in Him, this acknowledgement of Jesus is indispensable because it also results in the acknowledgement of Me, which you once denied Me and thus became apostate to Me. If a person now lives in love, then he is also united with Me through love.... thus he will acknowledge a God and creator and also establish the connection with Him in his thoughts.... he will believe in Me because his way of life, his life of love, has awakened a living faith in him which makes him consciously strive for perfection, for constant union with Me.... And yet, he is still burdened with the original sin which, for the sake of justice, first has to be atoned for in order to be accepted into the kingdom of light again. If the human being knows this and knows that the man Jesus atoned for his guilt with His crucifixion, then his life of love will also let him recognize the significance of the act of salvation and he will take the path to the cross himself in order to release his original sin. And then the gates into the kingdom of light will also be open to him. If the original sin has not yet been redeemed.... which includes the conscious request for forgiveness of sin.... then the spirit in the human being cannot be awakened either, which gives him the brightest knowledge.... For the spiritual darkness still exists, which was the **result** of the former apostasy from God.... For the spirit within him kindles a bright light for him about the mission of the man Jesus and about His becoming one with Me. The awakening of the spirit is indeed always the **effect** of a life of love but it is prevented by the human being himself who does not seek to free himself from the darkness imposed on him by the adversary.... **because he does not desire the sole truth....** The spirit in the human being does **not force** a change of thinking, and thinking is still influenced by the adversary as long as the human being is not yet redeemed through Jesus Christ.... because the adversary's power over his soul has not yet been broken. Yet such people can never go astray because they inwardly profess Me through their God-pleasing way of life, in whatever form and under whatever name I can be imagined to them.... And when they enter the kingdom of the beyond I Myself will meet them in Jesus.... A mighty change takes place in them because I now give their spirit freedom, because My adversary no longer has access to him, even though he is not yet in the kingdom of light.... But he now recognizes his guilt, his wrong thinking, and the request for forgiveness is his deepest inner need, which is also granted to him in view of his way of life and good will.... For all resistance is broken in such a soul, love pushes towards Me as the eternal love, and brightly and clearly lies before those souls the

immeasurable work of love and mercy of Jesus Christ, Whom they now recognize as their God and father from eternity and also their original sin is now written in the sand, that the entrance into the kingdom of light is now open for them, which would not be possible **without** the recognition of Jesus and His act of salvation.... For He and I are one, and Jesus Christ must be acknowledged, which also proves the acknowledgement of Myself....

Amen

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Conscious contact with God

God's presence and help requires conscious commitment....

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April 11th 1959

In undiminished love I accompany you from the beginning of your embodiment as a human being until your death. Yet you will only become aware of My company when you want it yourselves, when you establish the bond with Me of your own accord, because My love may not force you and therefore restrains itself when this **desire** for My **presence** is lacking in you. But as long as you do so you are also in danger that your earthly life will remain idle, for only when you pass through it together with Me will it bring you success for your soul. Obviously, therefore, I cannot have an effect on you without this conscious bond with Me. But since My love is infinite it uses other means which therefore exclude a compulsion of love and yet can lead to a **desire** for My presence. And such means are suffering and pain of all kinds, sorrow and adversity, misfortunes and disasters which are so great that they cannot be mastered by people and involuntarily push towards the one Who is lord over all.... Who has the power to avert everything, but Who wants to be approached for it. Admittedly, a small amount of faith in Him must always be present, otherwise the human being will not remember a God and creator but will be even more strengthened in his lack of faith. But where there is still little faith much can still be achieved through suffering and sorrow, for then the human being will take the path to Me in order to appeal to Me for help. And then he establishes the bond, and an influence on My part is now permitted because his free will leads him to Me, which gives Me the right against My adversary, who had an equal right to the soul but has to hand over the right to Me when the human being comes to Me himself and has voluntarily established the bond with Me. And I truly make good use of this bond by helping the human being to find his way out of his adversity and then also keep reminding him of Me, so that he will certainly no longer completely abandon Me, even though there is a danger that he will become more indifferent towards Me again once the adversity has been overcome. But his faith in Me has nevertheless been strengthened and he will always use it again when new adversity comes upon him in order to protect him from falling into the abyss. People should only ever know that one is always ready to help and they should entrust themselves to this one in every adversity.... The more intimate the devotion to Me is in such times of adversity, the more willingly I will stand by his side, because My love will not diminish but will increasingly take hold of My child, which allows itself to be grasped by Me, its God and father of eternity.... My love will pursue the human being until the end of his life and always patiently wait for the moment when the child needs Me to intervene in hours of utmost adversity, when only a thought reaches Me, when only a cry for help touches My ear, which I will certainly listen to because it testifies to My faith in Me, which I truly will not let be destroyed. Just remember that **I Myself am love....** that I cannot help you in adversity, that only My love restrains itself where it is rejected by the human being but is fully effective where it is accepted, where the human being himself appeals to Me for My presence and I will also prove it to him by fulfilling the requests, by averting the adversity and strengthening his faith.... For My love does not change or diminish eternally.... But it can only become effective when you want it yourselves, when you voluntarily hand yourselves over to Me so that I can radiate My love through you, which also includes the help you receive in adversity of body and soul....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

You should quite often abandon yourselves to thoughts of eternity, you should leave the earth and everything relating to it behind you at times and mentally occupy yourselves with the fact that everything is transient after all and question what you should do in order to gain everlasting possessions which will last for eternity. Furthermore, you should consider your relationship with God, whether it is the relationship of a child with the Father or whether God is still far away and out of reach for you, to Whom you only rarely turn to with the right kind of prayer. You should take a seriously critical look at yourselves as to how you conduct your life.... whether it complies with God's will which is, after all, known to you: whether you live a life of love, true to His commandments.... An introspection like that will always be a blessing, even if you can only spend a short time on it but every spiritually directed thought will be taken hold of by the beings of light and answered accordingly and you will always derive spiritual benefit from it. But you should not only consider the world and its demands. For its commodities are transient and will only serve your sense of well-being for a short time but they will not bring you spiritual achievement. However, the time is approaching its end and you all still have to do much work to improve your souls, that is, you have to discard your own faults and weaknesses, for which a continuous battle needs to be waged and the strength it requires should constantly be requested from God. Therefore, you should pray ceaselessly, i.e., always direct your thoughts heavenwards and present all your worries and concerns to the Father and appeal for His blessing. Whatever you do, be they spiritual or earthly tasks, shall be done with God's blessing, and they will always benefit your soul, for God only requests your bond with Him in order to convey His strength to you which you require for the work of improving yourselves. And a constant bond with Him requires you to frequently dwell with your thoughts in the spiritual kingdom and a conscious turning away from the world. Every minute you withdraw into silence, every thought you send upwards, is one step higher to the goal, which you will then also surely reach. You should not just live an entirely unspiritual life, for then your earthly life will be a waste of time and will not result in spiritual achievements....

However, your bond with Him will detach you ever more from the world and tie you to the spiritual kingdom, into which you will withdraw even more frequently the more insistently the world approaches you, which soon will no longer attract you, because once a soul has entrusted and joined God He will hold on to it. But it always involves an inner battle, for the world keeps the person captive with its enticements and attractions and it requires a serious will to resist these temptations and to be content with spiritual possessions, the true value of which cannot be judged by a person for as long as he lives on earth. But one day he will be happy about the treasures he acquired on earth, one day he will know that they alone are of value and that only the soul with spiritual treasures at its disposal can consider itself happy, for it will be able to work with them in the spiritual realm after everything of an earthly nature has fallen away from it and it has to relinquish all transient possessions of the world. Then it will be wealthy and blissfully happy, a worldly person, in contrast, will stand deprived and lonely at the gate to eternity, for the possessions he acquired on earth do not follow him into eternity and he will have no spiritual possessions to show.... For this reason you should think often of death and your spiritual state, and try to gain spiritual possessions on earth, which one day will constitute the degree of light and bliss when your soul leaves the body and enters the kingdom of the beyond....

Amen

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Contact with Jesus Christ in every adversity....

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You humans must be in heartfelt contact with Jesus Christ if you want to release yourselves from all flaws and weaknesses, from vices and cravings, from all kinds of bad habits.... if you want to

become perfect. He alone can help you achieve it, and He will do so if you appeal for it and thereby testify to your faith in Him as the divine Redeemer. Therefore, as soon as you have to struggle, as soon as you are inwardly dissatisfied with yourselves, turn only to Him, for He fully understands every human weakness, because He lived on earth Himself as the human being Jesus.... But He also has the means to help you.... He strengthens your will and gives you the necessary strength for it from His treasure of grace, which He acquired through His death on the cross.... You will not take the path to Him in vain, you will definitely receive help if only you desire help.... And thus you should always take care to establish and maintain the connection with Him. No-one else can grant you help, He alone can and also wants to do so, because it is His Own will that you should become free from all shackles which pull you down, it is His Own will that you should regain your past perfection, so that He can admit you into His kingdom when you must leave this earth. He wants you to return into your Father's house to become as happy again as you were in the beginning.... For this reason He will do everything in His power to make this return possible for you, and He will not hold back His gifts of grace, for He descended to earth in order to help you, because you were no longer capable of ascending to the light on your own.... He died for you humans on the cross and does not want to have made this sacrifice in vain, it is His will that all people shall partake in the blessings of the sacrifice on the cross.... that they will all reach the goal for which He sacrificed Himself....

However, you must come to Him yourselves, you must entrust yourselves to Him in your distress and appeal for His help and it will be given to you. For this reason you should always become conscious of His presence.... You need only call Him to your side with a thought and He will walk beside you wherever you go.... The mental contact with Him will assure His presence, and if Jesus Christ is close to you, you will speak to Him like a brother and confide in Him; tell Him everything that bothers you, but let your requests be more of a spiritual nature, even though you will also receive His full support in earthly adversities.... But first consider the state of your soul and, if you discover imperfections, approach Jesus Christ trustingly with the plea to release you from every shackle, from every evil which separates you from Him. Treat Jesus Christ with the same familiarity as you treat your brother, and don't be shy to reveal even your most secret faults and sins to Him. His love is infinite and He will forgive them and help you achieve complete freedom because you acknowledge Him, because you believe in Him and His act of Salvation. Yet no-one who excludes Him from his life, who does not acknowledge Jesus' act of Salvation and God's human manifestation in Him, can cope with his faults and vices by himself, for he will lack all strength and his resolve to seriously tackle the work of changing his nature will be weak.... He will not be able to achieve anything until he has entrusted himself to the divine Redeemer.... for every person who wants to be released from the control of God's adversary must call upon Jesus Christ and hand himself over to Him with complete trust.... Only then can he be saved, only then will he have the strength to change himself in order to enter the spiritual kingdom in a redeemed state, in order to return into the Father's house for good....

Amen

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Desire of God's word

Bread of heaven food for the soul.... "Seek ye first the kingdom of God...."

B.D. No. 2362

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You humans should not disregard spiritual nourishment, for it is the most important thing in earthly life that the bread of heaven be given to you for the nourishment of your souls. The physical body cannot exist without food, likewise also the soul, but it needs food even more urgently because it is immortal and the lack of spiritual food results in an unimaginably agonizing state, which is far worse than the passing away. Every building substance for the preservation of the body is supplied to it through earthly food, and yet the preservation of it only has the one purpose to grant the soul a stay so that it can fulfil its earthly task. But in order to be able to fulfil this, the soul must be supplied with food, which gives it power, and this food is the bread of heaven, the word of God, which the love of God offers it as food on its way through the earth valley. And no soul will need to hunger and thirst that desires such. Myriads of God-serving beings hand out the divine gift, the bread of heaven, to people on earth. They stand everywhere along the path of the earth traveller and offer it to the hungry and thirsty so that they can feast on it and continue on their way strengthened. And the bread of heaven is the word of God.... it is the most delicious gift of grace that God has in store for you humans, and you will receive its strength when you are in great need. Just as a fresh drink refreshes you, so the divine word will always refresh and strengthen you, for this is Jesus' promise that whoever drinks of the water He offers people will thirst no more for eternity.... And His word is truth.... God Himself is the fountain from which the living water springs.... God Himself is the bread of life which He offers to you humans for the nourishment of the soul so that you may receive it and strengthen yourselves.... And therefore the spiritual food is to be desired first. Earthly food will then be given to you at the same time, for God will not let those who are physically destitute think of their soul first, which He also promised with the words: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all other things shall be added unto you...." You never need to worry about your physical well-being, nor do you need to worry about the form in which food will come to you if this does not seem possible on earth.... God's word is truth and if you believe in it, His promise will be fulfilled. He will always provide for you, spiritually and physically, as soon as you unite with Him and want to receive His gifts. Yet you must desire the spiritual food first, for your soul needs it on its path upwards, and for the sake of your soul God has given you earthly life, which also requires earthly nourishment. Thus God will truly give you what you need to maintain the body if you endeavour to maintain the body for the sake of your soul. And the spiritual food, the word of God, will also be able to sustain the body, for this is strength from God which flows directly to the human being through His word, and this strength sustains everything, it also sustains the body as soon as earthly nourishment is withdrawn from it. For it is the power of God that sustains every work of creation that has emerged from this power. Hence, if the human being receives God's direct emanation of strength he will not need any other nourishment and yet will be able to survive if this is God's will. And it will be God's will in the time to come that the power of the divine word will be revealed through extraordinary manifestations, which will flow to those who firmly and steadfastly believe and keep God's commandments. For if a person is willing to consider his soul first and desires the bread of heaven for it, he will be satisfied both spiritually and physically, for God's love is unchanging and His word is truth: "Do not worry about what you will eat and drink, but seek first the kingdom of God, and everything else will be added to you...."

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

You should increase the spiritual knowledge and thus also the strength which fills you. With every word conveyed to you from above you receive strength which you can therefore use for constant work on yourselves and your fellow human beings. For the word from above imparts spiritual knowledge to you and is therefore an everlasting treasure, it is a constant source of strength so that you need never feel weak and powerless again, because you can acquire it again at any time by receiving My word.... But consider that **I** speak to you when I let you hear My word, consider that you make contact with the source of strength yourselves through your will to hear Me.... how should you then go empty-handed if you request and constantly receive from Me? For what I give to you must also take effect as strength, otherwise it would not be of divine origin. The strength shares itself with your soul, and this has an incomparable benefit from it.... It grows and matures for the spiritual kingdom. And therefore you should constantly make this supply of strength possible, you should constantly increase it, you should remain aware of the fact that you cause Me Myself to release My strength as soon as you are willing to hear Me in the word. Your soul matures.... and that is the purpose of your earthly life, thus you also fulfil your earthly task, for if you want to listen to Me, if you desire My address, My word, you will also fulfil what I demand of you through My word.... You will **want** to fulfil My commandments of love and also receive the strength to be **able** to fulfil them. With the will to accept My word you profess Me, and thus I profess Myself to you. I give what you demand of Me, strength, light and love in abundance. Don't let yourselves be oppressed by the fact that your body is sometimes weak, that your physical shell does not obviously feel the strength from Me.... I know why this is necessary for you, and I also know if and when I flow through the body with My strength.... I also let the body receive what it needs, but I recognize better than you **what** it needs. It concerns your soul, and the body often has to help the soul and therefore take upon itself illness and suffering in order to relieve the soul of these, yet if you come to Me full of trust and present your requests to Me My strength will also flow to you physically, and you will also be able to draw this strength from My word, which the body only feels if you have attained a strength of faith which allows for such. Believe Me, I will give you what you desire, yet you must also take from Me the **unlimited** influx of My strength.... You should increase the strength within you so that the body will also come into its possession, which can only be considered when it no longer happens at the expense of the soul.... But you may take in abundance.... Therefore request, constantly come to Me and let Me speak to you, accept My word and let the strength of the word become effective, and you will be able to create and work, you will be able to use the strength flowing to you spiritually and earthly for your own and your fellow human beings' salvation....

Amen

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Man's conscious work of improving his soul....

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Nothing should prevent you from carrying out the work of improving your soul, for this alone determines your fate in eternity. And no-one can relieve you of this work; no-one can do it for you. And therefore every day your soul hasn't made any progress is lost, even if you just carry out a single deed of love.... it helps your soul to mature. Every day that has only satisfied your selfish love, that has only benefited your **body**, is a lost day, for as soon as the **soul** had to starve the day was lived in vain. And yet you could easily progress, for you are offered many opportunities where you can prove yourselves, where you can carry out this said psychological work.... opportunities, where you have to defeat yourselves, where you have to fight against longings or all kinds of bad habits, where you can please with kind deeds, friendly words or helpful acts, which always result in spiritual advantages for your soul....

Time and again opportunities will arise when you can enter into heartfelt communication with your God and Father in order to derive a blessing for your soul.... And time and again you can listen to the Word of God or read it and thereby provide your soul with very special help by providing it with nourishment which enables it to mature. And no matter how lucrative your days will be for you in regards to earthly profit, a **good deed**, no matter how small, is deemed far more valuable, for it results in profit for the **soul** which it can never lose again. But it cannot keep what the body receives; they are just borrowed goods which can be taken away again at any time. And therefore you can also cause daily damage to your soul if you burden it with sin.... if you lead a bad way of life and add many additional sins to the existing original sin, which only your **soul** will be answerable for one day, because **it** is immortal. Hence you should not spend your days thoughtlessly, you should thoroughly consider what you are doing, and you should try to take more care of your soul than of your body, for the **soul** is your **real Self** which has to travel the path across earth in order to mature **fully**, in order to attain perfection, which **it** can only achieve on earth. But this also necessitates your will with which you consciously have to fight against weaknesses and all kinds of faults....

Consequently, if the human being wants to become perfect he will also have to request the strength to live in accordance with God's will, that is, to accomplish deeds of love.... which then will surely be granted to him. He has to live life consciously, always aiming to perfect his still imperfect nature, and make every effort to do so. Then he will be impelled from within to act with love.... he can't help himself but do kind deeds, and thus he will also be able to progress spiritually every day.... And then he will not let himself be held back by worldly enticements either.... For once he is serious about accomplishing his goal of achieving perfection he will always put his work of improving his soul first, and then he will also always receive help from the spiritual beings guarding his earthly life.... who time and again try to influence his thoughts such that he thinks, speaks and acts in accordance with God's will.... For the only purpose of earthly life is the maturing of his soul which, however, is rarely recognised, and therefore the soul's fate is often an unfortunate one, albeit due to its own fault, for the human being is time and again informed why he lives on earth.... if he doesn't want to believe it, his soul will have to pay for it one day by taking the darkness across into the kingdom of the beyond, with which it had come to earth as a human being....

Amen

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Thoughts of death are favourable for the soul....

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November 3rd 1959

Again and again you are admonished to think of your temporal end, for you only live consciously on this earth when you think of the time after your physical death, which you create for yourselves during earthly life for a state of bliss or also for a state of distress and agony. If you often think about death then you will also try to fathom the purpose of your earthly life because it seems incomprehensible to you that you should only exist for the short time on earth, which is also of indeterminate duration for every human being.... And emotionally you will already have to acknowledge the continued existence of your soul, for your I, your soul, resists the thought of a complete extinction.... It feels that it lives on, and therefore the human being will nevertheless live responsibly on earth if he remembers that his time is limited according to God's will. That is why such thoughts are only ever useful for your soul, since you deal with the once certain death, for they can only spur you on to do soul work out of the inner impulse to bring it to perfection while it still dwells on earth. For no human being knows how long he will still be granted a life on this earth.... But not everyone is moved by such thoughts, for he who is lured and held captive by the world will always reject such thoughts and want to gain whatever is possible from life. And it is these who arrive in the kingdom of the beyond without any spiritual wealth, who find themselves poor and meagre on the other side in darkness and complete lack of strength.... You should be warned of this fate, and you will certainly try to change your life if you concern yourselves more with thoughts of death, for you will emotionally fear death in powerlessness and darkness and seek to acquire light and strength

beforehand already, because the spirit impels you from within as soon as you are only willing to listen to it for a short time, which always favours spiritual thoughts, because every thought of death and the aftermath is already a spiritually directed thought which will always have a favourable effect if the human being's will is good. And these are addressed in particular because they often have a weak will which is to be prompted into action through words or example. Think often of the fact that you will have to die, and think of improving the state of your soul after death while you are still on this earth. And you will only benefit your soul, for it will involuntarily make an effort to lead its way of life well, i.e. in the spirit of God, because it feels the responsibility. The human being can certainly have the grace to reach a great age, but his earthly life can also only last for a very short time, and he should always be ready for the entrance into the kingdom of light, for he can also mature and progress in his development in a short time, but he must also have the will to do so and cover his earthly life with a spiritually directed gaze; and then he will also not need to fear the hour of death, it will only signify a change of his stay, a change of sphere, which now receives the soul...: the kingdom of light and bliss, where it will live and need no longer fear death for ever...

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

"Work while it is still day.... "

B.D. No. 8413

February 16th 1963

It is still daytime when you are in the grace to receive light, for much light flows to you from Me, you who open your eyes and desire light.... But the day draws to a close and is followed by a night of endless duration for those who did not use the light of the day to work on their souls, who did not seek and find the right path in the light, which leads up to the eternal light, where there is no more night.... You are standing in a late hour and are therefore admonished with a loud voice to make good use of the last rays, the last glimmer of light before nightfall, for you can also make up much in a short time if you are only serious about escaping the eternal night. Don't follow the one who wants to lead you back into deepest darkness again but turn your eyes upwards, to Me, from Whom the light emanates which will make you immeasurably happy, you who want to escape the darkness. But time draws ever closer, the world clock does not stop, and night falls for people who walk along indifferently and do not think of their souls. And what this night means for those you cannot understand, otherwise you would truly do everything to escape it.... The night means for the souls a relapse to the deepest depth, it means renewed dissolution and renewed banishment in solid matter, it means a renewed walk through the creation of the new earth, in torment of the bondage which they had already once lived through and overcome.... But you are warned and admonished again and again, and everything is tried to portray the night to you as black as possible.... However, you do not believe and it cannot be proven to you. But the words are well known to you: 'Work while it is still day, for the night is coming when you will no longer be able to work'. "But you only understand bodily death by this, you do not know that another night is meant, for bodily death need not mean renewed darkness for your soul; after bodily death the soul can also enter into the brightest light, where there is no more night for ever.... So the death of the body need not be feared, for it can also induce immature souls to seek the light in the kingdom of the beyond.... But the night, which is meant by these words, is to be feared, for it lasts for eternal times and means endless torment for the souls until they slowly reach the height again in order to once more lead an existence as a human being on earth and to be faced with the same decision as the human soul is now facing.... Please listen to My warnings and try to get an idea of this dreadful imprisonment which you can still escape if you are of good will and turn to Me, Whom you are unable to deny upon serious reflection.... Don't let yourselves be completely taken captive by My adversary but believe that there is a saviour Whom you can call upon for help when you are too weak yourselves.... Jesus Christ, the redeemer of the world, Who defeated the adversary and also paid the purchase price for your soul if you yourselves only **want** to be set free from My adversary.... And hand yourselves over to Him, in Whom I Myself became a human being in order to redeem you from his power, so that you can become blessed again.... Don't let the night fall upon you

which will deprive you of your self-awareness again, for you have already come considerably closer to Me when you start your earthly path as a human being. Don't let it be in vain, and don't let him triumph who only wants to ruin you but not prepare beatitudes. Just believe that night will irrevocably fall, for the time has been fulfilled which was granted to the spiritual being for its redemption from the form, and this time will also be kept, as it is intended in My plan of salvation from eternity.... Believe it, that you will feel exceedingly well when you have made use of the light of day and no longer need to fear the night, even when your temporal life has ended.... You will rise to eternal life and never lose this life again, which means light and strength and freedom in bliss..... Therefore work while it is still day, for the night is coming when you will no longer be able to work....

Amen

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