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God'S Presence In You

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God Himself inclines to His creatures....

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Thy do you humans not want to believe that you can come into contact with Me so closely that you hear My Word? Why is the most natural thing in the world, that the Father speaks to His child, so unbelievable to you? Why do you doubt that the highest and most perfect Being will descend to you in order to offer you delicious gifts, when this is also only proof of My perfection, that My love for you is unlimited and constantly wants to bestow gifts upon you? Why do you deny Me this love and power of wanting and being able to express Myself to people? After all, you all came forth from Me, and every work of creation around you also bears witness to Me, and everything has its meaning and purpose?.... But the knowledge of this is hidden from you and you don't believe that I want to give it to you.... And therefore it is difficult for you to believe because you don't have the right idea about Me, because you don't know Me in My nature and because you yourselves have been led into wrong thinking by My opposing power, which primarily aims to give you a wrong, totally distorted image of Me in order to prevent you from loving Me as a father wants to be loved by his children.... But you should first establish the right relationship with Me, the relationship of a child with its Father, and then everything will be easily understandable to you, and My direct address will no longer seem doubtful to you but only be a confirmation of My Fatherly love which wants to make you happy, which wants to give you life which lasts forever. And although you still lack profound knowledge you nevertheless know that you were created by a power since you were unable to create yourselves as a self-aware, thinking being with free will. Hence you must have emerged from a mighty and exceedingly wise power, for every work of creation around you and also you yourselves are evidence of a wise creative power which therefore cannot be denied. This power has given rise to creatures as which you must recognize yourselves.... And the human being is, as it were, the crown of creation, for no other work of creation possesses intellect and free will.... And it is to be concluded from this that the Creator Himself in all perfection must have these qualities, that He is a thinking, free-willing being in highest

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perfection.... For the created work cannot be **more** than its Creator is.... And thus it must also be easy for the human being, as a 'begotten' being, to surrender to his 'producer', thus to look upon and acknowledge the latter as Father, to Whom the child voluntarily takes the path because it feels it belongs to Him.... For you are beings capable of thinking and you should establish this completely natural bond with your Creator and Father of eternity. And if you do so, you will lift the barriers yourselves which seemingly separate you from the highest and most perfect Being, then you will no longer look for your God and Creator in the distance, as the completely ignorant human being does, but you will allow My presence within you through your thoughts which are directed towards Me, as real children do, and then it will no longer seem strange to you that your God and Father addresses you, then you will only ever want Me to be constantly present to you, that I constantly make you happy with My address, that you receive from Me what you lack in earthly life: light and strength, i.e. realisation of yourselves and your destiny and also the ability to achieve what I have set as your goal.... As soon as you recognize Me as Father you will also give Me your love, which you once denied Me, and the love in you will flare up into a bright glow and attract Me mightily, so that you will completely join Me again and have now also reached your original nature again, in which you were immeasurably happy.... This alone is the purpose of My address, for as long as you cannot hear your Father you are still very distant from Me, and you must reduce this distance yourselves and finally remove it, you must want the Father to draw close to you, and truly, I will not close My ear and heart if you intimately ask Me Myself for My presence.... But don't think that I consider you too small to speak to you.... I am and remain your Father, Whose love for His children is unlimited and Who will not rest until they have returned to Him, even though they once separated from Him voluntarily.... My love, however, has not diminished and will not diminish eternally either, but will pursue everything that once came forth from Me until its final return to Me.... And as soon as it is possible for Me to address you, you are also on the path of return home, you are on the path into your Father's house from which you once came forth in light and strength and also have to stand in light and strength again in order to unite with Me forever....

Amen

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Speech of God

Rationale for addressing God....

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Vou are all called to beatitude.... but you have free will, and the fate which awaits you in the kingdom of the beyond when you have ended your earthly life is the same as this will. You have free will.... Bear in mind that you also bear the sign of divinity, for divinity is inconceivable without free will. But the divine can have deformed itself, it can have entered into a completely anti-divine being precisely through this free will. And this is your state while you were living on earth.... you had discarded the divine and had entered the state of your own free will which had to be called anti-divine because it completely contradicted My nature which was also your original nature, because everything divine was turned into the opposite and thus you became beings which cannot dwell close to Me but are far away from Me. But this distance is not bliss, it only brings the being unhappiness, weakness and a state of darkness, i.e. complete lack of realization, which is a state of torment for the being. And it shall change this state while it walks the earth embodied as a human being.... It shall change again into the state of perfection, of divinity, into the state where it is blissfully happy in light and strength and freedom.... For this purpose earthly life has been given to you humans, and you are always led through life in such a way that you can only work on your transformation, that you are given every opportunity to return to the old state, to divinise your being and to take on your original nature again, in which you were once immeasurably happy.... But you can by no means be forced into this change back, you have to accomplish it of your own free will, you have to voluntarily make use of all opportunities which help you to achieve perfection. Therefore your free will can only ever be influenced by presenting you with all pros and cons but the decision must nevertheless be left up to you, otherwise you would never find your way back to divinity, which is your aim during your earthly existence. But how else shall I influence you and touch your hearts than by addressing you in My fatherly love and presenting Myself to you as the father Who is concerned about you and your salvation?.... How else could I win you over for Myself than through My address, which shall prove My profound love for you and proclaim My concern for you again and again?.... I only have to and can speak to you and urgently admonish you to listen to My words and accept them, I can only ever make Myself known to you through My address, yet you must also be willing to listen to Me or My voice will be drowned out by the voice of the world, thus you will not be able to hear it. And again and again I try to penetrate and drown out the voice of the world, for I want you to attain beatitude.... I don't want your earthly progress to be in vain, for it is the conclusion of an infinitely long period where you were far more wretched than you are now on earth.... Yet you would have to fear this wretchedness in bondage again if you were to fail during your earthly life.... For this reason I speak to you with great urgency and will persecute you again and again with My word if you don't listen to Me and walk indifferently without being aware of the purpose which your existence nevertheless has to have. I don't want you to get lost, I want your earthly life to bring you final redemption from the form, and you can achieve this yourselves if only your will is good, if you consciously subordinate your will to Mine, if you believe in Me and turn to Me of your own free will, as you once turned away from Me.... Then you will also hear My address, you will feel that and when you are addressed by Me, and you will pay attention to My word.... and then also inevitably reach the state which will lead you closer to Me again... you will accomplish your return to Me of your own free will, and I will be able to prepare a life of bliss for you which will last forever....

Amen

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You can already be called blessed on earth that you are addressed by Me, that you receive My word and thereby come into receive of the come into receive My word and thereby come into possession of the pure truth, for at the same time you are given evidence that I am and that you are in closest contact with Me.... You are given the evidence that a power is at work which provides you with spiritual knowledge which you cannot acquire purely intellectually because it touches an area which is unknown and inaccessible to you.... And now you must also conclude that this strength emanates from a being Which knows everything and also wants to convey this knowledge to you, who are completely ignorant.... And then you will also turn your thoughts towards this being you have now recognized and try to fathom It.... And this alone is My intention, that you send questioning thoughts into infinity which I will then also answer, because I don't want you to remain ignorant but want to let a light shine into the darkness. To hear My address is truly blissful, for you are now also able to believe with conviction in a being Which created you and Which is in constant contact with you if you don't oppose it yourselves.... For then you would not hear My address or recognize it as the address of your God and creator. But anyone who feels addressed by Me also has evidence of Me, of My love and wisdom, and he can and will also soon reciprocate My love, for the word I impart to you is blessed with My strength, thus it will also have an effect on you and already give you the certainty on earth that you have a father in Me to Whose heart you are well sheltered. What you are required to believe becomes an inner certainty for you because I make Myself known to you through My word.... you can no longer doubt, and yet My word is not a compulsion for you to believe, instead, it can only resound in you when you believe in a God Who created you and now also reveals Himself to you.... And this inner faith is conveyed to you by My spirit, the little spark of love within you, which is My share.... This spirit instructs you from within so that you are able to believe in Me and My existence alive for the time being and now seek to make contact with Me and thus **consciously** establish this bond with Me.... which happens through prayer, loving activity and heartfelt thoughts of Me.... Then I can express Myself to you through My address.... And then faith will be strengthened in you, it will come alive, you will be aware of the presence of your God and creator, and you will now also not give up this bond.... However, the fact that you do not initially resist the expression of your spiritual spark was achieved by your free will, for you do not need to listen to it either, but then you will never be able to hear the voice of your God and father of eternity either.... otherwise all people would have to believe, but this would not be beneficial for the human being's soul. Yet I come to meet every person, and he truly only needs to take one step towards Me and I will take hold of him and never let him sink back again.... But this step has to be taken voluntarily, and it will be taken when the human being pays attention to the voice of conscience, to the silent expressions of My spiritual spark, which will only ever have the purpose that the human being acknowledges a God and creator Who also created him.... And no matter how weak this faith in Me may be, it can be strengthened, for soon I will try to make Myself known to him through his experience so that his thoughts will wander to the power Who is in charge of everything.... And his thoughts will truly be guided correctly, and the evidence of My existence will be given to him ever more clearly and prompt his closer bond with Me. But if he stands in the grace of hearing My word.... be it directly or indirectly through My messengers.... then he has also given up all doubts, then he is fully convinced of Me and My presence, and this firm faith is such a tremendous spiritual progress, for now his actions and thoughts will always be guided by Me, he will consult Me in everything he undertakes; he can no longer doubt because he has experienced Me and experiences Me anew every day and every hour. And the fact that he will now also fulfil his earthly task will be achieved by the strength he receives time and again through My word, and he will constantly pursue his goal of establishing the union with Me which will ensure his eternal life in bliss.... For he will not only listen to the word he receives but live it out, and that means to completely enter into My will, to live according to My will, to live a life of love and thus to shape himself entirely into love.... He will fulfil his purpose of earthly life and finally return to Me because he has become perfect again, as he was in the beginning.... because he has now become My child and will remain so for all eternity....

Amen

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God is love

God is Love.... The mystery of love....

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he greatest mystery is the love of God, and this mystery can only be revealed through love, that is, only a person who is actively kind-hearted himself is capable of understanding divine love. Each loving spiritual thought is an emanation of God, Who is Love in Himself. And the willingness to accept such a thought, that is, to direct it from the heart, where it is born, to the brain, hence to effectively take possession of it, is the willingness to receive this emanation of love from God. For the heart's willingness is the prerequisite for God's love to become effective.... God is Love.... This is a mystery and it will remain a mystery for people for as long as they belong to this earth and often still in the beyond. For they associate the concept of love with a Being. In their eyes it is a characterisation of a Being, and yet Love is the Being Itself.... Love is something spiritual which does not explain the character but is in itself a Being... love it that which is good, divine, when the word is used in relation to people.... whereas God Himself is only imaginable as Love, yet it will only become understandable to those people who are so permeated by love themselves that they, during their activity of love, also feel the closeness of God. For what they feel is only love again, and yet they are close to God, because God and love are one and the same. Everything that shapes itself into love is in heartfelt contact with God, i.e., shaping oneself into love is adapting the hitherto imperfect to the perfect. Love is something perfect.... God is perfection, thus love and God must be one and the same. But lack of love is a degree of imperfection; it is also a state of distance from God, because God without love is inconceivable. For this reason loving activity will always trigger a feeling of happiness, and this is the proximity of God which can be markedly felt by the soul, consequently, all increased activity of love will also manifest itself in an increased feeling of happiness, inner peace and firm self-confidence, because all this is divine, i.e., the evidence of God's closeness which can only have a spiritual effect, thus in emotions of the soul and not in the body's well-being. God's proximity in turn generates love, for since God is Love in Himself, His presence must manifest itself in a feeling of love again. And this love flows back to God as its origin.... the person having shaped himself into love, that is, his soul, unites with God.... Love flows to love, and thus the unification takes place between the being with the Primordial Being, Which in Itself is only Love....

Amen

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God is Love.... He wants to give happiness....

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Believe that I want to guide you into beatitude.... Believe that you were created by a God of love in order to bestow His infinite love upon you, in order to make you happy, in order to let Himself flow into you. And believe that this love will never end, that it has belonged and will belong to you for all eternity. Then you will know that everything in relation to you only serves to guide you into beatitude. However, you must also realise and believe that you, in the state of a human being, would not be able to endure unlimited happiness and neither can My infinite love give you the degree of happiness I would like to give you.... And you are in this state because you once turned away from Me of your own free will. You closed yourselves to the flow of My love and your nature became imperfect. So you are taking the path across this Earth in order to regain your perfection again, because My love for you is greater than great and tries to make you receptive again for My illumination, as I want to make you happy. Hence, your life on earth is not pointless, instead, it shall

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result in highest bliss when your soul leaves the body and enters the spiritual kingdom. The earthly realm is only a passageway for your soul into the spiritual kingdom; the earthly realm is only the means for your soul to mature fully, to prepare it for My eternal light of love.... Earthly life is only a short preparation time for you humans in order to attain the state again which you were in when I created you.... For you emerged from My love, you were perfect and constantly permeated by My love which made you indescribably happy. The fact that you forfeited this beatitude of your own free will must be reversed by you of your own free will again, that is, you must voluntarily attain perfection and return to Me once more, for your separation from Me signifies wretchedness but unification with Me unlimited illumination of love and thus supreme happiness. If you are able to believe this while you live on earth, if you accept the information of this, if you want to return to Me and appeal to Me Myself for help, then you will fulfil your purpose of life on earth, for then My love will take hold of you and will never ever let go of you again, because then you will voluntarily have acknowledged Me, Whom you once rejected and therefore changed your nature into the opposite.... The fact that you are still imperfect is the result of your apostasy from Me, but you will attain perfection again if you want it yourselves, for the love I grant you is the strength to implement your will, and so you need only accept My love.... you need only hand yourselves over to Me, which requires faith in Me, and love will also be kindled in you, and it will strive towards Me and seek unification with Me. Just believe that I Am a God of love and that you emerged from this God of love.... and you will no longer doubt that I would like to give you happiness.... Then you will also learn to love Me Myself and your path across earth will lead to the goal. For My love will not rest until it can permeate you entirely. My love wants to please; it wants to make you happy for all eternity....

Amen

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God's love pursues man until he himself opens his heart....

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You will never ever lose My love, no matter how far you distance yourselves from Me, for you emerged from My love and your fundamental substance is and remains love, just as My fundamental nature is love. Yet as long as you yourselves are in opposition to Me My love will also find resistance against which it cannot force itself. My love waits until you give up your resistance and voluntarily turn to Me. And this has to happen during your earthly lifetime as a human being where you are endowed with intellect and free will, for you have to consciously turn the latter towards Me and thereby open yourselves to My illumination of love. As long as you don't do this, as long as you still turn away from Me, My love cannot take effect on you, thus you will feel nothing of My love, and yet it applies to you, it pursues you even in times of resistance, it does not let go of you, because love constantly seeks unification with the object of its love. But since this can only happen voluntarily on your part.... because My love is always willing to do so.... it constantly follows you, seeking to determine you, likewise seeking love which will then truly flow into you in richest measure. If only I succeed in turning your thoughts and intentions towards Me then I can also draw your attention to the God Who wants to be your father.... I can make you aware of all works, through the works of creation I can draw your attention to a being Which loves you and wants to give you joy, and then I can slowly kindle love in you for this being, I can present Myself to you as the father Who, in love for you, wants to do everything in order to make you happy. And I have won you as soon as you feel touched by My love yourselves, as soon as you think about the God and creator Who is your father from eternity. If only once such thoughts occupy you then I will have taken root in your hearts and you will then also never be able to displace Me from them again, even if you temporarily turn your thoughts to the world again, but the God Whom you once recognized as father you will then no longer give Him up yourselves, for I love you and My love keeps you captive once it could only ignite in your hearts. You had to travel a long path in order to learn to recognize Me in the stage of self-awareness; but once you have recognized Me as the being from Whom you once approached your origin, then you will soon have reached the end of your development, for then My love will be able to take hold of you, and you

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will feel this because you will no longer be able to get away from thoughts of Me, because again and again you will turn to Me, Whose love you now long for and will certainly be granted to you. And if you can now also love Me yourselves then the bond has already been established, which is the goal of every human being on earth.... Then My love will have ignited in you, and what it grasps it will never let go of again. Because I Myself am love I must one day also succeed in the work of return, for your fundamental substance is also love which one day will also remember itself, which will ignite as soon as a spark has ignited.... And this spark of love has been placed in every person's heart, and if it comes into contact with My fire of love then it must ignite and seek to unite with the fire of eternal love, because love seeks union and will not rest until it has entered into it.... One day you will all become Mine on this path of love, and in order to shorten the time of separation between us, which your free will has to abolish, My love pursues you until you turn around and open yourselves to Me, until you yourselves open your heart to Me, into which My love now shines with brightest light.... until the fire of My love completely transfigures you and you have become one with the eternal love, with Me Myself, Who is your father from eternity....

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God's spirit and love sparks in people

The soul.... The spiritual spark in the human being....

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The human soul is the unification of countless soul-substances which are assembly points for spiritual strength, i.e. which are receptacles for the spirit of God. Each one of these countless substances was previously embodied somewhere else, that is, enclosed in an outer form for the purpose of the spirit's higher development and for the prospect of later unification with an equal substance. Hence each single substance of the human soul has passed though every work of creation and has, so to speak, matured for its last embodiment on earth. The soul always assumes the same shape as its surrounding outer shape.... If a person with spiritual vision would contemplate the human soul in its composition he would be presented with an incredibly charming and varied picture. This work of God's creation, invisible to human beings, is beyond description, both in its structure as well as in its usefulness. But a description of the formation of the soul would only confuse human thought for he cannot understand the countless miracles within the human body. What human beings understand to be 'soul' is all of creation in miniature. The soul is the innermost part of the human being and includes the whole of creation.... intended to become enlightened during its life on earth and in glorification of God to enjoy the delights of heaven.

The soul has the divine spirit within itself. Although the original substance of the soul is also spirit in all its phases of evolution.... the divine spark of spirit is placed into the incarnating soul of the human being by God Himself.... He instils His breath into the human being.... He places the divine into him and gives the soul the task to chose between the divine and the human during its last existence on earth. If the soul.... the spirit out of God which at one time had opposed God.... is now willing to unite with the divine spirit, the transformation of what was once far away from God begins and the human soul becomes enlightened. The unity of the human soul with the divine spirit occurs when the soul steadfastly overcomes all human desires, which, for the purpose of testing and for strengthening of the will, cling to the human body as temptation.... when it resists all that the body as such requires and willingly submits to the requirements of the divine spirit.

Then the soul finally surrenders its former resistance to God. It chooses God, it is no longer in conscious opposition to the divine and accepts the emission of love, the strength, to increase the spirit within itself, to bring about the unity of the spirit within itself with the spirit outside of itself, and thus consciously strives to draw closer to God. If, however, the body's desire dominates then the divine spark of spirit stays dormant and completely buried deep within the human being, it cannot emit light and the soul dwells in utter darkness. Its earthly life goes by without the smallest accomplishment; the spirit within is condemned to stagnate, its earthly process is not a path towards higher development but a time of standstill or even regression. The divine spark of spirit in the human being had been ignored and therefore could not manifest itself. The strength of divine love could not flow into the being and, as a result, the unity with the spirit of the eternal Father could not take place either. The soul takes this lightless state, which it had chosen for itself on earth, across into eternity and there, with endless pain of regret, contemplates the wasted time on earth and now has to struggle far more strenuously to improve its situation....

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You all carry the divine spark within you, which is part of the father-spirit from eternity, the spiritual spark, which only needs to be ignited in order to flare up into a flame which can illuminate and enlighten everything in you. You do not appreciate this divine gift.... that you conceal a portion of the eternal deity within you, which connects you unbreakably with It.... You may have fallen so low, you may have passed through such infinite depths, your being may keep itself so far away from God through its own will.... As a human being you are connected with God precisely through the spiritual spark which everyone contains within himself without distinction of his degree of maturity.... But you may or may not feel this connection, depending on whether you allow this spiritual spark to come to life of your own free will by letting the spark become a flame through a life of love.... You cannot make use of this divine spark within you until the end of your life, then it will rest inactive within you and your earthly life will have been an idle run.... But you can also awaken it to life, and then you will be able to look back on a richly blessed earthly life, even if only in a spiritual sense, for the spirit within you prepares you for life in the kingdom of the beyond, for the life the soul leads when it has left its earthly body. To have awakened the spirit within oneself to life means to have consciously entered into the connection with the father-spirit from eternity; it means to have recognized oneself as a part of God, as a created being which is to return to God as a 'child' from Whom it once came forth as a 'creature'. Furthermore, to have awakened the spirit in oneself to life means that this spirit has opened up knowledge in him, that it became bright in the human being, that he has regained the knowledge he lacked, which was once his share before the fall into the abyss and which the human being must irrevocably regain if he wants to be and remain blissful. For the spirit in the human being is God's share, and thus the human being will be flooded by light which gives the spiritual spark the right to enlighten him, to instruct him and to introduce him to truth. You humans all have this spiritual spark within you, but how many of you do not respect it and do not give it the right and the opportunity to express itself by walking along devoid of all love. For love is divine, love is union with God, love establishes the bond between the spiritual spark within you and the eternal father-spirit, which cannot express itself to the human being without love, thus it fades away during earthly life without ever having become active in the human being, who passes away without love and therefore has no connection whatsoever with God.... God will never let you go for ever, but you let God go and He does not force you to belong to Him. And thus the separation between you and God is only ever established by your will itself, and your will must also remove it itself. But you will always be helped by God, for His spiritual part rests in you and is always ready to start His work of love for you if only you give Him the opportunity, if you ignite the spark, which only loving activity can achieve. But then you will soon feel God's strength of love flowing through you, and you will become aware of the divine spirit within you which constantly impels you into loving activity because it wants to remain united with the eternal father-spirit, whose emanation of love is the spirit within you.... And you should prove yourselves worthy of this emanation of love, you should give life to the spirit within you, you should ignite the spark into bright flame through loving activity, and the union with the father-spirit of eternity will bring you unimagined blessings, you will mature in your soul which the spirit now takes into its loving care and it will be able to enter the kingdom of light after its departure from this earth....

Amen

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

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Do not stifle the spark of love within you if it wants to break through, give in to every inner emotional stirring if it is good, and repel every opposing thought which would like to hold you back from loving activity.... For the latter is My adversary's influence, who.... because even without love.... would also like to keep you humans unkind so as not to lose you to Me. Consider that I Myself

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take care of you as soon as you enter the earth as a human being.... that I place a spark of love in you which enables you to return to Me again after an infinitely long time of separation. And you should guard this spark of love like the most precious possession, for it is a tiny spark of Myself, it is My share, it is what you have been depriving yourselves of for eternities but which is absolutely necessary if you want to become blissfully happy. I gave you this spark of love at the beginning of your earthly life, but now you yourselves must also kindle it in you and let it flare up in order to unite with Me again.... And this is what My adversary wants to prevent, he wants to stop every act of love, he wants you to remain as he is, that your hearts harden ever more and that you thus remain under his control.... He does not want to lose you to Me, but I Myself want to win you.... But it is up to you alone which lord will come into his own. For if you practice love then you strive towards Me of your own free will and he cannot hinder you.... But he can influence you to refrain from loving activity, he can incite you into unkind actions, he can awaken unkind thoughts in you, and then you should always know that it is him, your greatest enemy, who only wants to keep you in unhappiness or plunge you again, because he himself is incapable of loving thoughts, because his nature is only hatred and he tries to transfer all his bad thoughts onto you. Don't let yourselves be captivated by him again, resist him, free yourselves from him and only ever hold on to Me, Who wants to help you with all My love so that you will become free from him.... And you can only achieve this if you ignite the spark of love within you, if you nourish it so that it spreads as a bright fire which now fills your heart and brings you ever closer to Me. You now ask what you should do to let this spark of love in you become a bright ray of fire? Above all you must repress self-love, you must think less of yourselves and your well-being than of your neighbour's, and you must be devoted to all people who surround you and want to make them happy, help them and stand by their side with advice and action, you must sacrifice in order to be able to give your neighbour what he lacks. You must carry out your daily work in all selflessness, always only concerned about being active for the benefit of your fellow human beings, not striving for your own advantages at the expense of your fellow human being.... Then the desire to give love will become ever stronger, because then I Myself will urge you from within and because you will feel My urging as happiness.... because you will now also be illuminated by My love and open yourselves and you will now have started the return path to Me which will certainly also lead to the aim.... If only you don't stifle the spark of love within you but let it flare up, then you need never fear falling into the hands of the enemy of your souls. For since love is My share this share will also always push towards Me, and I Myself will be able to take possession of you, I Myself will be able to assist you with My strength of love, and the flame within you will always increase. And all of you can achieve this because you all carry this divine spark of love within yourselves, because you all receive this gift of grace as soon as you enter this earth as a human being. Yet it is up to each individual whether and how he makes use of this gift of grace, and likewise, each one of you will also have to answer for it one day when the hour of his departure from this earth has come....

Amen

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The purpose of life of people

Whoever remains in love....' Strange gods....

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Whatever causes you to form a bond with Me is a blessing for you humans, because the goal of your earthly life is to revoke your separation from Me which you once voluntarily endeavoured towards yourselves.... thus uniting with Me again of your own free will. And whatever helps you to do so is therefore good.... Hence the will to reach Me is decisive for achieving your goal on earth, and this determination also includes that you live a way of life that is pleasing to Me, for being of sincere will you will never want to sadden Me again, you will never delight in sin if your will and your love are intended for Me.

But the connection with Me can only be achieved by practising love, because where **love** exists **I Am present Myself**. 'Whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him....' **Without** love there can be no bond with Me, no matter how loudly and eagerly the mouth would like to affirm its will for Me. Only love is the evidence of this, for love and I are the same, and acknowledging Me and fulfilling My will is the same as working with love....

You humans should know that no-one can and will approach Me if he lives without love.... Only love connects us, and love demonstrates the rejection of My adversary and return to Me.... With your fall into the abyss you turned away from Me and rejected My love, thus you also became completely heartless. Your change of will on earth therefore has to consist of your desire to be illuminated by Me again and of igniting love in yourselves again which will unite you with Me once more.

The more sincere your determination, the more you will think of Me, of your God and Creator of eternity, Who wants to be recognised and loved by you as a Father. And soon your thoughts will be engrossed in Me, for then I will not leave you again, I will not release you anymore, I will constantly court your love because love is the most solid bond between us which cannot be undone again by any hostile power.

I want to **own** all your love.... you shall not have any other gods beside Me.... you should not strive for anything else with the same love, for whatever you endeavour or love in your **innermost** being **that is your God**.... irrespective of whether it concerns honour and fame, earthly possessions or even the people you love.... You must not value anything **more** than Me, I want to be to you the **highest** and most **desirable** Being in heaven and on earth. I want your whole heart, and as long as you still share it, the bond with Me is not yet established, for whatever fills your heart stands between Me and you....

Every person's will is free, he can turn wherever he wants, but the goal on earth will only have been accomplished when he turns to **Me**. But there is great danger in the fact that the human being considers many things desirable and that My adversary places everything before his eyes to prevent him from forming this heartfelt bond with Me.... and that he also brings additional gods close to the person just to divert his thoughts from Me, for they are all strange gods permeating a person's thoughts if I Myself Am not the essence of his innermost thoughts....

Therefore you humans should seriously scrutinise who or what moves you most, you should ask yourselves whether you are as close to Me as a child is to its father, whether the connection with **Me** is your first and only goal.... and you should push everything from your thoughts which stands between Me and you, you should give Me first place in your heart and make no concessions whatsoever. For your return to Me can only take place through the unification with Me, and you have to seek and find this of your own free will, because no-one else can establish it on your behalf....

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Change of nature into love with the help of Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. **8019**

October 15th 1961

Your path of earthly life as a human being is the last short phase of your process of development from the deepest abyss into higher spheres.... But whether it will lead to completion is determined by you in your human state where free will has been returned to you, which you must use correctly in order to attain final perfection. Hence you bear great responsibility since you decide your fate for an infinitely long time of constraint again or for life in eternity.... With a correctly inclined will you can become free of every external form when you leave your earthly body; but you can also enter the hardest external form once more if you abuse your freedom of will, if you don't make full use of your life on earth, if you don't accomplish the transformation of your nature which must become love again, as it was in the beginning....

This transformation of your nature into love is the only purpose for your life on earth as a human being and it is possible for you to achieve this work of transformation because I will truly help you in every way.... For I long for My living creations to return to Me as 'children' and will truly do everything within My power to enable them to reach their goal.... but I will not enslave their will.... They must return to Me of their own free will, just as they once left Me and thereby plunged into the abyss. I take all weaknesses and faults into account, I help where you humans are too weak on your own; I reveal Myself to you so that you will learn to recognise and love Me; I shower you with an unlimited measure of grace which you need only make use of in order to enable you to become victorious in earthly life.... For you must wage battle against My adversary who refuses to let go of you but who likewise cannot determine your free will if it turns away from him.... You must fight against all instincts and cravings which still cling to your soul.... you must firmly want to move forward and to successfully complete your path of earthly life.... You must long for Me and, truly, I will come to meet you and draw you close to Me and never let you go again. For I love you and yearn for your return to Me....

You need never fear that you will lack the strength for your perfection, because One acquired it for you through His death on the cross.... Jesus Christ, Who redeemed you from sin and death.... And this One wants to bestow the blessings of His act of Salvation upon you and is waiting for you merely to request them, to also want Him to have redeemed your guilt of sin, and for you to appeal to Him to strengthen your will in order to accomplish the transformation work into love on earth.... As soon as you turn to Him you also acknowledge Me again and your return to Me will be assured, your return into your Father's house which you once left voluntarily....

You can truly reach the final goal during your short life on earth if only you acknowledge Jesus Christ as Redeemer of the world, Who sheltered Me Myself in all abundance.... Through this acknowledgement and the plea for forgiveness of your guilt, your original sin of apostasy from Me will be redeemed.... because the human being Jesus died on the cross in order to atone for the great guilt with His blood for the sake of justice....

You would never have been able to remove this guilt and make

Amends for it yourselves, this is why I Myself died in the human being Jesus on the cross, because only **love** was able to absolve such guilt, which Jesus, the man, mustered for His suffering brothers and which so permeated Him that He took all suffering and pain upon Himself.... But I Myself was this Love.... And therefore the path to Me was cleared for you humans again, so that you can return into your Father's house; I can accept you again as My children because your guilt has been redeemed by Jesus if you acknowledge Him and thus **Me** in Him, for He and I are one.... Anyone who calls upon Him, calls upon Me, and anyone who may behold Him one day will behold Me face to face....

Amen

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Acquire divine attributes

Divine qualities in man.... Proof through Jesus Christ....

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I idden powers rest within you which you only needed to bring to light in order to be able to create Land work in an unusual way. You are of divine origin but you no longer know anything about it, you gave up all your divine attributes when you fell away from Me in time immemorial. But your original nature is divine and only needs to emerge again, which alone is given into your power and into your will. Your will remains free, and it can mean both abundance of strength as well as lack of strength for you, for your will determines your attitude towards Me, and thus also towards the love within you. Love releases all bound forces in you; love lets all divine attributes in you emerge again; love is strength and light in itself; and therefore, all lack of strength and all darkness will depart from you humans, and you will be able to work with strength and wisdom. There are limits to the human being's ability as long as he is only what he was at the beginning of his earthly existence.... a being closely connected to matter, which is still completely in the darkness of spirit. His abilities can develop naturally, they can also become particularly prominent in connection with lower forces, if a person obviously surrenders to satanic influence.... But they can also take a striking upswing through connection with the good spiritual world, powers can unfold that far surpass human natural abilities. And yet it is particularly that state which would only be **natural**, because the primal abilities which characterize your own being, the divine origin, come to the fore.... Everything will then be possible for a human being, he can work **beyond** human strength, he can right everything that is wrong.... he can heal the sick, work miracles, speak in wisdom, he can look into the realm of spirits, connect with them in the most natural way, he can place himself wherever he wants at any time, he can see through people, past, present and future are visible to him.... he can do everything that is only possible for a God, for he is My child, he is a divine creature who harbors all abilities within himself.... And all these divine qualities lie buried in the human being. He torments himself and struggles during his earthly life, he is blind in spirit, he does not know what he is capable of with the right attitude towards Me, with a way of life in love.... The man Jesus has certainly shown mankind what a person is capable of, who brings love to its highest development within himself. Yet, how few take Him as an example, how few follow Him.... how few therefore transcend the boundaries of the natural and can work supernaturally in supreme bliss.... These powers lie dormant in all of you and want to be awakened; you can all unearth treasures that make you happy, you could all change the pitiful state of your human existence into a supernatural.... For you all could work and create like gods, if you only wanted to do one thing: to shape your heart into love.... For love is proof of God, love deifies everything, love is the strength which makes everything possible for you, which unites you with Me so that you can make use of My strength, for which nothing is impossible.... But without love you are bound, without love you are blind in spirit; thus, without love, you are without strength and light, and therefore ungodly. Yet you are beings in possession of free will, and therefore you yourselves determine your state, you yourselves decide to whom you turn: to the prince of darkness, who makes you wretched, or to Him from Whom you emerged in light and strength....

Amen

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orces are slumbering in all of you which you only need to awaken. For you must know that all divine attributes are hidden within you and that all divine abilities lie within you, that they are indeed within you but.... are buried by your past apostasy from Me.... but which you must bring about yourselves.... You had such power and strength that truly nothing was impossible for you because My strength constantly flowed through you and this also meant that you were able to create and shape like Me. But you gave all these abilities away.... you closed yourselves to My illumination of love and thus became powerless, you also lost the light so that you no longer knew about your former state of perfection. But now you can awaken the dormant powers within you at any time, you can open yourselves to My illumination of love at any time and thus also change your wrong nature back to your original nature.... You can acquire all divine qualities and abilities again to a great extent if only you strive for this with a firm will and create the prerequisites for it: if you change your nature into love again and become perfect as you were in the beginning.... Then you are truly My images, you have transformed yourselves into gods through love.... And there is nothing you could not accomplish because love is a power to which nothing is impossible.... You are still imperfect as a human being and therefore you are also unaware of the abilities which are hidden within you. Everything that is imperfect is also limited in its activity, barriers are set for it.... The human being is.... because he is still imperfect.... thus weak and incapable, he is defectively formed, he lacks the divine gifts, he is defective in his knowledge, in his ability and also defective in his love.... For imperfection is lack of love.... But as soon as man has love, his state changes; he becomes knowledgeable, he gains strength, and he recognizes himself and everything that is connected with his existence. And now the forces begin to unfold again, which the imperfect human being.... the human being without love.... does not recognize and therefore does not strive for of his own accord. Through love he has entered into union with Me as the eternal love and can now also be illuminated by Me again in all fullness with My strength of love, so that his whole being deifies itself, so that it aligns itself with My fundamental being and then everything is also possible for him, whatever it may be.... If the being already reaches this state as a human being on earth then he can truly work for the blessing of his fellow human beings, every element will obey him, he will work miracles and be able to heal the sick, he will see through everything and uncover his fellow human beings' most secret thoughts.... But he will only ever work for the benefit of his fellow human beings, he will never misuse the strength awakened in him, for then he will work with Me and in My will, because it is My strength which works through him and because he will then have completely subordinated his will to Mine.... But all this can only be achieved by love which turns the human being into the divine being again which he was in the beginning.... which you should all let flare up in you to the highest fervour so that you will become perfect as your father in heaven is perfect....

Amen

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Acquiring virtues....

B.D. No. 8608

September 6th 1963

You ought to practise patience and make an effort of cultivating a life of peacefulness and gentleness in mercy and righteousness and humility, in which case you will also always live a life of love, for love alone will shape you such that you will acquire all these virtues, that you will endeavour to treat your neighbour with love and therefore live according to My will. And precisely that which I expect of you will be lacking in you as long as you are still controlled by My adversary. And you can also recognise to whom you belong if you seriously scrutinise yourselves as to what you still need to become perfect. For you possessed these virtues in your perfect state when you still belonged to Me and were blissfully happy.... By turning away from Me you changed yourselves into the opposite, all the bad characteristics awakened in you when you accepted My adversary's nature who lacked all love.... You shall reach perfection again in earthly life and therefore must also cast off

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all negative attributes and adopt your fundamental nature again; you must live a life of love which will awaken all virtues in you so that you will become divine living creations again. Yet this will always require an inner battle until you discard your initial nature, for time and again you will be provoked by My adversary into impatience, contentiousness and a quick-tempered nature, time and again he will want to harden your hearts, to obscure your sense of justice and prompt you to become arrogant, for he does not want you to become perfect but keep hold of you as beings like himself whom he can dominate. Yet you will have to wage this battle, for every ascent requires force towards the one who keeps you constrained. And you can become victorious if you hand yourselves over to Me in Jesus, if you appeal to Me to help you become again what you were in the beginning.

You must always consciously work on yourselves, you must recognise when you have failed and relapsed into your old mistakes, and you must repeatedly request strength from Me for the transformation of your nature. Then I will recognise that your will is sincere and I will truly help you in reaching your goal. Most of all you must discard all arrogance, overcome all faults, because then you will also recognise them as faults once the arrogance has given way.... And as soon as you live with love this love will also encourage you to change your nature, then you won't be able to help yourselves but think righteously, to let mercy prevail, to also quietly and patiently endure your fellow human beings' failings and you will try to gently influence your neighbour if you want to help him accomplish his change of nature like yourselves.... As soon as all divine qualities break through in you again due to love you will also safely reach your goal of unification with Me, which can only take place with a similar being as Myself, because this is based on My law of eternal order.... Time and again you should exercise self-criticism as to how much control the adversary still has over you and influences you. And you should always resist him when he wants to tempt you into reverting into faults which you endeavour to discard. One thought of Me and he must let go of you and can no longer oppress you.... It is just that you have to muster the serious will of accomplishing this transformation of your soul, for you will be approached by temptations every day, often motivated by your neighbour who is impelled by the adversary to agitate you so that you fall back into you old mistakes. And time and again you will have to prove yourselves, yet as soon as you prevail, as soon as you consciously work at improving yourselves, a glorious reward will also beckon you, for earthly life does not last long but the spiritual kingdom will grant you a blissful life and you will be able to work in light and strength and freedom with Me again, for your nature will have become like My own again which will also signifies an eternal unity, for you then will have become as perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect....

Amen

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Make the heart to receive God's

"I will take up residence in your hearts...."

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come to you and you do not receive Me.... When I want to speak to you, you don't listen to Me, when I call you, you don't follow Me, and when I want to take up residence with you, you close the door of your heart and don't grant Me entrance. And I have to go on to the next door to experience the same thing there again. You don't know the lord Who approaches you, you don't know what delicious gift He wants to bring you, what beatitudes He has prepared for those who accept Him. And yet I send My messengers beforehand so that they shall announce Me. But anyone who does not recognize the lord does not believe what His messengers say about Him either, and all My servants' advertising for Me is in vain where people's will is directed against Me. The people of the world have turned their eyes elsewhere and always keep their house open for the pleasures of the world, for the one who is lord of this world, and now he can rule and reign in it as he wants.... Do you humans know what great danger this is? Do you know that it will be difficult to drive this lord out of you and that his aim is to destroy you? That this is why he nests with you, so that you will no longer be able to resist him? Do you know that you are too weak to clean the house from the inside on your own, that you need help if you want to get rid of him who only brings you harm? But I want to bring you peace and can only enter a dwelling which is cleansed of all evil. And that is why I come before and knock on your door.... to give you time for cleansing.... I knock.... I bring you My word so that you may now live according to this word and thus accomplish the cleansing within yourselves, so that you prepare a dwelling place for Me in your heart which is worthy to receive the lord of heaven and earth in it, and therefore I bring you a good gift when I come to your door and knock, and blessed is he who opens to Me and accepts My gift.

Blessed is he who invites Me to come in, so that he will never let Me go, so that he will receive Me into his heart's dwelling, which I want to have prepared as My temple, so that from now on never leaving you. Therefore, when My messengers come to you, listen to them, let them bring you news of their lord and saviour, Who also wants to be your lord and saviour, Who wants to make you happy with good gifts, Who wants to win you so that He will never lose you again.... My messengers will knock at every door, for I send them ahead so that I will find open doors when I Myself come to you.... Listen to them, for they proclaim My word to you, they want to prepare you for My coming, so that I don't knock on your door in vain, for the time is only short.... Then every opportunity will be over, then the prince of the world will have completely taken possession of you, because you alone, without My help, will not be able to free yourselves from him.... Call Me to come before it is too late and one day you will bless the hour when you made this call to Me.... For I will come and help you, and if you want it yourselves, I will take up residence in your hearts, so that no enemy can harm you any more for ever....

Amen

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Purification of the heart as the temple of God....

B.D. No. **5515**

October 24th 1952

want to dwell in you:.... Therefore your heart should also be such that I can dwell in it, and I can only dwell where all ungodliness has been removed beforehand, I can only be in a temple of love, in a vessel which is worthy to shelter Myself in it. And it requires a great deal of work on oneself to shape the heart in such a way that I can dwell in it.... for as soon as a piece of rubbish is removed it

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spreads again, and the work has to be done tirelessly until the heart is adorned with the virtues which now allow Me to take abode in it.... I am full of love and patience, thus you must also be so; I am gentle and peaceful beyond measure, and thus you must also make an effort to become like Me; I am full of forbearance and understanding for all weaknesses and demand the same from you, even if you will not reach the degree which still shapes you into a divine being on earth. I forgive those who have offended Me and repay them with all kinds of gifts of grace, and thus you should not hold any wrong against a fellow human being, you should treat those who have offended you with equanimity and kindness, and you should give them love and thus also try to win their love.... You should always take My life on earth as an example, since I, as a human being, had to struggle with the same oppositions and yet remained victorious because love gave Me strength, which you, too, can receive at any time if only you give much love. Such a purified heart will soon realize **Whom** it contains, for love attracts Me so powerfully, love adorns the heart and nothing can remain next to it which could prevent My presence. And you should not judge.... You should leave it to Me, and I truly judge justly but still differently than you, because I also love that which is still distant from Me and want to win it one day. Try to live on earth according to My example and the attempt will be rewarded to you.... For anyone who seriously wants will also receive My strength in full measure in order to be able to carry out his will. Anyone who seriously strives for inner perfection will achieve it, for he will soon feel Me as his helper within himself, and together with Me everything will become easy for him, even the attainment of a degree of maturity, which shall be the striving and aim of all of you. Your heart will become and remain a dwelling place for Me, and I Myself will be present to you for all eternity....

Amen

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Purifying the heart....

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want to be the only ruler in My house, and therefore you should have discarded everything if you want to be the only ruler in My nouse, and increase you should be any space for the other one anymore, want to receive Me in your heart, for there may not be any space for the other one anymore, because I cannot dwell where he still resides. It is certainly a difficult task for you to completely purify your heart, to cast off all cravings, to fight against all faults and weaknesses and to prepare your heart for Me as an abode where everything is bright and clear and where I can subsequently stay in order to make you already happy on earth as well as one day in eternity. For My presence will result in this beatitude, My presence will not remain ineffective, My presence signifies for you the soul's increasing maturity, wisdom and strength to accomplish that which was previously impossible for you. When I Am within of you, you will no longer feel lonely and forsaken; you will know yourselves safe and secure at your Father's heart, that you will no longer be threatened by dangers, that My adversary will no longer be able to oppress you and that you are ever closer to your perfection, because your unity with Me is assured to you, which means everything to you. But first you will have to purify your hearts, you must do everything in your power to throw out the one who wants to possess you forever but who is your ruin. But I, too, want to take abode in you and possess you forever; however, I cannot share you with him, your heart must be entirely My possession, and this can only happen if your love belongs entirely to Me, and that means that you no longer desire or would like to possess anything else but Me alone....

Hence, all earthly craving must have been eradicated; you should not desire anything else but only to be your Father's child and to be able to communicate like children with your Father. And heartfelt contact also requires a heartfelt union, the child must be close to the Father, the Father must be with His child.... thus take abode in your hearts. You are unaware of the supreme bliss felt by the child when it feels utterly secure in the Father's arms, when it is no longer afraid, when it no longer needs to fear adversity, hardship or persecutions, when it has found peace within itself, which only heartfelt Fatherly love can bestow on the child. And all of you can attain this peace if only you are serious about purifying your heat so that you will be able to receive Me in it.... All anxiety will disappear, all restlessness will leave you, weaknesses and afflictions will be unknown to you, you will take your

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paths in strength and clarity because you will no longer walk alone but will live your earthly life in constant company with Me and thus your enemy.... My adversary.... will no longer be able to pressurise you either, since he will no longer find any crevice in which he could hide, for My presence in your heart has made it so bright that he is no longer able to hide anywhere, for he takes flight from the light and even more from My presence. Therefore, if you want to attain inner peace then you should merely allow Me to move into your heart and purify it from everything which might still prevent Me from entering.... And I want to help you with this work as soon as I perceive that you yearn for My presence.... Then I will grant you the strength to do everything in your power in order to make your heart worthy as an abode for Me, and I will gladly move in and remain with you forever, for I then will never leave My child again once it has completely handed itself over to Me....

Amen

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God's presence by prayer and mental commune

God's will - voice of the heart.... Inner urging....

B.D. No. **4104** August 13th 1947

will place the feeling as to what you should and shouldn't do into the heart of those of you whom I Llove because you strive towards Me. And if you entrust yourselves to Me in prayer, if you confide your worries or thoughts to Me, you will feel it in your heart and whatever you then feel urged or desire to do, that is what you should do and it will be right before My eyes. If you commend yourselves to Me in prayer you will no longer be able to sin, for then I will no longer let you become sinful. If you appeal to Me for My protection I will grant it to you, and then you can confidently rely on the voice of your heart, that is, you can do what your heart desires. I Am your Father, I want you to come to Me with complete trust, and I truly want to provide for you like a loving father does, I want to give to you what makes you happy, providing it does not cause you damage. And since you yourselves are unable to judge what is beneficial for you and detrimental to the soul, you should come to Me and totally hand yourselves over to Me, tell Me your problems, be they of a spiritual or earthly nature, and I shall answer you, that is, I shall place My will into your heart so that you will want to do what is right and also be able to accomplish it. And thus you can come to Me with all concerns, you will never be left without an answer, for I will place it into your heart. You just have to pay attention to the voice in your heart, you ought to know that every inner urging is always the influence of forces which want to persuade you to accomplish something or to leave it. Forces of darkness will want to tempt you into committing a sin, forces of light into actions which are pleasing to Me. Let the forces of light gain influence over you, then you will never be able to sin. And hand yourselves over to these forces whenever you seek to make contact with Me in prayer, whenever you communicate with Me and always consult Me with all your problems. I love My living creations and My only goal is their salvation of soul. And where there is no danger of this I will grant them everything, even earthly pleasures, if they do not detract from spiritual striving. Yet I always want to be your Mentor, you should always leave the decision to Me and, after heartfelt prayer, ask your heart and it will truly guide you correctly....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Dialogue with the Father.... His Word from above....

B.D. No. **7441** October 30th 1959

You must withdraw into solitude if you want to speak to Me.... I merely require you to withdraw from the world and into your closet and then turn your thoughts to Me alone.... so that you mentally detach yourselves from the world and all its requirements, so that you give no room in your heart to anything but Me and so that you approach Me in a childlike manner in order to hear Me and My Words. I want a prayer in spirit and in truth.... which necessitates that you completely detach yourselves from all worldly thoughts, it necessitates listening within, a silent dialogue with your Father and an attentive ear within for what answer your Father might give you. Your words will not remain without reply, if only you listen for it.... if you truly desire a dialogue, so that you address Me and subsequently wait for what I have to say to you in response.... This private dialogue with My child is exceedingly pleasing to Me, after all, the child is opening its heart to Me so that I can provide it with an answer which is intended only for the benefit of its soul. Yet I can never do this in the midst of the world, when the human being is distracted in every way from heartfelt thoughts of his eternal Father.... He can certainly send a quick prayer up to Me even in the midst of the world, and he will be

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well advised if he tries as often as possible to send a short thought to Me and thereby remains in constant contact with Me.... But a right prayer in spirit and in truth, when he may distinctly receive My Fatherly love, can only take place in the closet of his heart, in silent retreat and the heartfelt devotion of the child to its Father.... Then peace will enter the person's heart and he can hold a heart-to-heart talk with the Father.... and he will never regret spending any spare time in such silent dialogue, because I very gladly speak with My child and it will draw much benefit for its soul from every conversation.

Detaching himself from the world will often be difficult for a person, My adversary will hinder him from doing so in every possible way, time and again he will try to disturb or prevent it.... But the human being's will should be stronger and resist My adversary.... Then the person will receive strength and be able to accomplish his intention: to unite with Me in heartfelt prayer and to hear the Father's Words. Only an intimate bond like this will enable you humans to hear My Word from above through a fellow human being.... only a union in spirit and in truth makes it possible for My spirit to pour itself into an opened vessel.... And therefore, great blessings rest in this beginning, this intention of becoming receptive to Me and of allowing My flow of grace to pour into oneself. For countless souls participate in the transmission of My Word which also desire to hear the Father's voice and with heartfelt longing are waiting to be addressed by the Father.... You should all withdraw into solitude and listen.... And you may truly hear your Father's voice, it will sound to you like pleasing music, for that which comes from Me can only grant you happiness and blessing, that which comes from Me has to touch your souls like exquisite nourishment for which you long and which you will receive without limitation as soon as you desire it. Send a prayer up in spirit and in truth.... Lift your thoughts to Me and listen. And I will speak to you like a father speaks to his child, and your soul will cheer and rejoice at every Word that comes forth from the mouth of God....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The Father speaks to His child....

B.D. No. **7613**June 1st 1960

ou all are able to listen to My voice within yourselves and it will speak to you.... Yet how rarely do you humans establish such an intimate bond with Me and keep constantly thinking of Me. How rarely do you give Me the opportunity to speak to you by consciously entrusting yourselves to Me in order to talk to Me personally, by withdrawing from the world and involving yourselves in thoughts solely of Me. You do this so seldom because you don't seriously believe that you will be able to hear Me, that I will speak to you like a father speaks to his children. You have not yet established the relationship of a child to its father, I Am only ever the distant God to you, Whom you dare not address and Who therefore cannot talk to you like a father to his child.... But you can try it at anytime.... You only need to withdraw from the world, you only need to quietly enter into contemplation and take the path to Me in your thoughts.... You need only wish to hear My voice and your desire will be fulfilled when you listen attentively and observe the thoughts which arise in you more distinctly, because the more intimately you are giving yourselves to Me, the more you will desire to hear Me. For I will answer you.... because I do nothing more gladly than talking to My children who are now bound to Me by a strong bond of love, the Father's love to His child. And if you would make this attempt more often, you would be delighted by the inner peace permeating you, for you would feel My nearness and in this nearness you would also know yourselves to always be protected. Every one of you could attain this blessing of My communication, even if he is not conscious of the fact that it is this intimate contact with Me which provides him with inner tranquillity. But soon he will not want to miss these hours which he gives to Me, which he spends in quiet contemplation, and his soul will mature, for he will never be without a flow of strength when he has looked for and found Me.

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Every thought of Me is a blessing.... All people should avail themselves of this and time after time turn to Me in thought, for then he will have already addressed Me and I can answer him if he listens to this answer, that is, if he waits quietly and then takes notice of his arising thoughts. Then he draws Me to himself, and thus I can always be with those whose thoughts are with Me.... They induce My presence themselves, and My presence always has to be of benefit for your souls. Hence you should often give yourselves the blessing of My presence, for it requires your will to withdraw from the world and lift yourselves into spiritual spheres, where you will always be when your thoughts are with Me. And then your soul will truly not suffer anymore, for it will be strengthened by Me Myself, Who has access to it now, Who can now speak to and give it what it needs to fully mature during its time on earth. For I want that it should achieve perfection while it is still on earth, and as soon as I can influence the soul directly its perfection will also be guaranteed. And therefore I want to be able to address it directly, yet your will has to decide that you will intimately devote yourselves to Me and desire to hear Me.... Then I will surely be with you and I will talk to you like a father to his child whose love I want to win forever....

Amen

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Blessing from the connection with God....

B.D. No. **8076**

January 10th 1962

ou will achieve great spiritual gain if you often unite with Me in thought, if you commune with ⚠ Me and thus turn away or withdraw from the earthly material world which will only ever satisfy the body but not the soul. But the soul receives strength from Me, from every bond, because such a bond always means an opening of the heart for the illumination from Me. Understand that contact only ever has to be established in order to guarantee an overflow of strength.... and that every mental turning towards Me creates such a contact which is of greatest blessing for the soul. I cannot have a determining effect on your will because it is free; therefore you must seek the bond with Me of your own accord. But you will never regret it, for you will never go empty-handed, you will always receive strength and grace from Me because I can now illuminate you with My strength of love. The clearest form of this illumination is My word directly conveyed to you.... But your soul can also receive an unusual impetus for loving activity, for spiritual activity.... And this is always proof of My illumination of love, which you make possible yourselves through a conscious bond with Me.... But if you receive My word then the blessing is inconceivable, because not you alone but countless spiritual beings are co-recipients who can draw strength from the word and mature.... Every bond with Me is a source of inexhaustible strength for you.... Physically you don't feel anything of it, and that sometimes makes you indifferent. But your soul will thank you if you repeatedly switch Me on in your thoughts.... it matures itself, and it will not remain powerless but spiritual strength will be at its disposal as often as it needs it.... You only ever need to turn to Me in thought, be it questions or requests which move you.... only ever come to Me with them and thereby allow Me to illuminate your open hearts, which results in every voluntary bond with Me.... And then you can also assume with certainty that you will be able to make spiritual progress.... because it cannot be otherwise when you receive strength from Me than that it helps you to ascend. And thus every work of love will also establish a direct bond with Me, because I Myself am love, because.... "whoever remains in love remains in Me and I in him...." In your earthly life alone it is a matter of restoring the bond with Me which you once voluntarily broke off.... You turned away from Me of your own free will, and you must turn to Me again of your own free will. Then you will have passed your test of will on earth for the purpose of which your existence as a human being was given to you.... The distance from Me still exists when you enter embodiment as a human being.... And only when you live a conscious life will you be able to reduce this distance, and blessed is he who kindles love within himself and thereby reestablishes the intimate bond with Me... blessed is he who often raises his thoughts to Me and converses with Me.... Now I Myself can influence him again as before, I can illuminate him with My love, and his earthly life will now not be an idle one either, he will bring the soul to its aim, for it is no

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longer powerless as it was at the beginning of its human existence but it can constantly receive strength from Me through the bond with Me, and it will be able to mature and perfect itself while still on earth. The human being needs My strength.... Although vitality is at his disposal he needs spiritual strength to mature his soul, which he can only receive from Me if he opens his heart, i.e. if he consciously turns to Me in thought, in prayer and through loving activity.... And I will truly provide you abundantly with strength, for I want you to return to Me.... I want you to become perfect, and I long for you who once came forth from My love and who shall find their way home again into their father's house.

Amen

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God's presence in the word

Period of grace until the divine intervention....

B.D. No. **3396** January 7th 1945

t will still take a little while before God will visibly manifest Himself, before the cycle is Lompleted, before the hour has come when the extent of human atrocities has gone too far. Yet it will not be a long period of time, you humans are given only a very brief period of grace in order to distance yourselves from those behaving disgracefully before God because they violate their fellow human being in a most ruthless way.... However, God allows it to come to the worst so that people will still learn to recognise which way they are heading.... For only this realisation will motivate them to change. Every day is important as for many people it is the last one, it can be decisive for the whole of eternity, but many others will only have a few days left until their temporal end has come, and this is why God still hesitates although the event is inevitable and His plan has been determined from the beginning. However, people's low level gave rise to it much sooner, their heartlessness made the day overdue before its time, so that every day is a gift of grace by God bestowed upon humanity by His forbearance and mercy. And thus every day can still be utilised and offers many people the opportunity to change, if only they are of good will. Therefore they are constantly informed of the divine intervention, both through His Word as well as through people's exchange of ideas who are mentally advised from above about the forthcoming event. Everyone can form an opinion about that which is imparted to him, everyone can think about the events in the world as well as the end of it, and the thought of a supernatural intervention in world events will not just occur to a few, and then a person will still be able to hold himself to account regarding his attitude towards good and evil.

Every human being will be warned, directly and indirectly, and if he heeds the warning he will be able to derive benefit for his soul. For then he will also recognise the divine intervention as such, he will learn to believe and be saved, even if he loses his earthly life. And because God still wants to open people's ears for His call He will not sound His voice prematurely.... Yet the designated period of time cannot be exceeded according to divine order.... And people should assume that every day is the announced one when He reveals Himself and His Power. For what He has proclaimed will happen without fail, God merely keeps the time concealed. Yet the day will come like a thief in the night.... unexpectedly and causing a large amount of material damage.... And only someone whose heart no longer clings to earthly goods, who has united himself with God and knows himself always and forever protected by Him will not be fearful. These, however, are instructed by Him to constantly refer people to the fact that He will manifest Himself, and to admonish them to choose the right path which leads to Him, so that they, too, will take refuge in Him in the hour of affliction and find protection and help in Him....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Presence of God.... address....

B.D. No. **7468**

December 1st 1959

come close to you through My word, thus I am present to you when My word sounds to you. And you should make use of this, for My presence signifies the greatest grace you can receive from Me, because you have not yet reached the high degree of maturity, the result of which is always My presence and which makes you the happiest being.... Nevertheless, I am with you or I would not be able to address you. But I know about your will to hear Me and therefore also speak to you.... I am present to you.... Do you even know what it means that you can feel Me, that you have proof of My

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presence in My word which flows to you from above? You are not aware of the immense evidence of grace but you listen to Me as you listen to a fellow human being when he speaks to you.... And yet, it is I Myself, your God and father of eternity, Who speaks to you in all confidentiality as a father speaks to his children. I don't leave My children alone, I make Myself known to them, I speak to them so that they are aware of My presence and thus also accept My word as an address from the father, Whom they only need to listen to in order to hear Him. And this is My greater than great love for you, My living creations, which causes Me to follow you even though you keep your distance from Me.... but I will cause you to repent, to return to Me.... You shall stop on your path which leads away from Me, you shall reflect and slowly start on the path of return.... you shall reflect on what your father speaks to you and obey what He advises and requires of you. this is why I address My children and blessed are you if you listen to Me and take My words to heart.... blessed are you when you recognize your father's voice in the words you hear and when you respond to them like children. Then My presence with you will become constant, you will want to hear Me at all times and through this will of yours compel Me to be with you and to take abode in you, for your desire for Me will also certainly be fulfilled because I love you and desire your love.... And this is My love's greatest fulfilment when you come to meet Me yourselves, when you are drawn to Me in your heart, when My love for you is reciprocated and you constantly desire to speak to Me.... Then the separation between us is truly lifted, then the child has found its way back to the father, it has taken the path of return to the father's house, it has landed at My heart and will now also remain with Me eternally. And I can only achieve this through My word from which you experience My love for you, which resonates in your hearts and which you therefore follow and thereby also feel its effect of strength.... Then you will also be and remain aware of My presence, then you will establish the intimate bond with Me yourselves, which belongs to the right relationship of a child with its father. You will love Me with all your heart and come ever closer to the father's heart until complete unification has taken place, until the child has returned home to the father from Whom it once took its origin.

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Where God's Word is recognised, that is where He is present....

B.D. No. **8514** May 30th 1963

If y presence is evident wherever My spirit is able to work, for My expressions through the spirit testify to Me, and only someone closely united with Me can hear this expression of the spirit. For it is the same as if a father speaks to his child, it can hear him because they are together.... So now, you humans will ask yourselves whether I address you too, although it does not happen directly.... when My messengers bring you My Word.... Yet even then will you hear the Father's voice, providing you wish to hear it.... For I will be present to those as well, even if they merely read My Word, since it can only affect their heart if it voluntarily opens itself and thus allows Me to enter, in which case the person feels addressed by Me, the Word comes alive in him, it is no longer the dead Word only heard by the ear but his heart accepts it and is happy to hear Me speak. And thus he is permeated by My spirit, for his spiritual spark has already been awakened to life or he would truly not recognise the Father's voice. Hence, all those people may hear Me who make contact with Me in thought even if they cannot hear My Word directly. But I also know to whom I can convey My Word, who desires to hear Me and who allows Me to speak to his heart.... For this reason I said to you 'I shall pour out My spirit over all flesh....' For everyone's spirit is enlightened who recognises Me Myself in My Word. Thus My spirit is able to speak to the spiritual spark within him, just as his thoughts will be right and truthful, because he is inwardly in contact with Me.... Yet all this presupposes love.... Without love every human being's heart stays closed to My speech, without love all knowledge remains dead for him, without love the human being cannot recognise the Father's voice, he only hears empty Words which mean nothing to him, and he will reject anyone who imparts such Words to him.... Only love is the key to the door of the heart through which I can enter, consequently I have to be present to the person who recognises Me and My Word and allows himself to be impressed by it. And I know

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people's hearts, I know where love has been kindled and where My presence is possible, because where love exists I Myself Am present....

Thus, a lovingly active person already has the most certain guarantee for My presence, because I Am Love Itself and therefore have to be where love is being practised.... And where I Am present I will express Myself.... This certainty should make all those of you happy who recognise Me in My Word, for you know that I Am present in you and that you therefore have already established the bond with Me, which is the meaning and purpose of earthly life, and that you have also passed the test of earthly life, otherwise you would be unable to recognise My Word as the Father's voice. And thus you know that My vineyard labourers' task of spreading My Word is extremely significant, for then I can be present in every person who accepts My Word from your hands and who recognises that the Word of his eternal God and Father is addressed to him. I speak to all of you, I speak to every single one of you, always according to your degree of maturity and love, and I guide you into truth, for only truth will be able to fill you with joy yet you can only receive it from Me, the Eternal Truth. This is why all those of you who come into possession of the truth from Me through My servants on earth, if you are unable to receive it directly from Me, may consider yourselves fortunate.... But you can always consider yourselves addressed by Me Myself, for I touch your heart, and the most certain sign that I Am present to you is the fact that you open the door of your heart to Me, i.e., that you long for My presence. And believe that with every Word you receive from My mouth strength will flow to you.... Your soul will spiritually benefit for My Word is not ineffective, it has to lead to spiritual progress because the strength of My love pours into your hearts and can never remain ineffective. Hence your willingness to hear Me, to receive My Word, is already a reliable guarantee that your soul has found the path back to Me, that it is maturing, because it longs for Me and My presence and thereby enables Me to provide it with everything it is lacking: that it will regain light and strength and freedom, which it once voluntarily forfeited.... I want to fill you with My spirit, as I have promised, and you will receive My Word which will guide you into all truth....

Amen

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God's presence in mental exchange

"Where two or three are gathered in My name...."

B.D. No. **5056** February 7th 1951

here two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst of them.... You draw My presence yourselves if you call upon Me in your heart, if you come together for My sake, if you make Me the subject of your conversations. I am in your midst and intervene in your conversations Myself, for I fill you with strength and guide your thoughts correctly. Therefore you can always be certain of My presence and also that I will dispel everything that would like to oppress you from the dark side, for where My light shines the dark spiritual element which wants to harm you will flee. Then you will be inaccessible to its evil influence and open to the light radiation from the spiritual kingdom. Then you will also hear My word as it emanates from Me and feel its strength and effect. I Myself dwell in your midst and distribute My gifts of grace, considering each one according to need, and your soul shall rejoice because I Myself give it nourishment.... then you all dine at the lord's table.... I distribute and you receive, bread and wine.... My flesh and My blood.... you are My guests whom I have invited to the lord's supper and who have willingly accepted My invitation and are therefore abundantly provided by Me with gifts from heaven, with My word, which is delicious refreshment for your soul. If I am present to you, you will never need to go hungry, for your father truly provides abundantly for His children who love Him and want to be obedient to Him. If you now gather in My name, then you press towards Me, your father, like children, and My heart rejoices in your love and comes to you in order to also announce My love for you. I fulfil every call of a loving heart, every desire for Me,

(7.2.1951) for I want to speak to you and I want you to listen to Me. I am always with you if you grant Me entrance into the circle where you live. Where My name falls, spoken with the mouth or also in the heart, there is the place where I like to stay, even though you are not able to see Me with bodily eyes. Every thought of yours attracts Me, thus you need not doubt My presence. And where people gather to converse about My kingdom there is also the opportunity to express Myself, for their hearts are completely unresisting towards My divine strength and this strength loosens their tongues.... they speak, driven by My spirit.... their thoughts will be rightly directed because they can never ever be in error where I Myself am working. My working is certain if a person is devoted to Me with love. My blessing will always rest on spiritual conversations, after all, they are proof to Me that My children desire to know the truth, that they love Me and that their thoughts apply to Me.... Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst of them.... You should take these words of Mine seriously, for they are a promise from Me which can give you comfort and strength at any time.... that you will never stand alone if you remember Me. And then you can confidently expect all kinds of help from Me, for if I am with you I also see and hear your suffering, I know about your heart's every request and fulfil it according to your faith. I dwell in the midst of you.... The stronger this faith in My presence is, the stronger your faith in My help will be when you are in need. But I also want you to ask Me and thus prove your faith in My presence. And therefore I bless those who open themselves and listen for My answer.... who are willing to hear My voice if I want to speak to you. For I always speak through the mouth of your fellow human beings, be it in speech and counter-speech or also in direct address to the one who listens inwardly for My voice. I want to reveal Myself to you humans and am always willing to do so, but I do not always find people who are also willing to listen to Me. I will give them words of love and wisdom in abundance, words of advice and comfort, as I have promised, for if I am in your midst I will not keep Myself hidden, and since you are unable to see Me you shall hear Me. And blessed are those who believe and gather together in My name, for I will bless

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them and they will feel My blessing as strength which expresses itself in the desire for above, for Me and for eternal life....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

God's presence....

B.D. No. **6327** August 7th 1955

herever two or three come together in My name, there I am in the midst of them. Therefore My presence is certain for all of you who remember Me when you are gathered in a small circle, for I know about your thoughts which are meant for Me, and every thought of Me also draws Me to you.... And let it be said to all of you that My caring fatherly eye watches over you, no matter what situation you find yourselves in, for I know My small flock and whose thoughts were once directed towards Me with longing love I will always look after him in order to win him over completely while he is still on earth. Don't believe that I will let one of you fall, for your father is faithful and He will not abandon you even if you turn away from Him at times.... Then My strong arm will embrace you and imperceptibly turn you back again until you completely surrender to Me and only desire My constant presence. And I have promised you this presence of Mine, and you need only remember Me, you need only let Me become the content of your speech, then I will stay with you invisibly and intervene in your thoughts and speeches.... For a father likes to hear His children speak about Him, and His love will always let Him step into the midst of His children in order to instruct them and guide them on all paths. Always remember that you came forth from My love and that this love is an unbreakable bond which you once wanted to sever of your own accord but which is indissoluble and draws Me to you again and again, even if I have to keep Myself hidden from you because you still want to turn away from Me. But how much more does a call from My child.... and your willingness to accept Me into your circle.... mean to Me, which you humans testify to by being together in My name in order to hold spiritual conversations, to exchange ideas and to draw strength from My address....? Then I will be with you in the word and you can speak with conviction of My presence. And thus I will send you words of love and assure you all comfort and help when you are in spiritual and earthly adversity.... You always have Me to Whom you can turn your thoughts, and if only you turn to Me with childlike trust your call will not go unheard.... You only have to consciously want My presence.... and I will always be with you.... Therefore, always make an effort to create opportunities for spiritual exchange and willingly open your heart when I speak to you.... And you will all have such opportunities, for I bring people together to whom I want to bring My word, and I can influence people everywhere and at any time so that they remember Me and faithfully speak My name.... And then open your ears and heart, for then I Myself am present to you, and in My presence you can all feel safe, and an address from Me will always bring you blessings.... And this address can also take place mentally, but you will never walk away empty-handed where two or three were gathered in My name, for there I was also and poured out My spirit upon you....

Amen

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God's presence in the word proclamation of His servants

God's presence and expression....

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am always with you when you call Me in your thoughts, when you engage in spiritual Loonversations, when you speak for Me and My kingdom.... whenever you want Me to be in your midst.... For this I have promised you. And thus you need not look for Me in the distance; you can always imagine that I am present to you as soon as you are gathered in a small circle and do not hold worldly but spiritual conversations.... And thus you can also feel addressed by Me, and the transmission of My word need not be surprising to you, for how should I prove My presence to you other than by addressing you Myself? This is why everyone who is willing to be addressed by Me will be able to hear Me, and all his thoughts will then be guided by Me, because this will to hear Me also certainly guarantees him My address or right thinking. You know that I am your father and that you are My children. Therefore it is also the most natural thing that the father speaks to His child and that the child will always hear His voice if it pays attention... if it does not close its ear or listen to loud sounds which sound to it from the world. Anyone who is willing to hear Me will also hear Me, and every thought turned towards Me will now also secure his own thinking according to My will. And thus it will also be protected from error if it desires the pure truth, if questions or unsolved problems occupy it.... But it must never expect a certain answer to such questions.... that is, such an answer it would most like to hear and which need not correspond to the **truth.** Anyone who desires to be instructed in the **pure truth** in order to pass it on to his fellow human beings should completely free himself from spiritual knowledge which has been imparted to him from outside.... He should empty his heart and open it for My flow of love, and I will fill it according to his desire.... but also according to his task if the human being wants to serve Me. And thus you humans have to make a distinction as to whether you only want to mentally communicate with Me, whether you desire My words to give you comfort and strength so that you can fulfil your earthly task.... or whether you offer yourselves to Me as mediators so that I can speak through you to all people.... In either case I am present to you Myself, in each case you hear My voice as soon as you desire it and make it possible for Me through your desire and your inward listening.... But whoever has a mission from Me I must also consider according to his mission.... for the fulfilment of the mission requires a certain knowledge which enables a teaching activity.... And this knowledge can only be received by a person who has attained a certain degree of maturity and fulfils certain prerequisites which enable him to convey My word.... You humans may all come to Me if you want to hear Me Myself.... You can all believe that I am with you and speak to you wherever My name is spoken in devotion and your heart opens so that I can enter.... but whom I have urged to work for My vineyard, whom I have entrusted with the teaching ministry, to him also goes what he needs for his work.... And you should listen to these in the firm belief that I Myself speak through them, because it is necessary that you humans are taught so that you learn to recognize and love Me and now also fulfil My commandments and thereby become blessed....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Correct proclamation of the Word.... God's presence....

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The work for Me and My kingdom has to be carried out diligently since time is pressing and many shall still be won before the end.... And world events also contribute to the fact that people could become reflective and listen to My Gospel, providing a living sermon is given by those who are

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spiritually awake. In fact, only such people can be successful during the last days, lifeless preachers are more likely to achieve a reduction in faith than an awakening of their listeners.... Because they do not even preach on My behalf, but they have anointed themselves as 'servants of the Lord', which they cannot be as long as My spirit does not work in them, as long as they have not let My spirit awaken them, which, however, demands a life of love. Only the evidence of life can produce life again....

And My Word has to be given to people as a living sermon in order to revive them, it has to be offered to them such that they feel the strength of the Word and thus feel motivated to comply with it. They have to feel addressed by Me Myself and this is only possible if I Myself can speak to them through the mouth of an awakened servant.... And this is incomprehensible and unknown to those who pretend to be My representatives on earth and yet proclaim a rigidly lifeless Gospel to people.... who merely use the words which I once spoke to the people, but which are thoroughly without life because they are without the spirit which will bring them to life first. Only a few of them speak effectively when they live a true life of love and by doing so also achieve illumination of thought.... And if these people allowed themselves to be wholly embraced by Me they too could become true representatives of My teaching on earth.... But they have problems finding the path to Me, which must lead directly from the heart to Me, and not through an elaborately devised structure which they call 'church'....

You humans don't want to hear the truth, but once you have sincerely and trustingly taken this direct path to Me you will never need to regret it.... Yet I can only give this advice to those who have abundant love, because only then can I speak to them, because then My spirit will descend and then they can also be My true representatives.... There is a lot of work still to be done, and I keep urging this vineyard labour to be done, time and again I seek to attract labourers willing to serve Me faithfully.... And I will also tell them what qualities are required by those who are needed to work in this vineyard.... They must have a living faith which was brought alive by love. For I Myself have to be able to work in them otherwise their work will be in vain.... Speaking My Words is of no avail if the life reviving strength does not flow from them at the same time, and life can only be given by God, Who is life Himself.... Thus every messenger of My Gospel has to allow and enable Me to speak through him Myself.

He has to unite with Me so sincerely though love so that I will then be present in him and speak through him when he opens his mouth to preach My Word.... He should not assume that My presence is a matter of course if he merely uses My Words which, without My spirit, are just empty letters.... He has to ask for My spirit beforehand by consciously uniting with Me and then facilitating My presence through unselfish works of love.... And an inconceivable blessing will emanate to all who listen to him, because then they will hear Me Myself and can be touched by the strength of My Word so that they come alive themselves.... And then they will no longer be in danger of getting lost, because whatever has become alive on this earth cannot lose its life again.... whatever has escaped death has escaped the one who had once subjected it to death.... But then it will live forever....

Amen

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God's presence by works of love

Neighbourly love corresponds to the original state of being....

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ctive neighbourly love is no longer practiced by people because everyone only strives for their own well-being, i.e. selfish love is too strongly developed. This attitude of people is contrary to the original nature and the original purpose, for the being emerged from love and its activity should be an act of love.... it emerged from the all-encompassing love of God and should radiate love again.... Human love, however, is small and narrowly limited, it only extends to one's own body, it is therefore not blissful but only demanding.... It is not giving, but always demanding, and it will never be equal to divine love. Active neighbourly love corresponds more to the original state and the original determination of the being, and therefore only through it can the being free itself from self-love and come closer to the original state again. It is selfless and only wants to please, and consequently it must be of divine origin, that is, it must flow from a heart that feels connected to God and can therefore receive God's emanation of love. Divine love constantly distributes, just as active neighbourly love is a constant distribution of what the person himself possesses or receives. Self-love, on the other hand, does not give but takes everything for itself, it does not make happy and is in no way divine, but rather proves that it belongs to the one who rejects divine love and has fallen prey to unkindness. In His immense love God created human beings in order to restore the beingness to its original state, in order to give it back what it had once lost because His love constantly wants to give and the hapless state does not correspond to His feeling of love. However, the beingness can only receive His emanation of love again and therefore only be in a happy state when it has shaped itself into love, when it distributes love itself in complete unselfishness. Only then will its feelings, thoughts and actions correspond to its original state, which was a state of deepest and purest love and the being was therefore similar to God and could be close to Him. But this state should also make the being happy again, for it is the final goal of all beingness that emerged from God, and it can only be achieved if the human being practices love, if he unselfishly distributes to his fellow human being what he himself possesses and what he himself deems desirable. For giving love is divine, and thus it must also mould the giver into a divine being, it must stimulate the heart to ever more eager loving activity and reduce the distance from God ever more.... The loving person must find union with God through his activity of love and be seized by divine love, which radiates through him more and more until the being has completely become love, until it is again what it originally was.... a spiritual being that has emerged from divine love, that is in the closest union with God, that can work and create like Him....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Love 'He who remains in love remains in Me....'

B.D. No. **5963** May 21st 1954

In unity with Me you find your peace of mind. Your longing is satisfied as soon as you know yourselves to be as one with Me, if you have united with Me through love or heartfelt prayer sent to Me in spirit and in truth. Prayer is the will for unity with Me, activity of love, however, is the fulfilment, for 'He who remains in love remains in Me and I in him....' Love is the most important.... and everything that is described as the maturing of the soul, the return into the Father's house and eternal beatitude depends on deeds of love.... And if you always only keep these words in mind 'He who remains in love remains in Me and I in him....', if you always only remember that I Am Love Itself, then you will consider the fulfilment of My commandments of love to be the most important

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thing, and then you will endeavour to live a life of love in order to be thereby eternally united with Me. Love is everything.... it is redeeming strength, it is light, it is the divine principle, the centre of eternal order.... If a human being exists without love then he has completely left this order, his thoughts and activity are completely in opposition to God, he is spiritually blind, that is, he is ignorant, and he is unredeemed in the hands of the adversary who wants to exclude him from all happiness....

I Am Love Itself, heartlessness is My adversary.... and anyone who therefore desires to be united with Me, who wants to attain Me **must** live a life of love, for then I must also be with him, because love is and has been My fundamental substance for eternity. I certainly bestow unlimited blessings, I certainly grant you what you don't deserve and don't strive for by yourselves, yet all My gifts of grace only intend to achieve one thing, that you shape yourselves into love, for even if I would like to bestow everything upon you.... you would nevertheless remain dead without love, without love you would remain judged beings.... you would only ever remain My living creations but never ever be able to become My children. Only love can accomplish My living creations' deification, only love can unite us, otherwise you will always just lead a miserable existence as isolated beings outside of Me. And this is why the first and most important commandment is to love God above all else and your neighbour as yourself.... And your spiritual state on earth as well as in eternity one day depends on your fulfilment of this commandment.... This is why I instructed My disciples to go into the world and proclaim My divine teaching of love to humanity.... this is why I Myself exemplified to people on earth a life of love and sealed My teaching of love with the death on the cross, which I suffered on behalf of My fellow human beings because of My greater than great love.... because I recognised their infinite hardship and wanted to help them.

And as long as you humans ignore these commandments of Mine you will be unable to achieve beatitude, no matter how profoundly you humble yourselves in the dust before Me, pleading for My mercy.... My love for you cannot be exceeded any more and I want to win all of you over for Me, yet My bliss only consists of your reciprocated love, and you must grant this to Me voluntarily.... And your appeal for mercy has to be based on your desire for Me because you love Me.... and because you realise how far-away you still are from Me. You must try to reach Me, you must want to achieve unity with Me, and therefore you must live a life of love yourselves or unity will never be possible to achieve. Consider the fact that with every deed of love you draw the eternal Love Itself to yourselves.... but that It cannot enter your hearts if they are still completely contradicting God's fundamental nature.... You only unite with Me through love, and that is what you ought to bear in mind and seek to fulfil the commandment of love as the most important.... you ought to know that no human being can become blissfully happy without love.

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Fusion through love....

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He who has love also has My spirit, and he who is active in love will obviously experience the working of the spirit in himself. For I Myself am present where love is. And My presence can be recognized by the fact that I speak to the one who lives in love and make him happy through My word. Thus I Myself am in the word with those people who fulfil the commandment of love, as I have promised. My word is truth, and if you humans want to experience the fulfilment of My promise in yourselves, you must live in love, you must keep My commandments.... I truly do not place a great burden on you and I do not demand anything unfulfillable from you, yet I cannot release you from this commandment if you want to unite yourselves with Me, if you want My spirit to come alive in you and if I want to be with you in the word. above alone is the binding agent which indissolubly unites you with Me. Whoever lives in love remains united with Me for all eternity. I am with him wherever he is, My spirit always and constantly teaches him, My word sounds to him daily and hourly as soon

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as he desires to hear it, My strength flows through him and constantly impels him to be active in love, and thus he belongs to Me for all eternity.... For I Myself am love, and anyone who shapes himself into love is as it were a part of Me which strives towards its original origin again and thus has reached its spiritual goal.... to be intimately merged with Me again in order to be able to immerse himself in My eternal flood of love. The fusion of all spiritual substances into love is an incomparably blissful process which cannot yet be grasped by you humans as long as you live on earth. And yet this intimate fusion has to be striven for on earth, the human being has to strive towards Me in ignorance of its effect, he has to shape himself into love without realizing the bliss which will result from it in eternity. Yet I already let him experience a foretaste on earth by making him happy with My word, the evidence of My presence and My immense love for people. With this word I endeavour to win all people. Tasting the bliss of receiving requires loving activity, and every person should be encouraged to do so in order to come into possession of My word. If My spirit is also to be able to work in a fellow human being he has to practice love, and thereby he draws Me to himself, thereby he awakens the spirit in himself to life, he makes his heart his home for Me and he awaits Me full of longing.... And again I can take abode in a person and merge with him.... And this is what My word shall bring about, that people long for My nearness, that they obey what I demand of them through My word, that they shape themselves into love, are constantly active in love and thus fulfil the preconditions which result in My personal presence. I do not deny any person to unite with Me, yet this always presupposes profound, unselfish love, but this connects us indissolubly with each other. My spirit of love radiates through everything that turns to Me in love and drives it to ever more active love.... And anyone who is united with Me hears My word.... and My closeness is perceptible to him, for he feels it as bliss in his heart, as peace and constant longing for My expression of love.... as a longing for My word....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Awareness of the presence of God....

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nyone who has once become aware of My love and grace will never fall away from Me again, for this awareness indissolubly binds him to Me.... This awareness is at the same time a light of realization which also shows him the kingdom of darkness in all its horrors and he will always push more towards Me, Whom he has recognized as the light of eternity. To be aware of My love and grace is also a sign of the most intimate bond with Me where My flow of love touches the human being such that he feels My presence, so that he now knows Me with him and he will never ever lose this awareness of My nearness again. You can all certainly consider these words and make an effort to enter the blissful state, but you will only truly understand them when you have experienced this blissful feeling yourselves, when My love has taken hold of you in order to never ever leave you again.... which, however, does not depend on Me but on yourselves. I can only be where there is love, and therefore you will only feel Me as present when you yourselves let love flare up into bright embers. Your unselfish love for your neighbour will be rewarded in a truly heavenly way, for to possess My love is something immensely blissful which has no comparison on earth. And then you will not be able to understand that you have lived without Me for such a long time, you will consider every day as lost where the awareness of My love and grace, of My presence, has not yet made you happy.... But then you will also understand why people full of love endure everything that is done to them by the world with equanimity and composure.... why even suffering and illness do not depress them unusually, why they seem to have become insensitive to that which completely upsets their fellow human being and only increases his degree of suffering.... For I Myself let My sun of love appear in the human being's heart, and in its light everything is transfigured and it no longer frightens the human being. He only sees Me and can no longer avert his gaze from Me because I fill his whole heart.... This is a spiritual image, it is only felt by his soul which is able to look with spiritual eyes and what it sees fills and determines its whole feeling, thinking and wanting.... You humans don't know

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the effect of a life of love but only this can be assured to you again and again, that all blissful feelings, all unusual feats of strength and a blissful light are the **result** of such a life of love.... that you can therefore only feel true bliss in a state of love and that you can therefore also only unite with Me Myself through a **life of love** and may now also taste all delights of this close bond with Me, which always prove My presence to you. And once you have only been allowed to consciously enjoy My presence you will no longer walk alone on earth, for then you will no longer be able to separate yourselves from the one Whom you recognized as your father of eternity, Whose love made you come into being. But then your transformation into love will also have taken place, then your return to Me will have been accomplished, then you will be on your way to Me, to the father's house.... Then you are again what you were in the beginning.... you have become My children and will remain so forever....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The spirit of Jesus Christ is love.... God's presence....

B.D. No. **7446**

November 4th 1959

I o one will be blessed without Jesus Christ.... Again and again you are told this, for you humans are not yet very permeated by the spirit of Jesus Christ or you would not pass away in weakness of faith and strengthlessness, even if you have the will to belong to My own. The spirit of Jesus Christ is the spirit of love by which He was so completely permeated that My presence in Him thus became possible, or also: My spirit of love permeated Him, and thus it was I Myself Who was in Him. The divine spirit of love must first be able to work in you, only then will you be able to say: "Jesus Christ is in me.... God Himself is present in me...." And I want to be present in you. And your whole existence is therefore a chain of experiences which are all suitable to draw you closer to Me in love and thus make My presence possible.... For you will constantly be stimulated into loving activity, and if you practice this the divine spirit of love will radiate through you ever more, and you will be united with Me in Jesus Christ, and I will fill you with strength and light because I can be present to you.... But this relationship between you and Me must be alive, otherwise your faith will also be dead, otherwise I cannot be present to you.... And only in love will your faith find true life.... Let divine love itself be within you, for with every work of love you draw it close to you, and thus, if you live in love, you will also live with Me, Who is eternal love.... And I will never leave you again, not even when you are unable to feel My nearness.... I am with you who are of good will.... But always think about why you are often unable to feel Me. Think about the fact that My love cannot become effective even though it is always meant for you, that My love is only felt by you when you reciprocate it yourselves and thus meet Me with ardent love which then allows Me to be noticeably present. My love is not withdrawn from you, it is merely ineffective which you cause yourselves if you lack loving activity, but again and again I influence you from within to practice love, and again and again you will thereby draw Me close to you and be able to say...: "Jesus Christ, the embodied love, is in Me and present to Me...." And if you don't feel this presence of Mine, then only ever make an effort to live a life of love and you will inwardly feel that you are united with Me, My presence will no longer appear doubtful to you, you will be able to speak in all intimacy as a child speaks to its father.... and your faith will become firm and unshakeable because it is alive through love....

Amen

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Surrender to God

Surrender to God.... submission of the will....

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November 26th 1944

he more devotedly you submit yourselves to God's will the clearer you will also recognize His will, for He places the knowledge of it into your heart. Whatever you want, whatever you feel impelled to do, is also His will, and therefore your life will now also be peaceful because you no longer doubt or hesitate to do something but confidently tackle everything, for God's will is active in you and this will always express itself in serenity and certainty. Devotion to God is therefore a prerequisite for a peaceful way of life, for an earthly life which is lived in mental balance, in contentment and happy tranquillity, for then God will direct this life, He will guide the human being and He will reward devotion to Him with His caring love which will always surround the earthly child. Anyone who has sacrificed his will to God also accepts everything as God's mission, he does not rebel because he is firmly convinced that it is good the way God determines it, because he is of the same will and no longer resists divine will. And this concordance of his will with divine will is already strength-giving on earth, for the human being consciously opens himself to His emanation of love, which will always make him happy when the human being gives himself to God in prayer. Then God Himself can work in the human being, His will can drive the human being's will to spiritual work. And everything the human being does is God's working in the human being, Who can therefore become effective in him because the human will no longer opposes Him. And then the human being is relieved of all responsibility, he has to be good, he has to develop himself upwards, he has to be able to record spiritual successes, also towards his fellow human beings, because all his wanting, thinking and acting corresponds to God's will, because he has given his will to Him out of inner impulse and uninfluenced. Then the human being on earth has already reached his aim.... he has submitted himself to God and completely relinquished his former resistance, he does not take a step alone but always with God, Who now ushers him into His eternal kingdom....

Amen

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Complete devotion to God is return to Him....

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And it is enough for you to know that all things are known to Me, that I know every person's thoughts and that nothing can remain hidden from Me because I permeate everything, because I know everything that happens in you and therefore you cannot deceive Me. And when you have this realization you can only worship Me in spirit and in truth, then your mouth will not just speak empty words, then you will openly and confidently direct your thoughts to Me and present all your needs to Me, you will not try to gloss over anything, you will not want to hide anything from Me, and then you will hand yourselves over to Me and let Me rule according to My wisdom and My love, for then you will have the right concept of God.... I am the most perfect being for you, you no longer apply a human standard to Me and make yourselves My own.... You recognize Me as your God and father of eternity and also consciously acknowledge Me. And because you recognize Me as the most perfect being you will also love Me.... and love has no secrets from each other, you offer your heart to Me completely openly, you don't try to hide anything, for the love within you urges you to completely devote yourselves to Me, it gives you complete trust.... Love now establishes the right relationship with Me: the relationship of a child with its father. Love indissolubly unites the child with the father and the aim is reached, the return to the father, to Me, from Whom the child once came forth as a

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creature. You humans should all gain this realization during your earthly life that the living God, Whom you certainly acknowledge as creator above you, wants to be your father with Whom you should seek intimate unity.... Who wants to possess your whole heart because He loves you, because you came forth from His love.... And therefore you should also know that I am supremely perfect.... But perfection includes everything: Love, wisdom, power, justice, mercy, long-suffering, patience.... And you shall be allowed to experience all these qualities in yourselves, so that you may learn to know and love Me.... And you should never doubt that the most perfect being loves you and longs for your love, that It longs for your union with It and therefore will also reveal Itself to you again and again as the most perfect being. And you should only open yourselves, thus let yourselves be drawn by Me without inner resistance.... And then you will push towards Me of your own accord, because you will learn to recognize Me as soon as only My love can touch you. Then you will humbly approach Me and entrust yourselves to Me, then you will no longer hold back, then you will understand My nature, that it can only be supremely perfect, and in the awareness of your own weakness and imperfection you will give yourselves to Me.... But devotion to Me is union with Me; complete devotion to Me is the return to Me; then the human being himself has broken down all barriers which still existed between him and Me.... he has become Mine and will remain so for all eternity....

Amen

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Devotion to God.... knowing Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. **7870** April 12th 1961

ow easy and carefree is your path through life if you take it by My hand, if you walk it in Leconstant company of Me, if you only ever entrust yourselves to Me and let Me take care of you. Then you will also surely reach your aim, for you will truly not take the wrong path by My hand.... Heartfelt devotion to Me also guarantees that I will be your constant guide and companion, for where a heart of love beats towards Me I will no longer give way, for there My adversary has lost his right.... even though he will again and again try to present the world's charms to you in order to turn you away from Me again. Yet anyone who is seized by My love, who makes it possible for My love to shine upon him, no longer desires the world and its pleasures.... He has found other goods which are worth striving for, and he no longer turns his gaze back but steadfastly upwards where he sees Me and now strives towards Me with all his senses.... The devotion to Me must have taken place, then the human being has also passed his test of will, then his will has confessed Me, then the path of return has finally been taken, which is guaranteed to end with Me.... And therefore I will promise you My constant presence if only you are willing to possess it, for then you will give Me your will and I will now never leave you again. Thus it need not mean an act of violence to acquire Me and My kingdom if only you give yourselves to Me in love.... But he will have to use force who still lacks love for Me, who still belongs to the world and therefore has to fight against the desire for the world.... A long time can pass until he has established the intimate bond with Me, although I also pursue him with My love and again and again try to capture him.... But I do not force his will, and he often still takes the path of worldly pleasures and joys which leads downwards and is repeatedly presented to the human being by My adversary as appealing until he frees himself from his desires of his own accord, until he turns his eyes towards Me and demands that I take him by the hand and guide him upwards.... It is always only a matter of your serious will, which must arise in the heart and cannot be replaced by mere words.... It is about the human being changing, that his nature, which until now was determined by My adversary, now allows itself to be determined by Me, that the human being enters into My will, that he fulfils the fundamental law of love, that he inserts himself into the eternal order again and thus takes on his original nature.... It is a matter of him no longer offering resistance when My love beams at him, i.e. that he consciously opens himself, that he desires to enter into contact with Me again and to possess My love which he had once rejected. Then he consciously acknowledges Me, and he also recognizes the former sin of apostasy.... But all this is not possible if he has not found the divine redeemer **Jesus**

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Christ.... For He alone gives him the strength to turn away from My adversary and towards Me.... It is He alone Who will then lead you by the hand, for He and I are one.... And the turning towards Me must therefore take place in Him, because otherwise you would never have the strength to separate yourselves willfully from the adversary.... For this lack of strength was the **consequence** of the great sin of turning away from Me, which has now only been atoned for through Jesus.... thus your weakness of will could only be strengthened by Him to turn away from My adversary and towards Me again, Who will now take you by the hand and truly lead you to the right aim. And if your will has decided in favour of Me, then you also belong to those redeemed through Jesus' blood, you have found Him and recognized Me Myself in Him.... The heartfelt devotion to Me is also connected with the living faith in Jesus Christ, because you now brightly and clearly recognize His mission and are no longer able to separate Me from Him.... For devotion to Me takes place in love, and love is the light which now shines through you again, as it once did.... Without love you will not find the path to Me, without love you will not seek union with Me.... But love binds us together again eternally, love recognizes that you must join Me if you want to be eternally happy.... and love urges you towards Me, Who will now never ever let you go....

Amen

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God's presence in the heart

The heart shaped for love as the dwelling place of God....

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od Himself takes abode in the human being's heart who has shaped himself into love and thus Junites himself with Him.... because love leads to unity with God; through love the human being assimilates himself to the eternal deity and has reached his goal which was set for earthly life. And once the human being is intimately united with God, his life on earth will only be perpetual labour of love, for God Himself will now work in him and His activity is love....... And then his soul is ripe for eternity, and if God still leaves the human being on earth then this only happens for the sake of his fellow human beings, who should take his way of life as an example so that they, too, will give themselves to God in serving love and seek union with Him. God Himself can take abode in a wellformed heart, He can fill a person's heart with His grace and love in all fullness, He can express Himself through his mouth and dwell amongst people who are of good will. For now He will constantly speak to them through His instrument, through the earthly child who has become love, who hears His word and imparts it to those who want to hear it. And as soon as He Himself speaks to people, He will also be recognized in the word.... The word will penetrate the hearts of fellow human beings because it is offered to them with love, because God Himself speaks through those people who are united with Him through loving activity. The human being himself will be happy, an inner peace will make him happy, he will always feel surrounded by divine care; suffering and misery will pass him by and only love for his fellow human beings will make him suffer as soon as he is unable to help them. And again it is the divine voice that speaks from him to those, and it also awakens love in his fellow human beings who recover from the divine word if they are ill in body or soul.... who draw strength and fortification from the word that God's love offers them through a human being. A person whose heart God Himself chooses as his dwelling place can already be called blessed on earth. For he has overcome the earth, even though he still dwells on it. He no longer lacks strength when he is oppressed by the world, he has God within him and in His presence he feels strong and invincible. He also pays no attention to the attacks of the world, for he knows that nothing will happen to him without the will of God, which is in him.... Nor is he afraid of death, for he knows that he will pass painlessly into eternity, because he who lives in God and has God in him will not know the horrors of death. He only longs to be rid of his bodily shell and to see God face to face.... he demands nothing more from the world and finds his happiness and peace only in union with God, with the one who is love.... he wants to be close to God and cannot help but live constantly in love, because love itself is in him and works powerfully....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

God's dwelling in the heart of man....

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want to dwell in you.... I want My living creations to be completely permeated by My spirit, I want them to be filled with My fundamental substance, with love, so that I Myself irrefutably dwell within them and they have, as it were, become the envelopment of Myself, which signifies unlimited bliss for the being. I would like to dwell in all human hearts and be able to call all My creatures My children who have received the father within themselves.... Inconceivable beatitudes emerge from such a relationship of a child with the father, and to procure these beatitudes for My living creations is always and forever My aim and My striving. This is why the visible and the spiritual world were

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created.... the visible world in order to give My living creations the opportunity to achieve a deification of their nature for the first time, the spiritual world in order to offer these deified beings undreamt-of bliss. And in this spiritual world I Myself will then visibly present Myself to My children, in this spiritual world the child's relationship with the father will first take shape and through constant intercourse increase love to highest ardour until a complete fusion with Me can take place, which signifies unimaginable bliss for you. In the spiritual kingdom a constant ascent is certain as soon as the soul has found Me on earth or only in the spiritual kingdom. But until this turning to Me has occurred, often endless times pass, and during this time I struggle for every soul by wooing its love, because only love changes the will which previously did not belong to Me. But the change of will and conscious turning to Me then also guarantees the attainment of the final aim, the union with Me on earth already or also in the spiritual kingdom.

I want to take abode in your hearts.... The short time of earthly life shall bring it about that you have found your way to Me, and that is why earthly life is often difficult and arduous, yet once the aim has been reached you will be fully compensated for even the most difficult earthly life, for the spiritual kingdom will open up to you in a glory that surpasses all imagination.... For no human eye has ever seen and no human ear ever heard what I have prepared for those who love Me.... I only require your love, then the kingdom of beatitudes will belong to you, then you will enter the father's inheritance as My children, for then you will have truly become My children, because you have shaped yourselves through love into My image and now also possess light and strength in all fullness, which you now use in My will for the indescribable bliss of yourselves.... Let Me enter your hearts, open wide the door to Me.... become what I Myself am in My original being, become love.... so that I can abide in you and you in Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Dwelling of God in the heart.... childhood of God....

B.D. No. **7336** April 15th 1959

et Me enter your hearts and take abode therein, so that I will remain with you and never ever leave you, so that I will live in you and you will be intimately united with Me. I only long for this intimate bond, for then the relationship between child and father is established which ensures your union with Me, which is the purpose and aim of earthly life. If I can be in you then you will also have changed into love, your heart will have been purified and reshaped into love, and thus it will also have become a place of residence for Me, which I will take possession of above all others and never ever want to leave, because I, too, long for unity with My child and have now achieved the aim.... that you have become My **children** who, as living **creations**, approach your exit from Me. Purify your heart with all eagerness and then await Me with all devotion that I take abode with you.... And from now on you will no longer walk your earthly path alone, but you will now walk the path under My guidance and truly always in the shortest way into the father's house. But the fact that you still have to stay on earth is also part of your trial life on this earth, for you all still have to cast off dross, you all still have to perfect yourselves on this earth if you want to reach the degree of childship to God which makes you the most blissful creatures in the spiritual kingdom. And once I have been able to take abode in your hearts you will also still reach the aim of becoming true children of God, for you will succeed with My support, after all, I am present to you and you will now travel the last part of your path under My guidance, because you will completely submit yourselves to Me as soon as I can take abode in you. Just sincerely want this presence of Mine within you and then you will also sincerely work on yourselves so that your heart will be free from sin and can serve Me as a dwelling place. And if you want My presence.... then I am already with you and will never ever leave you.... Then the child has found its way home to the father and He now leads it back into the father's house in order to prepare a blissful life for it in the spiritual kingdom, in its true home, where the child is now allowed to always stay close to the father in light and freedom, in strength and bliss and now creates with Him in love and wisdom and strength. Childship to God is the highest degree of bliss, and this possibility is open

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to you humans on earth to leave earth in this highest degree and enter a kingdom of unimagined light and unimagined bliss.... But on earth you already have to carry the desire for love for Me in your heart, and this desire for love will impel you to work diligently on your soul, and thereby you will attract Me to you, because I like to be where love causes Me to express My love.... where I can give Myself to a person who loves Me.... Then I will take abode in you and never ever leave you. Then the union will have taken place which is the purpose and aim of your earthly life.... the child will have found its way home to its father's house....

Amen

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Unification with God

Union with God....

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October 15th 1939

nly in union with God does a correctly lived earthly existence find its conclusion according to divine will, for this union is the original state of all spirituality which allows the being to remain in greatest strength and splendour from then on. To be united with God means to be able to work in equal strength and power in complete harmony with divine will.... It also means to be in contact with all beings and to be able to let divine power flow to them again and thus to create, to enliven what has been created and to stimulate it to activity. The child will have the same rights as the father, for as a true child of its father it is also entitled to take over the father's inheritance, and thus all power is at its disposal if it needs it. And the union with God again requires a certain maturity of soul, which only a few people on earth have already reached.... however, this is not because God has set people a goal that is too high and difficult to achieve, but solely because people are not concerned enough with this goal. God does not demand more from man than he can achieve.... And every human being can easily fulfil the divine will because divine grace is also bestowed upon him, which inevitably leads him upwards. Union with God is so extremely important and earthly life should only be dedicated to achieving this goal.... And thus, if the lord God makes such a demand it can be seen that He wants His children back and that He has therefore given them all the same task, that He, in order to be able to offer them something extraordinarily glorious, wants them to be in a state which entitles and enables them to accept what He has offered. What God wants to give to His children is so incomparably marvellous that only a God-like being can bear it, and again the union with the father is only then possible when the child has become like Him, i.e. has completely absorbed His will and thus has completely given itself to the father in heaven. Only then does the child stand in the light, and it has become perfect, just as the father in heaven is perfect. It has completely merged with the elemental force, it is no longer separated from its creator and producer but has become completely one with Him.... it has found union with the supreme God-being and now works entirely in His will because it is eternally united with Him....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Final destiny create and revive.... union with God....

B.D. No. **1394** April 27th 1940

This is your final destiny, to revitalize everything that exists in creation, to constantly create and shape something new in accordance with God's will. And this will mean bliss for you, you will revel in supreme delights and radiant light will be your fate. For only now will you be able to grasp the eternal deity in its greatness, only now will you be as it is the father's will.... Become perfect as your father in heaven is perfect.... What now presents itself to you is supreme bliss, for the father withholds nothing from His true children. You will therefore be in a state that includes everything in itself.... purest love and therefore light and strength to the highest degree, i.e. knowledge and power to such an extent that nothing can be unrealizable or unfinished for you. And now consider the divine creative will and that you likewise carry this will within you and can therefore create and shape it entirely at your own discretion.... Thus the being is in a God-like state, it has completely united with God, the unification has taken place, it is no longer an individual being but completely merged with God, yet the consciousness, the thinking of an individual being remains with it, and this increases its bliss. The unification of infinitely many beings in a state of maturity is an increase of spiritual

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strength, and the individual being is thereby able to achieve incredible things.... It can therefore utilize the power from God at any time without limitation and will always work in accordance with God's will, but always according to its own thinking and discretion. The union with God.... the union with spiritual power is no restriction of the own freedom of will, only with a perfect being the will is not different than the divine will is. For everything has its origin in love.... every work of creation arose in purest love, for the being can only be creatively active when it has completely moulded itself into love. Thus all creations emerged from love, and everything that has its origin in love must carry divine will within itself because God is love Himself. So everything that is united in God must also be in the same will, because divine love is the basic element of everything that is created. The creation of new beings and the creations beneficial to these beings must therefore trigger unimaginable delights, for love gives birth to everything and love is the epitome of bliss. And divine wisdom is required in order to mould all creations according to plan.... But light and knowledge are likewise inherent to perfect beings, for otherwise the being could not be perfect. The union with God has therefore brought perfection to the being and it now certainly works on its own authority, i.e. according to its thoughts and feelings, but receives light and strength, i.e. wisdom and power, continuously from the divine creator.... it therefore carries out God's will for its own happiness because this is its actual purpose....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Union with God....

B.D. No. **1831** February 26th 1941

t is a holy desire to be united with the divine lord and saviour. There is truly nothing that equals it; Lathere is no more blissful state of happiness than union with Him, and this union should therefore also be the epitome of every desire. What belongs to the earth should be joyfully given away and the most blissful exchanged for it; man should willingly take upon himself all the suffering of the earth and always think only of the sweetest reward.... the union with God, which outweighs all suffering and all torment.... which ends all hardship and this earthly tribulation. This union is something so unimaginably blissful that everything difficult before seems small in comparison and.... if man knew about it.... he would patiently accept much more suffering in order to be honoured with this heavenly grace. And yet every human being should endeavour to bring about union with God even without this knowledge. Love for Him and for his neighbour should place him in that state which is the precondition for the highest happiness.... For he then likewise shapes himself into love, and he must then inevitably come closer to eternal love, the beingness in him must merge with the original power, and thus he must again be where he once was.... in God.... A union with the highest entity must now also earn him everything that is a divine part.... light and power.... And this means eternal glory, happiness and peace. For to stand in the light means to know everything, to have escaped the darkness and henceforth to be allowed to be redemptively active for one's own happiness. And to be allowed to participate in divine power means to be able to shape and create like Him, to be able to give and distribute, to act and think in accordance with divine will and thus to lead a life that fulfils all wishes, for union with God is the ultimate goal of every being. And people can already achieve this blissful state on earth if they mould themselves into love. They can still receive this inconceivable grace at the time of their earthly life by hearing the resounding word in their heart.... To constantly make the divine will on earth the guiding principle and to always only endeavour to come closer to Him lets the heart become love, but the loving human being cannot help but give love, therefore God also gives to him, namely Himself in the word.... And when the earthly child is able to hear the divine voice resounding in the heart, the union with God has taken place and can no longer be disturbed eternally. For what God has seized with His love He will never let go of Himself, and therefore the human being cannot help but commit himself with his life to his divine lord and saviour, to His name and His teaching.... He will confess Him before all the world and bear witness to it of divine strength, for this flows so obviously into such a person that he can prove to the world the power and strength of the

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right faith, which he now represents to people who seek his life.... For he does not fear the death of the body, for he has found eternal life through union with the lord....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Bond of love.... Unification with God....

B.D. No. **3636** December 25th 1945

An indestructible bond is wound around God and the spiritual being which tries to join Him due to love. It will remain inseparably connected with Him, always coming closer to Him, forever striving towards Him, being seized by Him and in blissful happiness merging with the eternal Love, once the being has become perfect. This bond is the goal of all spiritual beings which once emerged from His strength. God is the eternal centre of Power from Whom everything originates and to Whom everything will return again according to God's eternal order. Only that which has returned to God again is happy, it is perfect, permeated by strength and light and thus able to actively create and shape. This state will never ever be changed again, insofar as that the being's beatitude will diminish, but it will constantly increase because perfection knows no limits, because God, as the supremely perfect Being, will always and ceaselessly be aspired to for all eternity. To be merged with the eternal Deity signifies participation in the shaping of works of creation, it signifies guidance and care for the spiritual beings which are sheltered in these creations; it signifies redemptive activity on the bound spiritual beings, it signifies bliss and harmonious striving for unification with equally mature beings and revelations of undreamt of splendours which immature beings are incapable of beholding.

Eternal life.... is not a state of weakness and darkness anymore but activity in light and an undreamt of abundance of strength. Jesus Christ promised this eternal life to those who believe in Him and keep His commandments, who, by fulfilling and complying with His teaching of love, establish the connection with God on earth already, the bond, which connects the soul with God ever more closely until it has entirely united with the eternal Love. And thus the human being must inevitably attain faith in Jesus Christ as the Redeemer of the world, otherwise the bond with God can never ever be established, for due to the being's imperfection the distance is too vast and cannot be reduced by the being itself, since the distance from God signifies weakness at the same time. Jesus, however, acquired the strength on behalf of people through His death on the cross.... He descended to Earth in order to deliver people from their weakness of will and lack of strength and to show them the path which leads them to God while they are still on earth. However, without faith in Him and His act of Salvation the human being will never be able to overcome his lack of strength and weakness of will, he will never be able to lift himself up because God's adversary keeps him down and wants to prevent his life in eternity. But anyone who believes in Jesus Christ shall be saved, he will live up to His commandments, he will make an effort to live a life of love and thereby receive the strength to establish the connection with God, and God will never let him fall again.... He will wind the bond of love around him and not allow it to slacken, instead it will embrace those who strive towards Him ever more tightly until they are inseparably united with Him....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Sincere longing for unification with God....

B.D. No. **7303** March 10th 1959

Take me into your heart, that is to say, sincerely long for unification with Me.... I will take care of anyone who harbours this genuine will and he will unite with Me forever because he has changed his will which once had turned away from Me, he has bonded with Me again just as he once had separated from Me. The greatest evil in the world is that people live with a certain indifference, an indifference towards Me, Whom perhaps they might still accept, but they barely know or grasp the connection with their God and Creator because they do not analyse themselves. By and large they

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walk their earthly path not without knowledge of Me but nevertheless without meaningful faith.... but mainly due to indifference.... except for people who clearly oppose Me.... But I mean those who are indifferent, who are the majority, who outwardly claim to believe in Me and yet hardly if ever involve themselves with Me.... They have not yet taken Me into their 'hearts', their will is not yet sincerely focussed on the union with Me, although they would deny this to their fellow human beings. But I know the degree of longing for Me and I want to be accepted in your hearts, I want your thoughts to involve themselves with Me so that you feel motivated to develop the close bond with Me.... so that you have that very will to unite with Me again, from Whom you once had voluntarily separated....

It is precisely this honest will which can cause a complete change of your lifestyle and your inner being, but without this honest will you cannot even achieve a minor change of attitude, since your indifference will give My opponent the welcome opportunity to step between Me and you and truly successfully exercise his influence. I cannot walk with you because your heart is not sincerely searching for Me yet and therefore I cannot keep My opponent away either when he attaches himself to you. But without Me you will not have the strength to resist him, you will only too gladly agree to his plans because he will promise you worldly goods in return.... However, if you have the sincere wish of heart that I should be close to you then your will applies to Me, and then I will be able to push him away and thus will be truly close to you.... then you will have accepted Me in your heart and walk the right path to Me. With other words, once I have taken possession of your heart you will never lose Me again in all eternity because you had truthfully desired it.

And you all should give account to yourselves of the direction of your innermost will. You all should ask yourselves what you love most on earth, whether you still prefer worldly things or whether My presence alone is so desirable that you are willing to give up everything for My sake. If you are able to do the latter you are truly on the right path and your sincere will shall be rewarded, because now you will not waste any time which you could spend in My company because your heart will increasingly long to receive Me and such longing shall always be granted. For I too long for My children and want that they will return to Me again one day, Whom they had left due to their wrongly directed will.... which they have to change again towards Me, towards their eternal Father....

Amen

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"God is in me...." loving activity....

B.D. No. **6225** April 1st 1955

hen eternal love Itself draws close to you there can no longer be a relapse into the abyss, for what It grasp It hold on to forever.... because love has found itself to love.... Therefore you humans take care that you remember My affection, take care that you live in My will and thus shape yourselves into love, because then I can unite with you, because then I can grasp you and remain united with you for all eternity.... You can truly feel grasped by Me if you practice love, if you only ever do what is My will, for then you submit yourselves to My will and My love permeates you and impels you to ever new activity in love. As soon as you do good out of your innermost urge I am already within you, for this inner urge proves Me, it proves My spirit of love which now influences you, which guides you and impels you into ever new works of love. As soon as you carry out works of love you are also connected with God.... He is in you.... But only if you are lovingly active.... The saying 'I have My God in me....' is only justified if your heart is willing to love, for only there can I be present where love is, because I Myself am love.... And then you will also be able to judge if and when the human being only uses empty words.... For My presence can never be spoken of where the heart is without love. Love and I are the same, but love is unselfish, it is always willing to sacrifice, to give, to alleviate hardship.... it is only concerned about the welfare of its fellow human being.... Love is divine, and it also makes the being a divine creature with which I Myself can unite.... whereas My presence is impossible with a person who acts and thinks without love, who himself has left My flow of love due to his nature, who therefore has no other connection with eternal love than that the strength which animates him has flowed out of Me, but which does not force him to enter into the connection with Me in love.... A 'God' can never be denied by a 'thinking' human being.... But the connection with God has to be made possible by the human being himself, he has to establish it through love.... Only then can he justifiably say: "God is in me...." for then I have grasped him and will never let him go from Me, then man has fulfilled the conditions that unites him with Me.... He has entered the law of eternal order, he has changed his nature into love, he has forced My presence upon himself, because I always have to be where love is.... but can never be where love is absent. Love alone guarantees My presence.... The spark of love glows in every person as My share, yet it is completely ineffective as long as it is not ignited.... which the human being's own will has to do, but then he will remain eternally united with Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Union of the spiritual spark with the Father-Spirit.... Jesus....

B.D. No. **6575**

June 17th 1956

Once the spirit awakens to life in the human being the connection with Me will be established, for the spirit within a person is a spark of My divine Father-Spirit, it is a part of Me and thus the same as I Myself, so then you will also be able to rightfully say 'God is within me....' For the spirit within you only awakens to life when you practise love, and then I, as the Eternal Love, can be within you Myself. However, although you all carry this divine spark inside of you it can nevertheless be buried due to your own will, due to your way of life, and remain so until your death.... In that case you went through life 'without God'.... because you lived without love and thereby made every contact with Me impossible.... Even so, you have lived your earthly life and thus left a great blessing unused; you failed to live up to the purpose of your incarnation as a human being: You did not unite with Me

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but remained in the isolation you once entered as a result of your apostasy from Me. In order to facilitate the unity I helped you with a great act of grace: First I placed a tiny spark of My divine spirit inside of you and then constantly stimulated you to kindle this tiny spark by placing you into situations through destiny where you, with good will, would be able to accomplish labours of love.... It often was and is possible for you humans to let the spark of love within you ignite into a flame. You truly don't lack opportunities but it is an act of free will, and thus you can also neglect being lovingly active and the spirit within you remains dormant and cannot express itself, thus you have **not** established a connection with Me and are dead although you believe yourself to be alive.... And your earthly life is at a standstill, because a life 'without God' can never lead to advancement but attests to the connection with My adversary.

Thus I Myself cannot be within you because through your heartless nature you yourselves deny Me entry. This state amongst people can be observed far more than people's heartfelt unity with Me by living a life of love and allowing themselves to be guided by My spirit.... And this state can always be recognised when people no longer have faith in Jesus Christ Who, through His death on the cross, intended to help them strengthen their weak will of releasing themselves from My adversary. The divine teaching of love which the man Jesus preached on earth was meant to show people the path of uniting the spiritual spark within them with the eternal Father-Spirit. This is why Jesus exemplified a life of love to His fellow human beings and also demonstrated the effects of such a way of life: the complete unification with Me, which showed itself in His Words and activity on earth.... What was impossible to achieve before Jesus' sacrificial death, due to people's weakness of will who were still burdened by the original sin, was possible for people to achieve after his crucifixion, because they were granted the strength if they acknowledged Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world and laid claim to His help. And then it also became possible for them to establish unity with Me by awakening the spiritual spark within them through activity of love and thus enabling Me Myself to take effect in them. However, without Jesus Christ no person's spirit can be awakened, for I Myself cannot be in someone who rejects Me, who does not believe that I redeemed him from sin and death.... Although My tiny spiritual sparks lays dormant in every person's soul only love will awaken it to life, love, however, recognises Jesus Christ, it recognises Me in Him and unites itself with Me.... or in other words: Love is the divine spark which wants to unite itself with the fire of eternal love.... Then, however, you will be alive even if you lose your mortal life.... You have already been resurrected from death as soon as the spirit within you comes alive, and thus you cannot lose this life again because you have returned to Me and with Me death can never ever happen again....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

God is in us.... He is present to us....

B.D. No. 8095

February 6th 1962

There is no greater gift of grace for you humans on this earth than that you are taught by Me in direct speech.... For then I am present to you, and I prove My presence to you through revelations which can only come to you from Me Myself, Who knows everything.... thus I am in you, for whether you conceive even a tiny spark of My spirit of God in you.... My spirit is indivisible, and therefore you can always speak of the fact that I Myself am working in you when this tiny spark of spirit expresses itself. And thus you will also be truthfully instructed by Me, since I Myself am the eternal truth. Thus you have to evaluate the reception of the word, which is therefore an unusual gift of grace because you, as human beings, are not yet in the highest degree of maturity which results in complete unification. Yet My love for you is exceedingly great and unusual help has to be given to you because My adversary has great power and uses it to ruin you. Yet I would not be able to express Myself if you yourselves did not let the spark of My spirit of God flare up, if you yourselves did not live a life of love which ignites the spiritual spark and now allows it to work. And you, in turn, would not hear anything of its manifestation if you did not listen to yourselves in profound faith, if you did not believe in My direct address.... And this again presupposes the inner bond with Me which now causes

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Me to radiate My love towards you and to bestow it upon you in abundance. I always want to be in you and prove My presence to you. And therefore I will always address you as often as you allow it, i.e. connect with Me inwardly and listen within.... And then I will pour out a wealth upon you which will truly make you blissfully happy.... I give you light in all abundance, I teach you truthfully about everything that is helpful for the maturing of your souls.... I radiate My love upon you and My love gives you what you lack because you are not yet perfect. I have often already enlightened you about the 'working of My spirit' and thus informed you that there are indeed limits to the human being's intellectual knowledge but never to the knowledge which can be gained through the working of My spirit.... This knowledge is truly unlimited and yet it can be imparted to the human being by Me Myself, Who is truth, Who is light from eternity. But only I Myself can convey this knowledge to you, and I truly choose the right vessels for Myself into which I can let My light flow, but which shall now also shine far into the dark night.... Yet this is rarely possible, people usually resist Me because they don't let their heart speak but their intellect. But where My direct activity is possible the ray of light is of such strength that it can and will illuminate many human hearts which merely receive it without resistance, which surrender themselves to the illumination of love and thus indirectly accept My address. (6.2.1962) And this is what I want to achieve, that people lose their spiritual blindness, that they slowly come to realize again what they were in the beginning and what they shall become again.... I want to kindle a small light in every person, for then he will live his earthly life consciously, he will ask questions within himself and these will be answered mentally, his thinking will be right if it is his desire to experience truth.... He will know about My will and strive to fulfil it because he will also start to recognize the connection with Me as his God and creator.... And increasingly brighter light will certainly shine upon him, for he opens himself to My illumination of love as soon as he only establishes mental contact with Me, as soon as he relinquishes all inner resistance against Me. I Myself am in him as the tiniest spark of God, and he no longer opposes this presence of Mine, and then I can also work in him.... And I will also do it, I will reveal Myself to every person, albeit in different ways, always according to his degree of maturity, but every person will be able to recognize Me who only wants to. My ray of love will touch him again and again until he consciously opens himself and desires Me and My love, which will then be bestowed upon him in all abundance.... For I love My living creations and want them to become blissfully happy.... I also want them to know of My great love so that they will reciprocate My love. But then the union will also be assured, then My living creation will also have escaped all darkness, because the light will shine within itself, because I Myself can be present to it and then there will truly be no more relapse into the abyss to fear....

Amen

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Consequences of the presence of God: Hearing His word

Voice of conscience....

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

Then the voice will speak ever more clearly and understandably to him, then the voice of the world will no longer be able to drown it out.... Then the human being will consciously submit himself to the guidance of the spirit, for he will recognise its working in him and know that it is the voice of God which now guides and directs him, which educates him and stands by his side with advice.... Thus the human being's inner admonisher, the voice of conscience, can be motivated by the person himself to speak louder if he is always willing to listen and to comply with its suggestions, but this only happens to people who live a life of love.... Then no further obstacles to express itself exist for the spiritual spark anymore, then it can emerge and openly influence the person, it no longer signifies a coercion of will, since the will readily submits itself to the divine-spiritual guidance of its own accord.... And when this happens the human being will be leading an inner life, he will constantly communicate with his inner guide and know that it is God's voice which speaks to him, which warns and admonishes him and guides him wherever he goes.... Subsequently, his way of life will also comply with God's will, because the spirit within himself only ever influences him according to God's will. No person need ever go through earthly life without the voice of conscience which admonishes and warns him, for it will address all people as long as they can still be guided, as long as they are still undecided as to whether to act good or evil.... Yet as soon as the will is more inclined towards evil the voice grows ever more silent and can finally completely fade away unless a sudden change occurs. But for as long as the human being is alive God will keep trying to inwardly speak to him and to touch his conscience.... Nevertheless, He will never exert any force whatsoever on his will, He will always allow him to keep his freedom....

Amen

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Sounding word....

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To hear the sounding word in the heart is My love's most unmistakable sign. It sounds like a softly L spoken word, fine and delicate and yet bright and clear. It fills you humans with heartfelt joy, for it is so unusually pleasant that you would constantly desire to hear it if I did not want to disillusion you so that you can also stand your ground in earthly life. For the bliss of feeling My nearness deprives you of tranquillity, and therefore I must also always approach you in covering, whether in word or in My presence, and protect you from becoming exuberant, which is not suitable for this world. Love for Me is indeed kindled in you like an unquenchable fire, yet I do not let it flare up in bright flames for your own sake. But I know when your heart is capable of profound pure love for Me and when I can therefore express Myself soundingly in you. But you do not know the degree of love which allows this surest sign of My love, and therefore you have to be urged to increased love and often through suffering which is to push you into My arms. For whom I have seized with My love I will never leave again, but neither will I leave him on the same stage of development, I want him to draw closer to Me, to become ever more perfect, so that in the end he will only desire Me alone.... and this requires a heart which is completely purified and open to Me.... Do you understand that I only want to help you achieve this and that you have to go through schools of purification in order to be able to be blissfully happy in My presence? In order to be able to hear My spoken word and thus to be fully convinced of My presence? Do you understand why you have to go through suffering and misery, why I exhort you to constant activity of love and constantly give you the opportunity to work in love? Do you understand why you have to serve in order to be able to rule one day, why you have to bow down in humility in order to be lifted up by Me? If you hear My word resounding within you, you will understand all this and thank Me with all your heart, for then you will also have mature knowledge and an understanding for everything that happens in the world, around you and to yourselves. Everything is only based on My greater than great love, everything only has the purpose to make your approach to Me desirable and to help you achieve it. For you can only be saved in union with Me. Becoming one with Me is your aim, because you are My share from eternity which I will never relinquish or hand over to My adversary. And if you only have the slightest will for this uniting with Me then you will certainly reach the aim, for My love takes hold of everything that strives towards it, and love's highest aim is final unification with Me for all eternity. And if you knew of the depth of My love, a blissful peace would flow through you.... But you should struggle and ask for strength, you should be diligently active and work on yourselves in order to attain the highest perfection. But then I Myself will dwell in your hearts, I will speak to you and you will be allowed to hear Me at any time and in any place, as often and as long as your soul can bear it, as long as you still live on earth.... But one day you will be allowed to hear Me constantly, you will be able to constantly stay close to Me and constantly be made happy by My love, and your bliss will have no end.... you will be eternally blissful....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

Prerequisite for hearing God's voice: Detachment from the world....

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You must listen deeply within yourselves if you want to hear My voice. And that requires you to completely withdraw from the material world and engross yourselves in spiritual thoughts.... it requires you to completely empty your heart from earthly thoughts so that it can then be filled by thought currents of a purely spiritual nature. People will always find it difficult to completely detach themselves from the world, but My voice can be heard more distinctly the less the heart is burdened by mental impressions of worldly origin. Once the heart is completely empty the flow of My spirit can pour into it unimpeded, and then you will experience this as an uninterrupted talking to you, as a

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flowing-over of My spirit into you, as My direct Word which you can hear as clearly as a spoken word. The more you resist earthly thoughts, the more clearly will you hear My voice. And this requires a constant battle with the external world which, impelled by My adversary, wants to intrude time and again in order to disturb the intimate conversation between Father and child. You can prevent this by not yielding to it, by rejecting all thoughts pertaining to the world.... by instantly addressing Me in thought asking Me to prevent this interference.... And your will shall be taken into account, because it is solely directed towards Me.

Only those who are able to detach themselves from the world are therefore entitled to hear My voice, for whom I have become a Concept Which no longer can be replaced by the world.... who have recognised Me as their eternal Father Who wants to turn you into his children and will not let go of you again until He has accomplished His goal. Once this separation from the world has taken place, the world will no longer succeed in winning the human being back, because My direct Word will have granted enlightenment to him and he will not want to miss this light again. However, he will nevertheless constantly have to struggle with the world, since he still lives in the midst of the world and it will try to influence him in every way, because it is precisely this intimate dialogue which My adversary wants to disturb as and wherever possible. This is why it always requires a strong will to establish such an intimate bond with Me that My voice can come through, drowning out the voice of the world. The human being's will can accomplish that, and then he will only ever sing My praises and give thanks to the One Who speaks to him and thereby bestows an invaluable gift upon him....

For My Word is the visible or audible sign of My infinite love for you, My living creations. It demonstrates that it is in your own hands to establish such close contact with the highest and most perfect Being that you will be able to hear His voice.... and that you have the evidence of this communication when you write His sacred Word down just as you receive it.... This supremely perfect Being speaks to you.... Contemplate the meaning of these Words.... I speak to you from above, you hear My voice, your comprehend what I tell you, and thereby you can recognise your Father's voice Who loves you and wants to possess you forever.... I speak to you because I want you to come to Me of your own free will, so that you will start your return to Me into your Father's house, which I want to achieve by addressing you. But in order to hear My Words your will must be firm and strong, time and again it must look for the heartfelt bond with Me, Who cannot be found on the surface of the world but far away from it.... Consequently, all worldly thoughts must be suppressed and you must listen into the stillness of your heart, and then you will truly hear My Word in all clarity, because My love especially applies to all those who try to reach Me, who desire to hear Me and to whom I therefore reveal Myself according to My promise 'that I will come to My Own in spirit and remain with them until the end of the world....'

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

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Power of the word

God's work in man.... power....

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The human being must be willing to give everything it he mand the God's strength, if he wants to let it flow into him in all its fullness and thereby be able to achieve who has completely detached his heart from he human being must be willing to give everything if he wants to fully and completely accept supernatural things. Anyone who gives everything away, who has completely detached his heart from earthly goods, from the world and its attractions, has overcome self-love and his love can only be the right kind, love for his neighbour and thus for God, and he will always and constantly be active in loving activity, he will thereby enter into closest contact with God and be able to receive His emanation of strength directly. For there is no longer any obstacle, his will is turned towards God and his actions correspond to God's will.... To detach oneself from the world means to unite with God.... but this separation must first have taken place before the human being opens himself without resistance to the supply of strength from God.... The will to do so must be proven through action, for the will to unite can also exist in people who are still lukewarm and turned towards the world, but it first has to be implemented through serious overcoming of that which appears earthly desirable to the human being. But then he will receive more than he has given, for the emanation of strength from God will make him infinitely more happy, he will master earthly life in full possession of the strength from God but first lead a spiritual life and have treasures at his disposal which will give his life rich content, which he will never want to miss again and which will stimulate him to constant activity in love. He will call knowledge his own which has its origin in God and is therefore purest truth; he will stand high in knowledge and this will make him free and happy. He will no longer know any weakness, no fear and anxiety, for the strength from God will never ever let such arise, and his constant endeavour will be to fulfil God's will, to serve Him and to help his neighbour to the same beatitude on earth which is granted to him. But the strength from God will also enable him to accomplish things which are extraordinary and beyond the strength of a human being... his will will attain such strength that he will be able to do everything by believing in God's strength working in him.... If there is no longer an obstacle within himself for the influx of God's strength, there are also no limits to its working, for it is now God Who works in him, and the human being's will will now also be God's will if the union with God has taken place. Uninterrupted unselfish activity of love and the complete abandonment of earthly desires earns the human being unity with God on earth, and then God's love will also manifestly work in the human being and provide him with spiritual possessions unmeasured.... with the attention of the divine word, which, as God's direct emanation, is the greatest source of strength, from which he can now strengthen and refresh himself....

(19.8.1945) God Himself works in him.... and man must now be powerful and mighty.... His will will only carry out what God's will is, and God's will will become a deed through a person who stands in the power of God. But to fellow human beings it appears supernatural because they don't feel God's strength within themselves and also have no understanding for its working. But if they themselves would overcome earthly matter, if they would likewise detach themselves from it, the same things would be possible for them and the process of extraordinary working through people would be explainable, because light flows to the human being at the same time as strength, the knowledge of spiritual working. Light and strength are one, and therefore nothing appears supernatural to the knowing human being, but only as an increased degree of spiritual progress. He knows that everything imperfect is powerless and lightless, but that power and light are part of him who seriously strives for perfection and develops upwards step by step. And therefore the knowing human being will also lose all fear of the world because he knows that he is in intimate contact with God and can make use of His strength at any time, and thus he is immune to the attacks of the world until the hour which God's will

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has set for his physical end. And therefore he fears no-one but is able to instil fear in fellow human beings who are ignorant of his strength and power. As a conqueror of matter every fetter of matter also falls from him, he stands in spiritual freedom, and that also means power over matter, because this is subject to God's will, which is expressed in the human being who is permeated by strength. God works in him.... and the human being's state must be bliss.... to be able to fully surrender to God's activity and to be constantly active according to His will.... He will only use his will to work in love in order to point people to God's love, which bestows a precious gift upon the human being who unites with Him, who overcomes matter and thus allows the strength from God to flow into him unhindered through continued activity in love.... He will point people to the strength of love which now expresses itself in an obvious way, he will initiate them into the strength and power of the divine word which educates to love and is a signpost to God.... He will present their earthly task to people and try to motivate them to likewise detach themselves from matter, which is worthless and transient, so that they can receive spiritual goods.... so that God's strength also expresses itself in them.... so that God Himself can work in them....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Power effect of the divine word.... dead or awakened....

B.D. No. **6697**

November 25th 1956

he strength which flows to you with My word will always enable you to carry out works of love, ▲ for if My word is conveyed to you, you will be illuminated by My love, only you must open yourselves, i.e. fully consciously accept My word, with heart and mind.... thus think about it and let it have an effect on you.... Then you will also be driven by My word to live it out, and then you will also be active in love. But I am now only talking about the living address to you, I am not talking about the words which are only spoken by a preacher's mouth as learned knowledge which is indeed of spiritual content but which can never ever penetrate a person's heart because he lacks the strength with which I have blessed My word. Direct address always first requires living faith in Me and the desire to be addressed by Me, thus to hear 'My word'.... Then the heart is also opened and then the person will also be addressed by Me Myself, even if a dead proclaimer of My word speaks.... Then I bring this dead word to life in the listener's heart. But if a living representative speaks to people then it is possible that these people, who were previously still dead, are thereby awakened to life because I Myself speak to them through the mouth of My servant and because My word has the strength to give life to the previously dead. And thus the word directly conveyed to you has the same effect of strength for those people who read or listen to it with heart and mind, yet for the others it will only remain letters or empty sounds which will fall on their ears and they will not be able to feel anything of an influx of strength. And thus you should be told again and again that you yourselves determine the effect of My word on you, that you must receive everything I tell you with great desire into your heart, that you yourselves determine the abundance of strength which flows towards you.... but that My word will never remain without an effect of strength if you desire such. And I want to impart much strength to you, I want to constantly give it to you, and My love for you constantly urges Me to address you in order to thereby convey the flow of strength to you which you urgently need.... But you have to open yourselves.... And if you don't do this of your own free will, then the strength will flow without touching you; then you will remain dead, then I cannot awaken you to life, for then you will not perform any works of love either, which always prove the supply of strength from Me. Therefore I admonish you again and again: Immerse yourselves in My word.... want Me to speak to you Myself, and listen to or read My word in this will, and it will truly make you happy, you will take it to heart and then also live as it is My will, because I Myself inform you of this My will in the word. The word, which comes to you from above, is a great source of strength and again and again you will be able to convince yourselves of its effect of strength, because I will also visibly help anyone who willingly lets himself be addressed by Me in every spiritual and earthly adversity.... But he has to believe in Me and unite with Me in this living faith, then I Myself can speak to him and provide him with the abundant

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strength he needs. And he will always be able to draw this strength from the word, for I am always ready for him if he desires Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Power of the divine word....

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here are only a few people who open themselves to the word conveyed to you from above, who accept it as My direct address, who allow themselves to be touched by it in their hearts and who also draw the blessing from it which My word emanates to every grateful listener or recipient. But there is still the possibility that My word will be passed on through these listeners, that small circles will form everywhere which also feel addressed by Me when this directly conveyed word is proclaimed to them. For My word has great strength, only it requires opening oneself and immediately becomes ineffective where it encounters resistance. If people would only listen to My word without inner resistance then it would not fail to be powerful, hearts would be touched and people would feel that they were offered a divine gift. But precisely this conscious opening is necessary.... But the human being prefers to remain defensive than to merely examine the gift once it is offered to him from above. But once he has accepted it, he will no longer want to miss it. And only he can expect the blessing from above on an ongoing basis, for I always speak to him in such a way that it serves his soul to progress in its perfection. For I know every individual soul's degree of maturity, I know its willingness and degree of light and can therefore distribute or increase the light according to its degree of development, which happens through My constant address when My word is conveyed to it through My servants on earth. The human being need only willingly listen to Me, and truly, he will receive food and drink entirely in accordance with his need, because I will no longer leave him out and want to increase the light of realization in him as far as this is possible. Therefore the person can call himself blessed to whom My word is offered directly or indirectly, for he is in direct contact with Me or he would not hear My words. And all listeners and readers of My directly conveyed word are also directly addressed by Me as soon as they are willing to take notice of My word which is conveyed to them through messengers. Only the will is necessary to listen to Me, to be addressed by Me Myself.... And My word will also sound to them, no matter in what way. And the word is the surest sign of the bond between Me and My living creations which want to become My children and sought or took the path to Me. Anyone who hears or reads My word, who receives it directly or indirectly, has entered into the bond with Me and will also feel the strength emanating from My word insofar as that he will always feel more drawn towards Me, that he will always be less able to withdraw from My word but will desire food and drink with increased hunger and also constantly receive it. And the human being will also feel My **love** and return it to Me, for this, too, is the effect of My word, that it generates love because it is strength of love itself. It is no longer possible for the human being to remain unimpressed as soon as he once seriously let Me speak to him, so that not only the eyes or the ears accepted the word but it found its way to the human being's heart, which now also reacts in such a way that it feels love, both towards Me Who addresses him as well as towards his fellow human beings, to whom he would like to pass on the same which makes him happy and willing to love himself. My word is strength, and the **effect** of strength will always be increased **activity of love....** Therefore it is a great advantage if only the human being allows Me Myself to speak to him without inner resistance. For then he will already experience the effect of My word's strength in himself.... But resistance also makes the word ineffective. And every person should make the attempt and give up his resistance, and he will truly not regret having placed himself into the circuit of My love, but he must do so of his own free will and he will truly experience the blessing of My word....

Amen

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Consequences of the presence of God: Wisdom and knowledge

The key to wisdom is love, not reason....

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To area is as controversial as the spiritual, for where no evidence can be produced people will never agree.... yet every representative of his view believes himself to be in the right, he believes to stand in the truth. The human being can intellectually expand every earthly knowledge, he can also prove it with evidence or again and again convince himself of error and change his thinking.... He can fathom it and come to a firm conclusion which can now be accepted as irrefutable by those who research and ponder in the same field.... But it is different with spiritual knowledge.... with the area which lies outside of earthly knowledge and which can never be investigated intellectually.... Whatever spiritual knowledge is passed on to people.... can never be proven but only ever has to be believed. And the fact that people express and advocate many and different thoughts as correct is understandable, because people are different in their nature and the exploration of spiritual territory is closely connected with the human being's nature.... with his spiritual maturity.... For this area is not explored by the intellect but by the heart.... This is incomprehensible to purely intellectual people and yet a fact that proves itself. Even people with highly developed intellectual thinking will not come to consistent results in the spiritual field as long as the **heart** is not involved in their research. But then the views will fully agree, because then the right key to the gate of wisdom will be found and applied.... And this key is love, which is kindled in the heart.... which now also enlightens the human being's spirit so that he **cannot** think other than **right**, because now his thoughts are guided by God and these thoughts are guaranteed to be truth.... People of intellect cannot be helped with such an explanation until love also ignites in them.... Then they will understand this mystery.... then they will understand that God reserves the truth for Himself and only gives it to those who make contact with Him through love. Although knowledge gained in this way cannot be proven, the inner conviction is sufficient for the human being to know that he stands in truth.... and to know that no earthly scientist can ever teach him otherwise and take away his conviction.... Anyone who has once received the truth from God Himself, through His spirit, can also no longer doubt or want to enrich his knowledge elsewhere.... He has taken possession of the spiritual realm, God Himself has introduced him, and for him there is no return to the realm of earthly science, for him there is no change in his thinking, for truth has taken hold of him because God Himself has taken hold of him, Who is the eternal truth.... But the path into this realm was and is love.... And never will a person be able to explore it without love, which is why all spiritual opinions remain disputed as long as they are not gained on the path of the heart.... Spiritual knowledge is knowledge which cannot be proven and yet becomes full conviction as soon as the connection with God has been established through a life of love, He Himself now instructs the human being and informs him in all questions, Who speaks to him through the spirit, Who works in him as He Himself has promised....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Only love helps to knowledge and bliss....

B.D. No. **8666**

November 7th 1963

ou humans cause Me Myself to express My love, as soon as you show Me your love and thereby force Me to be present to you, because I **am** love Myself.... And then My presence must also secure My constant illumination of love for you, for through your love you relinquish all resistance and My love can become effective in you. But the effect of My love illumination is that you penetrate

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into deepest knowledge, that you win knowledge, which indeed rests in all of you, but is closed to your intellect so long, until love illuminates your thinking and you then are able to grasp knowledge in all clarity, which is unknown to you before and also incomprehensible. All spiritual progress, all light which shines to your soul, is the result of your love for Me.... which is expressed in works of unselfish neighbourly love.... With every work of love you draw Me Myself to you; I do not resist love, because to win your love is also My happiness, because love wants to give itself away, and through your love I therefore can give Myself away and therefore make you immensely happy with spiritual gifts, which you only need to accept out of My hand. My last aim is your return to Me, which can only take place through love.... As soon as you now work in love, you come closer to Me step by step; through love the unification with Me takes place, and the original state occurs again, in which you were intimately connected to Me and My love power could radiate into you unhindered. In this state you were therefore radiated through with light, i.e., nothing was hidden to you, you saw through everything, all connections were clear to you, and this deepest knowledge, the knowledge about Me Myself, about My nature, My rule and work, made you deeply happy.... thus you were blissfully happy, and this bliss knew no limit.... That you changed this perfect state yourselves, that you rejected My radiation of light of love, had its reason in the fact that the knowledge of your perfection was given to you through the influence of the highest being visible to you.... Lucifer.... led you to arrogance, that you believed that you did not need Me.... because **not** visible to you and joined that visible being which drew you down into the abyss.... for rejecting My illumination of love also meant that the illumination of love was no longer effective on you due to your resistance.... So you lost all light, all knowledge and also all power, which once let you become creatively active and made you happy.... But now, after an endless long walk from the deepest depth to the height, you have again arrived in the state where you are free to request My love and are also allowed to receive it without restriction, yet this is your own free matter of will.... And you will now understand that I.... Who longs for your love because you came forth from My love.... am always ready to radiate towards you again, but this can only happen if you yourselves show love towards Me.... You yourselves therefore also determine the degree of love which shines upon you; you yourselves as man are able to do compulsion to Me, which I cannot resist when you devote yourselves to Me in love, because then I must be present to you, then I can no longer close Myself to you when you open yourselves that My ray of love can fall into your hearts. And I gladly let this compulsion be done to Me, because I long for the return of My children to be able to make them happy again as in the beginning. Because My nature is love, but love wants to give itself away; it wants to draw you to Me for ever; it wants that you reach your perfection again, what is only possible when you again get into the possession of light and power.... Light and strength are again the effect of My illumination of love, so that love is everything and without love there is no happiness.... From My side truly no restriction is imposed on you, if only you yourselves prove your love to Me, by you practicing unselfish neighbourly love; then I Myself can be with you in every work of love, and My presence must also have a happy effect. And so also the degree of light will always increase; you will again be able to understand My rule and work; deepest wisdoms will be made accessible to you, and you will be led out of the state of imperfection; all inadequacies will fall off you, and the aim.... the change of a creature to a child.... you will certainly reach; you will come closer and closer to My father heart, because your love draws Me and I am powerless against love, because it is My original element.... But you, too, were the same in your nature when you came forth from Me, and you must also assume the same original nature again.... And I will help you until you have reached the aim and you can intimately unite with Me through love, because love urges love and most intimate union also guarantees highest beatitude....

Amen

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Consequences of the presence of God: God's protection and assistance

God's help in every need....

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here is no adversity so great that I cannot remedy it; and there is no enemy stronger than I.... ▲ Therefore, stand by My side and join Me in the battle against the one who threatens to destroy you, and don't be fickle for a second, so that you doubt Me that I will help you. For I am and will remain a saviour from all adversity for anyone who only wants to walk with Me. Whatever troubles you.... be it spiritual or earthly.... come to Me with it and don't try to cope with anything on your own, because in your weakness you won't be able to cope on your own, but you will soon become despondent and fall into ever greater adversity.... But if you turn to Me immediately without first having to deal with your oppressive worry then you will already be relieved of this worry, for whatever you faithfully entrust to Me I will also take care of for you, and truly, in such a way that you will obviously recognize My support. But what does 'full of faith' mean? You certainly come to Me but mostly only with a questioning and anxious heart.... you don't come to Me with the confidence to ask your father for something, Who will certainly not refuse you anything. The more confident you are, the less you doubt My will to help and My might, the more certain you are of My help, for I want your faith, because a strong faith also demonstrates the bond with Me and then the purpose of every adversity is also achieved, that you establish the connection with Me in all intimacy.... Call upon Me in times of need, come to the father like children and present all your needs to Him, and then wait for the help which will surely be granted to you if only you believe....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

God's presence protects against the adversary....

B.D. No. **7329** April 8th 1959

t is essential that you do not isolate yourselves from Me. As long as you remain in mental contact Lewith Me through loving actions or heartfelt prayer, you will be protected against all onslaughts by the enemy of your souls. However, as soon as your bond with Me slackens, he will be by your side and then it is not always easy to push him away again because you are weak without Me. Consequently, if you don't let this weakness arise in the first place, if you always remain in contact with Me, you will always be able to repel him by availing yourselves of My strength, which flows through you as soon as you have joined Me, thus, as soon as you have become one of My Own by your own choosing. I have told you this many times already, yet, again and again, you are in danger of falling prey to him because you discard My admonition and distance yourselves from Me just a little further, particularly when you allow worldly thoughts to arise in you or you slacken in your spiritual aspiration, when you pay more attention to your worldly than your spiritual life.... You must constantly remain close to Me, or you must constantly draw Me to you through your thoughts and actions, you must live in love... then I will always be with you.... or you must establish your bond with Me in prayer, which will reliably protect you from any approach by the enemy. In My presence he will not pester you; he cannot come close to you as long as I walk beside you.... You must always remember that there is no better protection against him than Me Myself, than My presence, which you determine yourselves. I want to be present with you at all times, I don't want to leave you again but you must also have this desire for My presence, because only then can it take place, but I will not remain with you against your will if you are indifferent to this presence of Mine.... But if you are so deeply united with Me, then you truly need not fear anything, neither spiritual nor worldly

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harassments, for I Am Lord over all of them and truly protect My children, who want to belong to Me and cling to Me in their love and their desire for My proximity. Admittedly, time and again he will try to intervene, yet as long as you carry Me in your heart it will remain closed to him and he won't be able to slip in, and thus he will leave again and wait for the next opportunity. Therefore, be vigilant and stay only with Me, don't exclude Me from your thoughts, always be lovingly active and frequently let a prayer rise up to Me in spirit and in truth.... You should only ever maintain your bond with Me and you will truly be able to live an easier life, for My adversary won't find any target and cannot pester you because I Myself will always confront him everywhere. And he takes flight from Me, the 'Light of eternity', he does not wish to meet Me, since he does not want to acknowledge Me as his Lord.... Nevertheless, I remain Lord even over him, and truly, I will protect you from him, providing you always wish to remain close to Me, if you want to be My Own now and forever....

Amer

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

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

B.D. No. **7332** April 11th 1959

n undiminished love I accompany you from the beginning of your embodiment as a human being Luntil 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

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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

Let God always be present to you....

B.D. No. **6458** January 23rd 1956

arry all your concerns to Me and full of trust you can expect My help.... In times of earthly adversity you should remember these words so that they don't depress you and make you unable to meet all the demands life places on you as well as to cope with spiritual work. As soon as you have handed everything over to Me in trust in My help, I will also take over your worries, and I will truly not let you ask in vain. Once you have achieved this strength of faith to submit every adversity and worry to Me and then let Me take care of you, nothing will frighten you anymore, no matter what happens to people, for your confidence in My help will not make anything seem so difficult that you will be afraid.... And such faith will be necessary in the time to come. Although I will always protect My own, not everything can pass them by without touching them, yet it can be mitigated or completely overcome by them themselves if they immediately think of Me and entrust their hardship and thoughts to Me Myself. And I want to make you all always feel Me close to you because then you will be relieved of all adversity. I am with you whenever you turn your thoughts towards Me. And therefore no event on earth shall influence you such that you exclude Me from your thoughts.... This is what you must practice, what you must never forget, that you yourselves secure My presence through your constant contact with Me.... And if I am present to you then nothing more can happen to you, then nothing more can burden you, for I Myself carry your burden because you hand it over to Me. The coming time will make great demands on you, spiritually as well as earthly, for every earthly burden can only be overcome by spiritual means if you humans don't want to hand yourselves over to the one who certainly wants to give you earthly strength but then demands your soul in return. And the temptation is great if you are not aware of this and remain so, that you will then only enjoy a pleasurable life for a short time and then lose **everything...**. Only the clear realization that you humans are all close to the end can still save you by not succumbing to those temptations but by sincerely joining Me and appealing to Me for help.... and although I will **not** give you what My adversary offers you, your earthly life will nevertheless be bearable for you, and your strength will increase, and with a bright spirit you will only recognize everything as harbingers of the end, and you will endure in faith in Me and My coming when the time is fulfilled....

Amen

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God's visible presence

Omnipresence of God.... beingness - power....

B.D. No. **3398** January 9th 1945

God is present everywhere, His spirit is not bound to place and time because His spirit is strength which flows through everything and is therefore present everywhere and at the same time. Yet this strength is not something without being, which is why it can always be called upon everywhere, because thought and will animate this strength and thought and will are always active, corresponding to the call through beings which are, as it were, emanations of strength from it and therefore the same as God, only in the tiniest degree.... beings which are an image of the most perfect entity.... God is everywhere, otherwise He would not be perfect, for perfection knows no limitation, it knows nothing bound to place and time.... However, God's perfection cannot be grasped by human beings because man only knows what is limited and something unlimited is inconceivable to him. This is why it is difficult to make God's omnipresence credible to him, because as soon as he tries to imagine the eternal divinity as an entity, something limited is already before his eyes, which is only imaginable to him in terms of location and space. Consequently, the human being tries to explain the eternal deity with the expression strength, which is indeed truth in itself but strongly impairs the human being's personal bond with God, for according to human understanding this can only be established with a being that is capable of thinking and has a will....

But the connection with God is indispensable and therefore God must be acknowledged as a being, which is also extremely easy because every work of creation reveals a will which has become form through His omnipotence and reveals profound wisdom, thus perfect thinking. And as long as a work of creation is visible to the human eye, God's omnipotence is also proven to a certain extent, because every work of creation is an expression of God's strength, thus it must be God Himself where His strength is expressed. If the human being seriously thinks about it, the thought of an entity is much more acceptable to him, because the meaning and purpose of the works of creation leave no doubt that a wise will underlies them, and where there is a will there is also the possibility to incline this will. Consequently, the connection can be established through appealing thoughts, because the human being has gained the conviction within himself that the mental appeal will be heard everywhere and at all times, and that it can be granted on the part of the being Which is perfect and therefore also full of love and power....

The being of God is by no means to be personified, for this would be a limitation according to human thinking, which would also make the omnipresence difficult to believe, for the beingness of God cannot be brought into a humanly imaginable form. But in Jesus Christ the elemental power of God, the radiance of God, has manifested itself, i.e., it has fully and completely fulfilled a physical form, it has become, as it were, the enlivener of this external form and is therefore visible to those who want to form an idea of God.... For God allows all His thoughts to become form through His will, including the thought of making Himself visible to people without them being consumed by His abundance of strength and light. A visible form, however, is bound to time and place according to natural law, it is only then spaceless and timeless when it has completely spiritualized itself, yet it remains imaginable to people. And in the spiritual kingdom the eye can then behold this form and thus see God face to face. God's spirit, however, is active everywhere and constantly, i.e. He lets His thoughts become form through His will. He must therefore be an entity because His will and wisdom is recognizable in everything His strength has created. And since the eternal deity wants to establish the connection with Himself, the human being must also be able to believe that God is an entity, for if he imagines Him as mere strength he will never ever try to establish this connection, but then he will

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live his earthly life unsuccessfully, for spiritual progress must require prayer to God for grace, and this will certainly ascend to an **entity** Who is omnipresent but never to a strength which is denied will and the ability to think, thus the characteristics of an entity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Visible presence of Jesus....

B.D. No. **7713** September 28th 1960

Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst of them...." I have promised you My presence and I stand by My word: I am with you who make Me the content of your thoughts, who love Me and therefore also desire the bond with Me. And where I am present My spirit will certainly become effective, and you will all be of one spirit because I Myself guide your thoughts and express Myself through your mouth. I am in your midst.... but I require your loving remembrance of Me.... you shall gather in My Name; I, your God and father, your Jesus, will be the aim of all of you, I will be the one who fills your heart, and My name you shall pronounce in faith, in reverence and love.... And I will be in the midst of you, and thus you can be certain of My presence and present all questions to Me which occupy you.... I will answer them through My spirit. I still dwell on earth, only not in the flesh as I once did, yet in spirit I am with everyone who longs for My presence.... But I can also appear to you visibly if this is advisable for you, if I can help you or strengthen you in great spiritual or earthly adversity.... Perhaps not everyone will be able to see Me if their degree of maturity does not allow for spiritual vision. Or I will come unnoticed and also leave again, and you will ask yourselves why you feel exceedingly blessed.... you will need some time until it becomes clear to you what you were allowed to experience.... But you will always experience great spiritual strengthening and burn with ever increasing love for Me, because you already have love within yourselves otherwise you would not have been allowed to behold Me. And you should rejoice when you have such an experience, for then you will know that the father leans down to His children in order to reveal Himself to them. But there will only ever be a few who can bear Me and My visible presence, even though I appear in a simple garment and leave all fullness of light behind so as not to blind you who still walk on the dark earth. But where a light has already been kindled, there I can appear visibly without danger for their souls. And the hardship will befall you in such a way that you will need heavenly strengthening in order to be able to withstand it. And I Myself will bring this to you.... and you should not doubt it, for I gave you the promise: "Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst of them...." and who will hinder Me if I allow one or the other to see Me?.... Therefore always think of Me with heartfelt love and wait for My coming, which is very easily possible even before the time. For whatever happens is based on My love and wisdom and shall only ever serve the maturing of your souls, which I want to draw to Myself in ardent love and which are often so weak that they shall be exceptionally strengthened, which My appearance will also achieve. And thus always keep My promise and live in the awareness of My presence when you come together to exchange spiritual information, and I will be with you because the father longs for His children and also wants to make them happy with His presence....

Amen

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Recognize God in Jesus Christ

"No one comes to the father except through Me...."

B.D. No. **5952** May 9th 1954

o one comes to the father except through Me.... These words alone should make people realize the importance of acknowledging Jesus as the son of God and redeemer of the world, and yet they have completely lost their impact, for humanity does not respect them, otherwise it would not so thoughtlessly reject Him Who calls Himself the bridge to the father.... The words of scripture are for most people only letters without spirit and life.... They speak them without being aware of their meaning, they completely disregard the lord's words and therefore do not find their way to the father either, because they do not believe in Him with the conviction which would result in heeding the divine word. No one comes to the father except through Me.... Yet people lack the will to reach the father, which is why they do not seek the **path** to Him either.... which is also why the divine redeemer Jesus Christ is of no significance to them. This attitude leads to downfall, to spiritual death.... Since they do not reach the father, they remain in the power of the one who is God's adversary, they remain in the depths because they do not desire to ascend. It is an exceedingly regrettable state that people do not show any striving upwards, that they do not think about their earthly task and that they are also indifferent to Christ's teaching, the gospel, that they do not accept any of His words as important and think about them.... that they cannot attain realization because they do not seek enlightenment, because they are completely indifferent to what God wants to convey to them through the scriptures and what the man Jesus, as God's spokesman, preached to people.... And no-one thinks of the fact that he only stays on earth in order to bring about the return to the father, and that he is constantly offered the opportunity to do so, which he rejects in his rigid mind because he does not believe. The distance between the human being and the father is great, yet one offers Himself for guidance, for mediation.... One has built the bridge which makes the path to the father passable, and this **one** offers His help to all people.... But He is not listened to, He is not heeded, if He wants to remind people of Himself.... Blind and deaf they pass Him by, although He calls out to them: "No one comes to the father except through Me...." He says of Himself: "I am the way, the truth and the life...." Therefore, anyone who seeks truth and life must take the path via Jesus Christ, he must make use of His mediation, he must request strength from Him to be able to cover the earthly path with the success which is the purpose of life: to find union with the father which only ensures a life of bliss, a life which lasts forever. People do not know what fate they are facing through their indifference and unbelief, they do not know what they are forfeiting by not respecting the divine word, by not taking refuge in the one Who alone can save them from ruin.... They don't know and don't believe the words of those who know and want to help them. And even if the word sounds from above, they do not accept it, for they listen to another voice, to the voice of the world with which God's adversary addresses them and to which they willingly open their ears.... They seek not life but death.... they reject the one Who promises them life, and therefore they will remain in sin and death, because without Jesus Christ there is no redemption and no return to the father's house....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

God in Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. **6098**

November 4th 1954

truly want to be your teacher and advisor and guide you on the path to perfection.... But your will has to accept and acknowledge Me as your guide and teacher, otherwise My instructions will

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remain without effect and you will not take a step forward in your development. If I now meet you in Jesus Christ.... to Whom you must completely profess in your heart.... then the right path is shown to you at the same time, for only through Jesus Christ is the path leading to the aim. It is impossible to establish a connection with **God** without acknowledging Jesus Christ, because I Myself can only be sought and found in **Him** and there is no other God apart from Jesus Christ. And therein lies the great adversity on earth, that people reject Me, as it were, that they don't want to know and believe that the eternal deity.... the all-fulfilling strength.... manifested itself in Jesus Christ.... but now also wants to be acknowledged.... that I Myself in Jesus Christ confront them when faith in Me is demanded of them. And you will always be instructed in this sense when you are taught the **truth**. Every **other** portrayal of Me, of your task, of the eternal deity does **not** correspond to the truth.... And yet, other representations are far more likely to be believed.... And that is why humanity takes the wrong path, it does not take the path via Golgotha, it does not take the path which I, as the human being Jesus, initiated upwards.... it does not take the path of love.... otherwise it would recognize and acknowledge Jesus Christ as the 'embodied' eternal love.

Belief in a creating power alone is not enough, for such a Power **cannot** be denied by a thinking human being.... But the fact that this creating power made Itself imaginable to you in Jesus Christ.... that It and He are therefore **one** and that therefore the human being **must** unite with **Jesus Christ** if he wants to unite with God, this must be assumed to be true and established, otherwise the human being lacks faith in Me, even though he does not deny a 'God'. I call for faith in Jesus Christ, which only demonstrates a **true** faith.... a faith which was awakened to life through love; for anyone who convincingly acknowledges Jesus Christ as God's son, in Whom I embodied Myself, has also already kindled the love within himself which imparted the light of realization, the strength of conviction to him.... but without which one cannot speak of true faith....

But I am not satisfied with blind faith.... And therefore I instruct you Myself and offer Myself to you as a guide so that you will be guided correctly in your thinking and through truth also gain full understanding for the mystery of God's incarnation in Jesus Christ. **Proper** instruction will give you light, and you will also accept it.... And only **I Myself** can give you this instruction on condition that you allow yourselves to be taught by Me.... that you ask the 'eternal deity', Whom you acknowledge within yourselves, for clarification, for right thinking and for right guidance. I will truly comply with this request and always be ready to introduce you to the truth, so that you can believe with full conviction and become blessed through this faith....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

God became visible in Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. **7147** June 18th 1958

Anyone who professes Me will also be admitted into My kingdom, for he will already be an aspirant to My kingdom as soon as he has found the path back to Me from Whom he once separated of his own free will. He no longer acknowledged Me, and this was the sin against Me, his God and Creator of eternity, which could not be redeemed in any other way than through the conscious acknowledgement of Me Myself.... And in order to enable the human being to do so I personified Myself in the human being Jesus.... For the reason for apostasy from Me rested in the fact that My living creations were unable to behold Me.... Hence they turned to the one who was visible to them who, in a manner of speaking, participated in their emergence and who, despite greatest awareness, volitionally dissociated himself from the Deity Whom he, too, was unable to behold. And thus I became a visible God for you humans in Jesus Christ, and as a result of My human manifestation the reason to deny Me acknowledgment actually no longer applied.... But now the acknowledgment of Me at the same time also requires the acknowledgment of Jesus Christ's act of Salvation....

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Due to the immense guilt of the original sin a redemption from it became necessary for you humans, the guilt had to be redeemed first because I could not accept sinful living creations anymore, or, My justice demanded an atonement for this guilt which only then would restore the former relationship between the living creations and Myself again.... which had been disrupted by the said sin. This act of atonement for humankind was thus offered by the human being Jesus; nevertheless, I manifested Myself in this human being Jesus for I wanted to redeem you humans from the great guilt Myself, it is just that I had to avail Myself of a human cover which then, however, should eternally shelter Me within itself, so that My beings would be able to behold their God and Creator, so that they would be able to recognise and love their Father in Him, Whom they then could wholeheartedly approach without having to vanish as a result of His fire of love....

And thus everyone who acknowledges the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ has started the path of return into the Father's house, because he simultaneously acknowledges Me Myself in Him and, as a result of the act of Salvation, his original sin is redeemed. He will therefore also be admitted into My kingdom, I will come to meet My child as Father, for I Myself never separated from him, I merely accepted his will which had turned away from Me because it was free. And thus **free will** has to become active again and strive to return to Me. This is demonstrated by the person through his conscious acknowledgment of Jesus Christ and His act of Salvation and the conscious relationship with Him through his call and appeal for deliverance. For he knows that he is restricted as long as he has not yet found Me in Jesus Christ.

The acknowledgment of Myself is a free act of will which, however, changes a state that had lasted an eternity, which leads from death into life, out of the night and into the light.... For the acknowledgment of Me will also, and without fail, entail a change of character, the human being will re-enter the divine order.... he will leave the region which has been his abode for endless times and enter the spheres of light, albeit his body still remains on earth.... But the soul.... the once fallen spirit.... strives towards its home again, for the acknowledgment of Me Myself in Jesus Christ will always be associated with a transmission of strength and light so that the person will recognise what is right and good and thus his intentions and actions have to be good and right too. For now I will not leave the side of My child again which has found Me, and with My guidance it will also reach its goal with certainty, it will be accepted as My child in the Father's house where it will live in freedom and light and blissful happiness, where it will create with Me and in My will as is and has been its destiny since the beginning....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

God's spirit in the man Jesus.... following....

B.D. No. **5577** January 14th 1953

You humans can be full of the divine spirit if you live as followers of Jesus. As a human being He was no different from you, His life was only a struggle and fight against the desires which He felt like you but wanted to suppress out of love for Me. His life was a life of love for His neighbour, whom He knew was in need and wanted to help. What He achieved you humans could also achieve if you were serious about receiving Me Myself in all fullness. His soul was indeed from the kingdom of light but it did not recognize itself as such **until** the man Jesus was permeated by My spirit of love. At times My spirit did speak from Him, then the man Jesus spoke with supernatural wisdom and astonished his fellow human beings.... Yet as soon as My spirit hid itself again Jesus felt just as human as they did and His occasionally brighter spiritual state confused and frightened Him; He was closed but turned towards Me with ever more intimate love which then also gave Him the light about His earthly task.... The man Jesus had to wrestle with all powers which were against Him, He had to experience and suffer everything only a human being can suffer, for He preceded you humans on the path which you should and can also take with His help. I helped Him Myself with My strength of love, which He constantly requested and acquired through His life of love. And this unusual supply of

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strength of love enabled Him to accomplish the work of salvation.... You humans, too, could accomplish unusual things if you wanted to acquire My strength of love yourselves through loving activity; yet you lack the will which, however, was overdeveloped in the man Jesus, yet again only as a result of the love He developed within Himself. As a soul of light His soul felt the great spiritual hardship of the environment, and therefore its will to help was so strong and inspired the man Jesus to work in love.... You humans also see spiritual and earthly hardship around you, and if you wanted to help, you would also receive the strength.... because the will is taken into account.... And you, too, could be full of the divine spirit, because every work of love could result in My strength of love and thus My spirit could become effective in you. The following of Jesus would truly not be demanded of you humans if it could not be fulfilled. For again and again it has to be emphasized that Jesus walked His path on earth as a **human being** and that all divine attributes were His humanly acquired merits, that the deity did not **determine** His path of life but that the human being subjugated the deity to Himself.... well understood: that the love of Jesus, the human being, moved Me to the unlimited expression of love, because I am powerless against love, because I Myself am love from eternity.... The man Jesus has conquered Me Myself with Me, He has done what I Myself had to do.... what My fundamental nature demands.... to let the power of love take effect.... And every human being who works in love forces Me into self-emptying.... Yet this compulsion is the most pleasing feeling for Me, Who always wants to give Myself away but can only give Myself away according to My law of eternity where love meets Me. Love must unite the being with Me, then it is filled by My spirit, by My strength of love, and then it can work in and with Me, then the human being has taken the path of following Jesus which leads to unification with Me....

Amen

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Faith in God's presence

Spiritual dialogue.... presence of God.... doubt - worry....

B.D. No. **4456** October 10th 1948

he clearest answer to your mental questions will not satisfy you if you don't firmly believe that ▲ the mental answer is My spirit's working. As long as you doubt this you will not be able to have inner peace either, because you are constantly tormented by thoughts which require a clear answer from Me. Always feel so intimately united with Me that you are certain of My constant participation in your life, then you will also be able to believe that I live with you and know your every adversity and worry. You must acquire this awareness of My participation and constant presence, then your life will also be easy, then you will be filled with the feeling of togetherness which fills you with strength, then you will always know in Me the strong companion Who helps you over all obstacles, Who guides you and guards your every step, Who will not leave you unprotected against any enemy attack, Who is always with you because He loves you. Only gain faith in My love.... What you entrust to Me in thought, in the adversity of your heart, will not go unheard by My ears, and if you listen quietly and attentively within, you will also hear My answer in thought: only believe that I speak to you through your thoughts and therefore do not reject them.... After heartfelt prayer to Me My spirit's answer is active, which gives you the inner conviction to be right, for if you implore Me I will not remain silent because you should believe that I will help you. You are still weak in faith in Me and My love and therefore live in restlessness, in fear and worry and in a feeling of loneliness. Yet believe that I am with you, believe that My love applies to you and that I will never ever leave you, and let this awareness of My presence become so strong in you that you therefore fear nothing that approaches you from outside. For I want to give you peace of mind which, however, can only make you happy in the feeling of togetherness with Me. You are never alone, and My word is the visible sign of My presence.... How can you, who receive My word, doubt My presence? And what else but doubts about it are your fear and worry, which are invalid if you firmly and convincingly believe that I am with you and help you in every adversity and distress of body and soul? And therefore you will be able to do without any other help if it is denied to you by your fellow human beings. You will never turn to Me in vain, and therefore always come to Me when you are weary and burdened.... My love is always ready to help you if only you request My help, if you pray to Me in spirit and in truth and believe.... for I will never let a strong faith go to waste....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Living christians.... power of faith.... presence of God....

B.D. No. **7256** January 15th 1959

Only when you are faced with great adversity will it become clear whether you are living christians or only call yourselves formal christians who will fail when they have to prove themselves. And this time will come upon you when only a living faith can help you, when you have to prove yourselves, when the strength of faith has to be tested, which only a living faith can muster. The majority of people only have a formal faith; they do not reject what they have been taught but they have not yet seriously thought about the teachings. And as soon as they are prompted to call upon their God and creator, they will look for Him in the distance because they do not yet have communion with Him, a communion which manifests itself as a feeling of God's presence. And as long as this feeling is not yet in the human being, God has not yet come alive in him, and faith in God is only an empty expression, because he does not possess Him. Only the feeling of God's presence characterises

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a living christian, and then he will also possess the strength of faith which lets him take the path to the father in great hardship and ask for help from Him. Much suffering and misery will befall people, precisely in order to put their faith to the test. And it does not depend on the **denominations**, for every denomination can include living and dead followers, people who have entered into intimate bonds with God and those for whom God is and will remain the distant God, Whom they certainly know by name but have no bond with Him themselves as yet in order to call upon Him for help and assistance in cases of sudden adversity. But the need comes.... It must come for the sake of people who walk along indifferently and have not yet decided for themselves how they will relate to their God and creator from eternity.... It must come for people who believe to be christians and are only christians in name.... A confession of Jesus Christ is required of all, and only those who have a living faith can make such a confession.... but not those who only know about Him but have not yet established the right relationship with Him, which He requires in order to be able to be their redeemer from sin and death. Every person can decide once for the right relationship with Him, and he should do it of his own free will, because earthly life repeatedly gives him the opportunity to make this decision. But anyone who is foolish, who only ever remains a formal christian, that is, who is well aware of the divine redeemer but has never made use of His love and grace in order to be redeemed from his bondage.... who has not yet spoken to his father like a child, will first have to go through suffering and hardship in order to find the path to Him; he will first have to be so severely affected that only one way out remains for him, to take refuge in God in Jesus Christ and thereby confess that he believes in Him alive.... whereas the formal christian often still loses his shallow faith when the going gets tough and thereby proves that he has not yet had any bond with Him, the divine redeemer Jesus Christ, with God Himself.... The closer it is to the end, the more necessary this testing of faith will be, for more and more people separate themselves, even if they belong to an ecclesiastical community, but it is only an illusory bond for the sake of fellow human beings, there is nothing true and living left which can be counted as a 'community of believers'. The churches are only worldly organizations, but no longer the union of deeply believing people who see in **Jesus Christ** the founder of their church, which was only founded on firm faith. And people will therefore be forced by life to make a confession, for the coming time will be very difficult for many people but nevertheless also a blessing for the living christian, because he will establish the bond with God ever more firmly and he will also be led out of all adversity and distress by his faith, because there is nothing for the living christian which cannot be overcome with the 'strength of faith'....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Faith in God's presence....

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Am present to you as soon as you make contact with Me in spirit and in truth.... But you humans still search for Me in the distance; only a few hand themselves over to Me like a child and thereby establish the right relationship with Me.... The majority of people certainly speaks about a God and Creator, they believe in an exceedingly powerful Being, but they also deem this Being to be infinitely far away; they don't know that I would like to be in contact with them as their God and Creator and that they need only establish this contact, because they distanced themselves from Me and thus they must also strive towards Me again. But neither are they capable of heartfelt prayer, that is, of communicating with Me in spirit and in truth, or even just of sending a sincerely felt call from the heart to Me. They merely use memorised prayers which are of no value to Me, which I do not hear and therefore cannot grant either.... I want to be called upon in spirit and in truth, I want that heartfelt thoughts ascend to Me which will induce Me to lean down to the petitioner, to draw close and be present to him.... Yet blessed are those who have already established this heartfelt bond and through a prayer in spirit and truth motivate Me to be present to them, to whom I therefore can also speak, in thought or audibly, if their state of maturity allows for it. You should only yearn for and allow My presence, for My presence also necessitates a purified heart which love has prepared for Me as an

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abode in which I Myself can dwell.... But if you humans **believe** in a God with Whom you can make contact, your way of life will also be a life of **love** otherwise you would not have this faith.... For faith will only come alive through love.... Humanity, however, is devoid of all love, love has grown cold amongst people.... This is why a living faith is only rarely to be found, a faith which seeks Me and motivates a person to make contact with Me, for love is already the bond with Me, the human being draws Me close to himself and induces Me to be present.... And thus love alone determines the relationship between the human being and Me. Where love is kindled in the heart, a gentle inner urging to reach Me can already be felt.... Consequently, the loving person will also pray in spirit and in truth, for the love within establishes the connection with the Eternal Love.... with Me, Who can then be present to him. And once I Am present I can also speak to him, I can guide his thoughts, I can grant him a wealth of thoughts which he can only receive from Me directly.... I Myself can work in him, as I have promised.... However, My presence is always essential, only kind-hearted activity will motivate Me to be present to him.

But how far have people distanced themselves from Me as a result of their heartless life.... They cannot recognise Me because they are still spiritually unenlightened and thus make it impossible for Me to take direct effect in them through mental communications, for they cannot hear My Words in their distance to God and even if their fellow human beings informed them they wouldn't understand.... It is also difficult to make them believe in a God Who wants to be their Father, Who wants to give pleasure to them as children if they look for this bond with Him.... They cannot believe because they have no love within themselves which would awaken the faith in the first place. Therefore they will not be capable of praying in spirit and in truth.... unless great adversity overwhelms them and they call upon the powerful Creator of Heaven and Earth, Who also created them.... And if such a call comes from the heart I will hear and grant it.... Nevertheless, only I know the heart of every individual person, and only I know whether earthly help is a blessing for him or whether a premature recall into the kingdom of the beyond is more favourable for the soul which can no longer find Me on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Strong faith.... Following Jesus....

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Follow Me and you will attain an ironclad faith.... A person's faith cannot come alive until he lives a life of love, until he takes the path I took Myself on earth, the path of unselfish neighbourly love.... You can certainly also acquire intellectual faith, that is, by way of logical conclusion gain a rational conviction of Me as Creator and Provider or of the One Who had allowed Himself to be nailed to the cross for you.... then you will also believe, yet such faith is not of much use to you.... it is merely a statement of facts which, admittedly, cannot be proven either but nevertheless will no longer leave you in doubt.... But what is a **living** faith?

A faith which lives and demonstrates or affirms its life through extraordinary works.... A faith which believes itself capable of doing extraordinary things in the firm realisation of also achieving them with My support.... A living faith demonstrates its strength, without doubting it takes My help for granted, and such faith enables the human being to achieve things which are regarded as miracles and yet are only the results of a living faith. And such faith can only be gained through a life of unselfish neighbourly love as I exemplified on earth, because love is the strength which achieves everything. Anyone who lives in love receives so much strength from Me that he wants to somehow put it into action, as a result of his activity of love he also feels My presence, and this realisation lets him bring about everything he is prompted to do by his heart....

Love and a living faith cannot be separated; this is why love should be preached to people first, so that they will attain this living faith, for intellectual faith is no substitute for living faith, since it will fail as soon as people are faced by great hardship, it will shrink, the human being will be of little faith

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in the true sense of the word, perhaps even giving up his faith because it lacks the strength of love. Fighting for and trying to attain a firm faith means doing ever more labours of love, to overcome oneself and change selfish love into unselfish neighbourly love.... This necessitates fighting against all longings, but his struggle will bring him great rewards, for anyone with a living faith no longer knows fear, worry and doubt, he feels safe and secure in Me in Whom he believes, he no longer feels lonely but takes every step with Me, Who lives in him and Who acts and works with him in every way.... Anyone with a living faith is victorious over life and death, for God's strength is at his disposal, he is in such close contact with Me that he will also always make use of My strength and achieve everything because he believes....

Amen

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Consequences of faith

Gifts of the spirit....

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Your constant endeavour should be to develop the gifts of the spirit within you, for then you will be able to say with certainty: The lord is in Me.... for then it will no longer be you who speak, think or act, but I Myself am in you and work in you through My spirit. But I also want to prove My presence to you, I want to reward your faith, which has to be present where My spirit wants to express itself.... And I want to transfer My strength of love to you in such a way that you will be able to do whatever you want, so that My strength will become visible in you. The strength of your faith now also determines the gift of the spirit which now falls to you, which you have, as it were, acquired through faith and love.... For the degree of love determines the measure of strength supply, which again has the effect of strong faith and the strength of faith now makes it possible to work miracles, thus My spirit's expression is requested in excess without doubting that I now do what the human being requests.... Every supernatural gift is, as it were, a miracle, yet it is actually only a natural process for someone who already has realization, who knows that I am love, that love is strength and that you can draw this strength of love from Me if you yourselves develop love within yourselves and thus cause Me Myself to work. Gifts of the spirit are always only signs of the establishment of the being's original state or relationship with Me. The right relationship must inevitably also guarantee an abundance of light and strength, and in this abundance of light and strength the human being will also think, speak and act full of light and strength, he will have knowledge, he will be able to speak in wisdom, he will be able to instruct and enlighten people, he will know everything that is connected with Me. Hence he will have the gift of wisdom and be exceedingly active for his fellow human beings because he will be able to give them light; he will have unusual strength at his disposal and therefore be able to accomplish things which are regarded as miracles by people and yet can only be achieved by using My strength of love. Gifts of the spirit are all those unusual abilities which require divine strength, which therefore cannot be acquired by the human intellect but can always be acquired by a heart willing to love. Gifts of the spirit always prove the intimate connection with Me, because it is I Myself Who reveals Myself through such gifts, and therefore a person who keeps away from Me, who has not already established the connection, the right relationship with Me through loving activity, cannot demonstrate a gift of the spirit. But how I express Myself through a person depends on the mission a person has taken on; it depends on his strength of will and faith in which way My strength, My spirit, takes effect.... Yet My spirit will always testify to Me, thus every spiritual gift will glorify Me and My name, testify to Me and My teaching and be able to lead people to faith in Me, for this is the working of My spirit, that it wants to lead people to Me, that the father-spirit of eternity is striven for, that the human being feels inwardly urged to establish the connection with Me in order to then be seized by My love which will never let him fall again.

And therefore it is always possible to speak of the **working** of the spirit where work is done for Me and My kingdom if this happens in a living way. **Gifts** of the spirit, however, are obviously recognizable and require a particularly strong faith and also an activity of love which has resulted in this faith. For I Myself can reveal Myself through such a person and, as it were, let My manifestation of strength become visible, but this is only ever intended to awaken faith in fellow human beings, yet with respect for free will, for My spiritual gifts do not necessitate it, apart from the gift of healing the sick, which can certainly leave a deeper impression which could determine people's faith.... But even such faith first has to come alive through love.... thus the human being will certainly no longer be able to deny unusual things which relate to Me, but he will only derive the right benefit from the realization of this if he himself lets his faith become a living one through love.... which is why this gift of the

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spirit can also be a blessing if it is correctly recognized. You should all strive for gifts of the spirit, yet not for the sake of visible success but for the sake of the strength of faith.... you should strive for them in order to be able to give a living testimony of the union with Me, Who now works in you through My spirit. Anyone who can demonstrate gifts of the spirit is in **fully conscious** contact with Me, he has already felt Me Myself and his zeal for Me and My kingdom is now understandable and is promoted by Me through the gifts of the spirit. Nevertheless, even such spiritual gifts are not always recognized by fellow human beings, because an awakened spirit is also necessary for the recognition of divine expressions of strength, for the recognition of My revelations, because only people who are willing to love have awakened the spirit within themselves which then enlightens them and gives them brightness, which now also directs their thinking, willing and speaking correctly. But where My spirit still slumbers in a person, understanding cannot be expected for processes which can be explained purely spiritually, for spiritual gifts which require living faith but which also require living faith in order to be recognized....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Healing the sick in the name of Jesus....

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ay your hands on the sick and bless them.... and the strength of your faith will heal them, because you entrust the sick person to Me Myself and My strength is unlimited and therefore can also work without restriction as soon as you believe it.... Whatever you do in unity with Me has to succeed.... But do you really feel closely united with Me?.... I must ask you this question because on this alone depends your strength for healing the sick, because it depends on you yourselves as to whether you enable your fellow beings' recovery, because your faith has to be so strong that you can feel My living presence beside you and thus work in unity with Me when you pronounce My name as you bless the sick person in My name.... I have become such a distant God to humanity that it can no longer understand how a human being can be so intimately united with Me as to use My strength according to his will, and even My believers only rarely muster such strength of faith that they won't doubt for a minute that I will support them if they want to help their fellow human beings.... Hence there are only a few with the gift of healing the sick at their disposal, precisely because they use Me and My strength when they need it.... And faith in Me during the last days has become so weak and small amongst humanity that a profoundly devout person with extraordinary strength at his disposal will also attract extraordinary attention, so that he then will either achieve much spiritual success by leading people back to believing in Me and the strength of My name or be treated with hostility by those who lack all strength of faith yet claim the sole right for themselves to proclaim My name to people.

And the latter are more to blame than the complete non-believers, for they know and acknowledge Me and yet lack living faith in Me, they merely uphold words which have not yet come sufficiently alive in them to demonstrate their effects. They haven't put them to the test, which a living faith is able to do.... and if someone sets an example for them they attack him because they sense his spiritual superiority and enviously recognise My assistance which they have not yet laid claim to themselves. In the last days before the end the number of people will increase in whom the gifts of the spirit will take effect, people, who will be in such heartfelt contact with Me that everything they do will be done with Me, in My will and by calling upon My name.... And they will prove themselves in various ways as My messengers, for whatever a person who is permeated by My spirit subsequently thinks, speaks or does will point to Me and My kingdom.... and everything betrays a special strength which is only at his disposal because he allows Me to work through him, because his faith in Me and the strength of My love is so strong that it flows to him unimpeded, and thus he can also help his fellow human beings in a supernatural way.... For he is full of love for them and this love provides him with strength from Me directly.... and thus it will also be possible for him to carry out whatever he wants....

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Miracle consequence of faith....

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y love is and always remains turned towards you.... And My love only ever wants what is best ▲ for you, it only ever wants your soul's salvation, which will continue to exist when the body has passed away. Everything that affects you in earthly life is based on My love, and therefore you need not be despondent and anxious for a minute, for My love levels everything in its time, it creates the balance where body and soul are unequally considered, that is, where the soul is in danger due to the use of the body and yet shall mature according to My will. You can always be firmly convinced that I keep a watchful eye and know about your spiritual as well as your physical needs and will remedy them at the right time. Therefore you need not worry, whatever it may be, for I Myself take care of you. I only require of you that you completely hand yourselves over to Me, that you don't go your own way, that you are always willing to let yourselves be guided by Me.... that you therefore let go of every worry and trust Me completely that I will provide a remedy for everything that distresses you. Every worry of your own is a lack of trust and hinders Me in My plan of love. But if you completely hand yourselves over to My will and believe in My love and My might, then you can truly travel your earthly path unencumbered, for My love protects you from getting into danger if you only let yourselves be guided by Me. Hence this is a **convinced** faith which truly makes you come alive, for then every burden will fall away from you and you will be able to be unusually active, for then you will also receive strength which you will then use in My will.... I ask much of you.... to believe that I am present to you, Whom you nevertheless cannot see.... But you who hear My word directly, you who are addressed by **Me** through My messengers, this belief should be easy for you, for My voice is proof of My presence to you.... And thus, if you know Me Myself present to you, you can nevertheless also be convinced that I know about all your sufferings and hardships and that I can remedy them.... And then you must also believe that I will remedy them when the time comes, otherwise your faith would still be very weak and then also explain your hardship. I am your God and father, your creator from eternity.... Everything has come forth from Me in wisdom and power and so also you yourselves, whom I have created out of My love.... You should only think of this My creative power, of My wisdom, might and love, then every anxious worry will fall away from you, because then you will know that nothing is impossible for Me.... And because My love always and forever applies to you, I will also use My power if you should become healthy in body and soul.... but I can only ever use it when this no longer means compulsory faith for you.... You shall not attain faith through miracles but you shall also **experience miracles** through **faith....** And it is truly easy for you to let such faith come alive in you, for I work on you so obviously, I speak to you, I let My word resound in your heart.... and you only need to tear down and overcome one thin wall, the quiet doubts which still arise in you from time to time.... You only ever need to imagine My great love for you and then you will also be certain that this love will do everything for you in order to give you life and that it will also sustain your earthly life as long as you want to be active in a life-awakening way. Throw all burdens away from you and entrust yourselves to Me, and know that your saviour and redeemer lives, that He took all infirmities upon Himself so that you may become free from them....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Aspiring to the spiritual gifts....

B.D. No. **6780** March 10th 1957

You should all strive for the gifts of the spirit, for they alone are the sign of belonging to My church which I founded on earth.... And already the serious will to belong to this church of Mine opens your heart to receive My spiritual gifts. For through this will the spirit in you will be prompted

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to express itself to you: He will, for the time being, stimulate you into loving activity. And this is a sure sign of the divine spirit in you, because it is love itself and therefore also expresses itself through stimulation into loving activity. And if you comply with this impulse the spirit will truly give you unusual consideration, it will illuminate your thinking, and enlightened thinking is a spiritual gift which cannot be valued highly enough.... when you now understand everything and can even explain everything which was previously incomprehensible to you, when you understand My word.... be it written or spoken.... as My direct address and it is clearly understandable to you. You can all acquire this spiritual gift because it is possible for all of you to practice love and thus only the serious will is required to belong to Me and My church. And the more intimately you want to enter into a bond with Me, the more your love will burn within you, the more you will also challenge My working of the spirit, and then obvious expressions of the spirit will give you the evidence that My promise will be fulfilled: "My spirit will guide you into all truth and remind you of everything I have told you...." You will be able to draw the deepest knowledge from within yourselves, the 'spirit of God' will visibly work in you and His gifts will also be recognizable to your fellow human beings. And depending on the strength of your faith you will also be capable of unusual activity with your fellow human beings, you will be able to work miracles, heal the sick, cast out devils and truly also recall vanishing life, for nothing is impossible for the spirit from Me and thus it can also accomplish what seems impossible for you if your faith and love allow Me Myself to be present in you, thus I Myself can work through you. And thus you can also attain the prophetic gift that you know and see what I will let come upon you humans for the sake of your soul's salvation.... and that you can now also admonish and warn your fellow human beings regarding these events, because you know that you only speak on My behalf and divest yourselves of everything that fills you with foresight. Gifts of the spirit are always expressions of the ignited spiritual spark in you which was able to unite with the eternal father-spirit, with Me Myself, through your free will to establish the connection with Me, to seek union with the one from Whom you once took your origin. And this bond is the characteristic of belonging to My church, the spiritual gifts are certain proof that you have striven for and found unity with Me, otherwise I Myself could not express Myself in you, neither in the form of enlightened thoughts nor through unusual knowledge or unusual achievements. But if you humans want to belong to My church, if you want to be members of that church which I Myself founded on earth, then you must also strive for the gifts of the spirit, for you can all do this if only you muster the serious will to do so, for this will already provides you with strength. And the spiritual spark within you will now constantly urge you to do what corresponds to My will; it will stimulate you to fulfil the commandments of love for God and your neighbour, it will let you recognize your shortcomings and faults and prompt you to work on yourselves.... But you must listen to his quiet voice and thus make an effort to comply with his urging.... And you will be allowed to receive glorious gifts of the spirit, for never again will the source dry up which your own will has opened up in yourselves.... The strength of the spirit will fill you and the attainment of the aim on earth will truly be certain for you....

Amen

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Love is the key to the spiritual kingdom....

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You will only be able to comprehend Me through love.... There is no other way you can win Me, no other way to recognise Me but through love. And thus you have the key which will open the door to My heart for you, the gate into the spiritual kingdom, to your Father's house. Without this key all access will remain blocked, everything My love, wisdom and omnipotence has created in the spiritual kingdom will remain hidden from you, without this key all knowledge of truth will remain concealed, you will lack all divine wisdom because without love you will be engulfed by darkness, since only love will give you light.... thus leading you into realisation. You would be incredibly mighty if you would heed My Words and live a life of love.... For love is also strength and nothing would be impossible for you if you would change your nature into love. Hence, with these Words I

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Am giving you the promise of an abundance of light and strength, of blissfulness, through the inflow of My Fatherly love, if you just unite yourselves with Me through deeds of love, if you just reciprocate My love for you.... Yet you don't believe My Words or you would all endeavour to live a life of love.

Why don't you put it to the test.... Let go off all selfish love, look around yourselves and wherever you see hardship try to bring help, wherever you find people suffering physical or psychological ailments try to heal them, give to them earthly and spiritually whatever they need, give them food and drink, and let go of your possessions if you thereby can ease the hardship of people in need. Try it and you will experience the truth of My Word, you will grow in strength and light, you will rise above your own earthly suffering, nothing will affect you which previously appeared to weigh you down, you will feel the strength of love in yourselves and the happiness of your union with Me, which you establish with every deed of love, will compensate you a thousand fold for what you have given away.... You will recognise Me and feel My hand holding you, you will feel the flow of My love's strength pour into you and, being spiritually brightly enlightened, you will be able to hear and behold what otherwise is hidden to you humans....

Take the test and believe My Word, practise love.... and you will win Me and never ever lose Me again.... Believe Me, for I truly won't instruct you wrongly, I want you to become blessed, and since only love is able to turn you into happy beings I constantly just urge you to love....

Yet then you will have to combat the spirit within you which is lacking all love and to which you owe your earthly existence.... He impels you to selfish love, he wants to extinguish the divine spark within you, he wants to prevent you from living a life of love. Hence you will have to fight it, that is, you have to fight your own cravings which only increase your selfish love and weaken the true love towards Me and your neighbour, so that you will be unable to experience the strength of love yourselves.... Fight against it and follow Me, accept these Words in your heart and act accordingly, and your fate will be the complete union with Me and infinite bliss....

Amen

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