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Serving in love

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‘No-one can serve two masters....’

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No-one can serve two masters.... Anyone who wants to make contact with Me will never be able to look towards the world, for I can only be found beyond the world, and if I should allow Myself to be found then the desire for the world must be put aside, it must be completely ignored, for the world belongs to My adversary, it is his domain where he has free reign. And he really does not aspire to lead people to Me by way of the world, instead, he seeks to displace Me, he constantly tries to place special emphasis on the world so that I should be forgotten. So if anyone amongst you is serious about his higher development he cannot possibly still pay tribute to the world.... even though he is still in the midst of the world which makes great demands on him which he has to comply with, yet there is indeed a difference between duty and personal worldly longing. The former is entirely according to My will, for on earth you are given a task, but apart from that you can also fully accomplish your spiritual task, the maturing of your soul, if the desire for the world does not prevail, which happens when earthly pleasures and cravings predominate the desire for spiritual possessions, so that thereby the human being forgets about Me and, indeed, even the thought of Me is uncomfortable leading to his dismissal of Me. Anyone who strives to create an excessive sense of well-being for himself, i.e. for his body, be it through satisfying physical cravings, sensory and carnal desires or through an accumulation of material possessions without thinking of his neighbour, who therefore only strives for himself, is held captive by the world, he is My adversary's willing tool, and he will never find the path to Me if he does not discard the longing for the earthly world, internalises himself and aspires towards spiritual wealth. Both together are not possible, for then he will serve two masters and will not serve either well. If you are looking for Me you must gaze heavenwards, for I Am above and not below.... Below is My adversary's realm where you still linger with your body, but your soul can always lift itself up into My kingdom, to Me. Even though the body is still in My adversary's realm, the soul can nevertheless always rise into spheres beyond the earth, and that is what I demand of someone who wants to find Me, serve Me and thus be one of My Own. Then the spiritual spark in him will unite itself with the eternal Father-Spirit, for if he strives towards Me in all seriousness his heart will also be awash with love, which has nothing in common with worldly love. This love will manifest itself towards the next person, in which case the human being is making contact with Me already.... he renounces what belongs to the world, he gives and thus serves his neighbour and, because I decreed this commandment he also serves Me as His Lord. Worldly love, however, is a form of selfish love, the human being should combat this love if he wants to attain bliss. Consequently, he must also combat his love for the world and try to fulfil the soul's wishes which, driven by the spirit within, will apply to spiritual possessions and demonstrate love for Me. For I alone Am the Master you should serve if you want to become blissfully happy....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

God's will

Test of will on earth.... following Jesus.... connection....

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Only in union with Me will you find your bliss.... You once voluntarily separated yourselves from Me and thereby became blissfully unhappy, you must voluntarily return to Me in order to also be placed into the state of beatitude, which can therefore only be found in the union with Me. Nothing can replace what you find in Me and with Me, and therefore every striving in a different direction is an idle run for your soul which is only held up on the path to perfection, which only prolongs its return to Me as soon as it strives towards a different aim than unification with Me. I alone want to be your aim, because I alone can give you the beatitude which you have lost through your own fault. Therefore, all My care will be to turn your will towards Me, I will always guide you or arrange your destiny such that you will be urged to take refuge in Me.... yet always respecting your free will. But because your will itself is decisive there is also the danger that you will direct it wrongly, that you will strive for something else and thus delay your return to Me. For My adversary likewise tries to determine your will, even though he cannot forcefully influence you. He always presents you with other aims which you should pursue in order to distract you from the only right aim.... But you will hardly reach your aim by detours. Your time on earth as a human being will pass quickly, you are only granted a short period of time during which you can achieve the final unification with Me, and as soon as you don't use this short time wisely it will be lost for you. Through Jesus Christ the path has been clearly shown to you humans where you can attain complete unification with Me; you only need to take the path of following Jesus in order to safely reach Me, yet you must consciously travel this path, you must stretch out your hands towards Me so that I can grasp you.... Hence you must mentally enter into contact with Me through heartfelt prayer and receive the strength from Me through a life of love, which now already proves the entered connection with Me. Only in this way can you reach your aim on earth, only in this way will you fulfil your earthly task, only in this way will you consciously turn your will over to Me and be accepted by Me. Your earthly life is only intended to test your will, which once turned away from Me and towards My adversary and which should now detach itself from him and fully surrender to Me again.... You should enter into direct contact with Me.... Do you understand what I ask of you? That I alone want to fill your **heart**, that you should prepare it for Me alone, that I want to be your lord and king, that I cannot tolerate any foreign gods next to Me to whom you turn your thoughts, because then they will always stand in the way of a complete union with Me, for I want to possess your undivided love, your undivided heart and your will. Once you were supposed to decide between Me and My adversary, but you followed him in blind love and left Me. So you should now leave everything on earth and follow Me alone.... then you will pass your test of earthly life, you will direct your will correctly and acquire the right to eternal beatitude again. And because your past apostasy from Me was due to the fact that you were unable to see Me, because I wanted to make the path of return to Me easy for you, I Myself became visible to you in Jesus Christ, so that you should now love Him and strive towards Him and thereby profess Me, Who embodied Myself in Jesus Christ in order to be a visible God for you humans, to Whom you can now give all your love and acquire His love, Who wants to receive you into His kingdom in order to prepare eternal bliss for you, which you can only enjoy in complete union with Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The spirit, which still keeps you bound to earth, stands against Me, for everything you desire belongs to him; he still possesses spiritual substances which are far removed from Me and which he wants to prevent from returning to Me. As a human being you yourselves are already considerably advanced in your development and yet you are still under his control as long as you have not yet learnt to despise matter as something that still fully belongs to him. You have to know about the spiritual connection, you have to know that everything that is visible to you is **imperfect** spiritual substance, therefore part of My adversary. But if this now also holds your senses captive, then you also still stand in his area, will-wise turned towards him. But if you can free yourselves.... from the desire for that which belongs to him.... then you will also escape his control, then you will, as it were, lift yourselves from earth into the kingdom of the spirit which belongs to Me and which you should inhabit according to your destiny in order to be able to rule and reign in it according to My will. On **earth** you shall now accomplish this transformation of your will, you shall learn to despise the material world, you shall learn to regard it as what it really is.... a conglomerate of immature spiritual substances which are still opposed to Me and which shall purify itself.... You should therefore place yourselves **abovematter** because you are the spiritual beings with the highest level of development in this earthly material world, and you should endeavour to sever the last ties with this world but instead establish a bond with the kingdom where I Am ruler, where everything is spiritualised and indescribably happy. You should consciously free yourselves from My adversary's dominion and come to.... But as long as matter still binds you, as long as you feel the desire for it, you are not yet **Me** free from its dominion and therefore not yet fit for the spiritual kingdom, for I want to possess your undivided love, I want to take your whole thinking captive; I can only work in you once you are completely free from its nature. But then freedom, strength and light will be your share, then the spiritual inside you will have liberated itself from its control and lifted itself up to Me, from Whom it can now no longer separate itself eternally. As long as you live on earth he will constantly tempt you, yet without the desire for matter you will be immune to his temptations, then you will have overcome matter, then you will only desire the possessions of the spiritual kingdom, and in possession of these goods you will be strong and thus also victorious over the one who is My adversary.... But to have overcome him means to have become My child, to be a candidate for My kingdom, which is not of this world, which gives you bliss that is immeasurable and which truly outweighs the difficult battle on earth against the adversary, yet can never be acquired other than through battle....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

Surrendering the will to God....

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Offer yourselves as a sacrifice to the Lord, passively hand yourselves over to Him.... desire that His will shall also be yours, that you no longer feel any kind of resistance in you, that you are totally devoted to Him.... This complete surrender of your will to God's will assures right thinking, right wanting and right doing.... But as soon as you harbour the slightest resistance you also divert, if only imperceptibly, from that which is God's will, because this very resistance creates the foundation where God's adversary can be active. It is thus an act of greatest effort if the human being is to relinquish his own will and completely subordinate himself to divine will.... which, however, will always be easily achievable the more love becomes active in a person, for to be lovingly active is already coming into close contact with the eternal Love, it is unifying-oneself with It and thus simultaneously abandoning one's own will. This is why someone who lives a life of love no longer opposes God, it draws him to God, he humbly gives himself to the One Who created him, he knows no resistance, no disobedience to God, he only ever endeavours to comply with Him.

In that case he has no will of his own any longer because he is permeated by the love of God, Whose will now works in him, since through love the spiritual unity has taken place. Thus love is the most certain feeling that the human being lives within God's will.... and that is why you need only ever be mindful about practising love.... whatever you do should only be determined by love, your heart should be soft and tolerant, gentle and whole-heartedly humble, and helpful towards every human being.... In every human being you should see your neighbour, your brother, because you are all children of one Father; you should let neither anger nor bitterness arise in you, but know that everything will approach you as is beneficial for your change, for your perfection. What is wicked in your environment shall become good through you, your love shall be the weapon you use against your enemies. You should never fight evil with evil but do good to those who do not mean you well. Then your bond with the eternal Love will become ever firmer, then you live within God's will, then His will has also become yours, then you have offered yourselves as a sacrifice by voluntarily having surrendered your resistance and acknowledged Him as your Lord, as your God and Father of eternity, to Whom you gave yourselves completely....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

God's will: principle of love....

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March 17th 1955

Only that corresponds to My will which reveals the principle of love.... And thus you have a precise characteristic of My will: Your thoughts, intentions and actions must be based on love for Me and your neighbour.... you must only ever want to help and make people happy and never combine your actions with selfish thoughts. For selfishness is self-love, a perverse love which you may only cherish in your heart to a very small extent.... to a degree that ensures the preservation of your body as long as it has the task to fulfil.... to be the carrier of your soul.... What you therefore need to make the body suitable for this task is the measure of love for yourselves granted to you. But you yourselves are free to increase or decrease the degree of self-love, and the latter will always mean a plus for your soul which you will only recognize when you reap the fruits of what you have sown on earth.... For what the body desired on earth for itself it has to give away.... what it denied itself in order to help its neighbour the soul finds again in the kingdom of the beyond as wealth with which it can now work, which makes it blissfully happy.... So I will not force you in earthly life, I will not hinder you in your thinking, wanting or acting.... you can cover your earthly path at your own discretion, but "what you sow you will also reap...." And you will always know about My will which only ever requires loving activity from you which, however, you have to practice voluntarily if it is to serve your soul's perfection. And if the heart is willing to love, if the human being has fought against selfish love as far as possible, then he will do of his own accord what corresponds to My will.... He will no longer do it in order to merely fulfil My commandments, but out of the innermost urge of his heart he will think and act according to My will.... It will inwardly urge him to give and make happy, for then he already carries My spirit of love within himself, he has changed his initially love-poor nature, his heart embraces everything that surrounds him with its love.... And thus he also radiates love to his fellow human beings and can also cause them to change their nature according to his example.... Love is divine, it is My primal element, and it therefore has to deify everything that is seized by it and let it become My image. A heart which now allows itself to be seized by Me Myself, which ignites love within itself and now unites with Me, must irrevocably approach the original state again, for it deifies itself and again assumes all characteristics and abilities it once possessed when it was externalized by Me as an emanation of love in all perfection.... Love alone restores this original state, because love deifies the being and because love causes the union with Me which results in an overflow of light and strength in abundance.... This is why My will can never ever have anything else as its aim than to always cause you humans to do deeds which reveal the love principle in you.... This is why My will can only ever be the fulfilment of My commandments which teach you love for Me and your neighbour, and this is why you must all know about this will of Mine.... For this reason My word is

repeatedly brought to you humans which informs you of My will.... And only he who fulfils My commandments of love will be blissfully happy, for he can only return to Me when he has become the love again which he was in the beginning....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

‘He who remains in love remains in Me and I in him....’

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November 11th 1941

Remain in Me so that I can unite with you. Your life shall be a continuous activity of love. You should do everything as a matter of innermost impulse, and this impulse shall be love, the most beautiful and sacred feeling, which you should allow to dominate you. Anyone who lives in love is engrossed in Me, anyone who lives in love remains forever united with Me, for he is what I Am Myself.... he is love, as I Myself Am love.... Then peace will be within you, for the marriage of your spirit with Me has taken place, it is no longer outside of Me but in Me, for it is My share for eternity. Then I Myself will be with you and where I Am there must be peace and love and harmony. And if you live in unity with Me, your life on earth will neither be conflict nor worry, for then I will fight on your behalf and take your worries upon Me, for I love you because you are My Own since the beginning. But first you must completely hand yourselves over to Me, you must sacrifice everything to Me, you must so love Me that you willingly sacrifice everything for Me, and you must prove this love to Me by striving to treat your fellow human beings in the same way as you would like to treat Me. I want you to prove your love for Me through your love for your fellow human beings.... It is My will that you should help each other, that one is willing to suffer on behalf of the other, that you serve each other with love. Then your activity of love on earth will be blessed, it will result in the most magnificent reward. I will be with you and place you into a state of profound peace and silent beatitude. For this is the promise I gave you, and My Word always remains the same ‘He who remains in love remains in Me and I in him....’

Amen

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Serving in creation – Cause for the emergence of creation

Cause and origin of Creation....

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

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

And this spiritual process, which can only be roughly explained to you humans, resulted in the emergence of countless spiritual and physical creations.... These creations are merely reshaped, fallen spiritual beings.... Due to their apostasy from God, due to their infinitely great distance from Him, their substance became increasingly harder the further away it fell. This has to be understood such that the spiritual strength from God, which induces ever increasing activity, was no longer able to touch these spiritual beings because they resisted it themselves; and thus their activity came to an end, their mobility, their life solidified.... and what remained was utterly hardened substance, which originally was indeed God's emanated strength, yet it had become totally ineffective.... But God's love and

wisdom had initially intended a different purpose for the spiritual beings: constant activity according to His will which, at the same time, was also intended to be the being's will. The spiritual beings had acted in opposition to their purpose, they wanted to use their strength contrary to divine will yet were no longer able to do so, since due to their apostasy they had deprived themselves of their strength. At that moment God's love seized the completely solidified spirits again, which were no longer able to recognise themselves and were no more than a cluster of God-opposing spiritual substances. His strength of love drove these substances apart and used them to let the most diverse works of creation arise.... Thus He more or less reshaped His once emanated strength, He gave every individual work of creation its task which it then complied with in the law of compulsion, so that the dissolved spiritual substance was compelled to be active but without any self-awareness, which it previously possessed as a spiritual being. Consequently, the creations are nothing other than what originally had come forth from God, just in a completely different state as far as their perfection is concerned.... For **all** creations are or shelter only **imperfect** spiritual spirits which are on the path of return to God. **Perfect** spiritual beings did not require material creations, they only externalised their ideas and thoughts but these were only the spiritual products of their will and thinking and their unlimited strength again. It was a world which was only inhabited by perfect beings. No flaws, no limits and no deficiencies existed therein.... For these only surfaced when the universe sheltered God-opposing beings.... when imperfect spiritual beings needed shells in which they were forced to become active.

And so, wherever forms can be found they also contain captive imperfect spirits within, and the more solid these forms are the more hardened and God-opposing is the bound spiritual substance inside. But even the form itself.... the material part.... consists of such imperfect substances which are only held together by God's strength of love in order to serve a purpose: as carriers of spiritual beings to help them to progress. Divine strength of love enclosed all these spiritual substances but it will not compellingly influence them by forcefully breaking their resistance.... A work of creation must indeed carry out a specific activity according to God's will but the spirit within is not forced to turn to God. And this is why it is possible that the spirit of an original being can cover the whole process through the works of creation up to the final embodiment as a human being and still not have relinquished its resistance to God, because this has to be achieved by its free will which can just as well turn to the prince of darkness again. But the constant activity in the law of compulsion usually achieves a reduction of resistance to God, because even the slightest activity gives the being a certain sense of comfort already, since an expression of strength corresponds to its fundamental nature. The countless worlds of the stars, all their inherent creations, are **the result** of this past apostasy in the kingdom of the spirits.... They will still continue to exist for eternities; time and again new creations will arise in order to enable the once fallen spirits to return to God. Eternities will pass by until the work of return is accomplished, until even the last hardened spiritual being will be dissolved and able to start on the path of return.... However, sooner or later all these creations will have spiritualised themselves, sooner or later there will be only one 'spiritual world' again where all spirits will work in the same will as God's will and be incomparably happy.... sooner or later God will have achieved the goal of not merely being surrounded by 'living creations' but by 'children' to whom He can provide the greatest beatitudes, because His infinite love urges Him towards constant happiness and will not let Him rest until He has reached His goal....

Amen

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Process of apostasy.... Process of deification of the being....

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September 26th 1962

To have left My flow of love also means to have deprived yourselves of all strength and light, for My flow of love **is** light and strength which will fill you again and again if you voluntarily open yourselves to My illumination of love.... Thus, due to your former rejection of My strength of love you consciously surrendered your perfection, your being, which emerged from Me in all perfection, reversed itself and took on completely opposite characteristics, it lost its perfection and all

characteristics of a divine being.... It turned into the opposite and therefore could no longer dwell close to Me either, for it took on the characteristics of the one who became My antipole, who first reversed his nature and fell away from Me. He became My antipole, i.e., he wanted to take possession of the created beings, even though they had emerged from **My strength** which his will had used to create countless spiritual beings.... And thus they were also My share.... but once they have to decide for **themselves** to whom they want to belong, to Me or to My adversary. When they were still close to Me they were permeated by light and love and thus possessed immense strength. Yet the one whose will caused them to arise by using My strength brought about their apostasy from Me.... He presented himself to these beings as god and creator, and he determined them to follow **him**, whom they thus could behold, who shone in all beauty.... But as long as they were permeated by My strength of love they also recognized Me as the being from Whom they had emerged.... And yet, they turned to the other and rejected My illumination of love.... And this meant the loss of strength and light, and My adversary now had an easy game.... They followed him voluntarily and the beings fell into the abyss, they were no longer blissful as before when they received unlimited love from Me but they fell into a state of torment, they lost their freedom and became lightless and powerless beings which no longer recognized themselves.... They lost self-awareness, for what was once emanated from Me as strength, which had misused its light and freedom, could not remain inactive in the long run, because strength has to become effective according to the law of eternity.... Thus I reshaped the strength once emanated from Me as a being and let creations of a different kind arise which were destined for a serving function through My will.... Thus I assigned such a serving function to every work of creation, and the emanated strength now fulfilled its purpose....

(9/26/1962) It became active but only ever according to My will. But I had once placed **free** beings outside which were to use their constantly flowing strength of love of their own **free** will without being determined to do so by Me, yet in the **same** will as Me, because this guaranteed the love of those beings as long as this love was meant for Me. Hence these beings had failed (and) got into a completely wrong state, yet through an extremely agonising path of development they once again became able, as I-conscious beings, to make My will their own.... and now to prove that they can use the unlimited influx of love again for their intended purpose.... thus first of all to shape itself again into the original being it originated from Me, in order to then be able to create and work with Me and next to Me again in free will, which, however, has now completely aligned itself with Mine, because love determines this will and right love is never directed **against** Me but longs for Me and union with Me. Power once emanated by Me cannot remain inactive forever, yet if it is used to work against Me I Myself will prevent its effectiveness.... And therefore I dissolved the once emanated perfect beings into small and smallest sparks of strength again which now work according to My will. But I also make sure that all these tiny sparks come together again and become the once created beings again, for only these **beings** have their self-awareness and free will again, but which I want to win over completely for Myself but will never force it to surrender to Me. For free will is the sign of divine origin, it is the characteristic of a divine created being which first guarantees supreme beatitude but which could also strive towards the deepest darkness without being prevented by Me.... (9/26/1962) For I knew that these beings which had fallen into the abyss could also reach the highest goal again, that they, who came forth as My 'creations' and fell away from Me, would one day return as My 'children', for which free will was the very prerequisite, thus **My** will once had to be switched off, which is now the case during earthly life as a human being.... Then the human being can freely strive for and achieve deification of his own accord if he fulfils the law of eternal order without any coercion, if he lives in love, i.e. if he now shapes himself into love, i.e. if he accepts his original nature again in which (as which) I had created him and he has now given proof of his divinity, that his will is the same as Mine and that he has now attained the perfection which makes him My child, which he will remain for all eternity....

Amen

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The upward development in creation

Transforming power into creations....

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All I-conscious beingness, which had fallen away from Me, had to be dissolved, for as beings they no longer fulfilled their purpose which I had assigned to them, instead they would have worked **against** Me if they had still been capable of doing so.... However, they rejected My strength of love which would have enabled them to continue their activity.... And so they hardened within themselves, which is why I dissolved them into countless little particles, thus reshaped the power once emitted as 'being' into creations of a different kind, which were now at the bottom of the reason that beingness in other deformations. When you now look at the works of creation around you, then know that they all hold the fallen spiritual, which did not want to serve Me according to My will and now serves in the state of compulsion, i.e. is caused to its activity by natural law. Because every earthly work of creation has its purpose and its destiny; it serves for the coming into being or the preservation of again other works of creation, as this My love and wisdom recognized as purposeful and suitable to bring the spiritual to maturity, which is hidden in them. The former I-conscious beingness in free will resisted the illumination of My love power, and therefore it also resisted all work in My will. It lost the I-consciousness because it was dissolved into its original substance, into the power, which is now again recognizable in all works of creation.... For all power, which flowed out of Me, as the original source of power, must become effective according to My will.... I will know how to prevent an activity **against** My will and therefore I placed the fallen being into a state where it thus became effective in **My** will insofar as that it had to **serve** and thereby its ascent development was also guaranteed, which is the purpose and aim of every work of creation: to bring the spiritual substances bound in it to maturity until **all** dissolved substances have gathered again and become the self-aware being again as which I once created it.... in order to then live on earth as a human being again with the aim and purpose to completely integrate itself into My will and thus to find unification with Me.... In the stage as a human being the being is self-aware again, and it now also experiences My will, which it only needs to comply with in order to also reach the final aim.... the union with Me, for My will only demands a way of life in love.... My will is that the being transforms all self-love, which adheres to it as inherited evil of My adversary, into unselfish neighbourly love.... My will is only a transformation of its being, which is devoid of all love, to love for Me and for the neighbour.... The being must inevitably want to accept the love again which once rejected it, only then can it return to Me and be accepted as My child into My kingdom of light and glory.... Only then has the process of return, which every fallen being has to complete, been successful, and the being has returned to Me into its father's house.... When you know about the actual meaning and purpose of earthly life then you will also make an effort to fulfil My will, and you will also be aware of the responsibility of earthly life as a human being.... You will also desire to experience more, for the desire for light will be awakened in you as soon as you just don't resist My illumination of love, which can always take place when the human being turns to Me in thought, in prayer or in activity of love.... For he is to prove his will turned towards Me during earthly life in order to testify to his conscious return to Me.... This last decision of will on earth is demanded of man because he is now again the I-conscious being, which once directed his will wrongly, and he now must openly announce the change of his will to be able to be taken up again into his old child rights, to be able to be illuminated again by Me with My love, as it was in the beginning.... Because now the being will also utilize the love power again in My will.... It will be active in the spiritual kingdom creating and shaping, and it will never ever loosen the bond with Me because its love towards Me has become so powerful that it fills it completely.... You are only to receive knowledge again and again about what you were, what you are and what you are to become....

Because this alone establishes your purpose of earth life, and if you deal with such knowledge, then you also live your earth existence consciously. And this is what I aim at through My direct address from above, that you do not pass through your earthly life indifferently and completely disregard purpose and aim, and I will also never cease to impart knowledge about this to you humans so that you should also recognize Me Myself and you now also consciously approach Me and thereby pass your last test of earthly life.... so that you will finally return to Me and be happy again, as you were in the beginning....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The beings' gradual higher development in Creation....

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And thus listen to the following: When I transformed the beings, which I had once emanated as strength, into many different kinds of works of creation, it started the gradual higher development of these beings in their dissolved state.... At first it was an incredible mass of spiritual substance which slowly took on form when My will solidified the spiritual strength into matter, and this matter was so differently natured again that it cannot be made understandable to you humans. According to My wisdom and My love I had devised a plan of Salvation for the fallen spirits which was to be implemented in the creation. The purpose of My creation was to induce the bound spiritual substances within to be of service, thus one work of creation was needed for another in order to make it possible for a gradual higher development to take place. The serving functions at the beginning of creation cannot be made conceivable to you humans.... only when the works of creation became somewhat more solidified some activity, albeit very slight, commenced. And every activity testifies to life, every activity achieves a change, therefore the forms also changed constantly, developing into ever larger works of creation, each one of which had to fulfil a task determined by My will and which was also carried out according to My will, because the spiritual substance was unable to resist My will. Therefore the creation did not arise in an instant through My will, instead, the spiritual substances, or 'transformed strength', bound therein covered a slow path of development so that its resistance gradually subsided which manifested itself in being of service which, admittedly, still happened under My law of compulsion but nevertheless proved a reduction of opposition.... And so the process of higher development through the mineral, plant and animal world until the stage of a human being, has been explained to you such that the external forms constantly released the bound spiritual substances within, which linked up in order to take abode in a larger form again and continue their service, until all tiny particles belonging to a fallen original spirit had come together again and were able to embody themselves as 'soul' in a human being.... But just as it happens in the animal world, that, after dying, the smallest living organisms join other spiritual substances of the same degree of development and enter a larger external shape, so the process of development continued, and My love and My wisdom constantly created new forms which were able to accept the destined spiritual substance.... In nature you look upon this as 'evolution' of a small living being into an ever larger one.... Yet first I had to create a new form which previously had not yet existed. And although these forms constantly became larger and resembled the previous forms, it always involved an act of creation on My part which, however, could not be observed by people because no-one endowed with intellect and free will populated the earth as yet.

However, My eternal plan was definite, therefore I also knew about the living creation which was intended to live on earth as a 'human being' for the purpose of taking its final test of will.... And thus the spiritual substances which were still bound in the various works of creation were continuously placed into new creations the closer the individual being's spiritual substance approached maturity.... The works of creation became increasingly larger.... which is not to be understood in terms of physical size but the individual living being's constitution, their functions and their abilities are referred to in this instance.... Yet each new living creature was the work of My infinite love and wisdom and omnipotence.... which subsequently reproduced itself but always remained the same creation as I had

externalised it.... Do understand that no living being will change its constitution, and where you believe you notice a change or further development, its emergence has been an act of creation on My part. Thus every human-like creature inhabiting the earth before the creation of the first human being always were new creations which, however, remained the species they were created as a product of My omnipotence. And since the bound spiritual substance within them constantly developed further, My will also created an increasingly **more** human-like external form, yet this creation was always based on **My will**, which manifested itself as **natural law** again.... what you humans now describe as the natural evolution of the beings.... But the **human being** can never be regarded as a product of natural evolution, for he is a separate creation, having emerged from My omnipotence, love and wisdom and being designed such that he shall and is able to fulfil an eminent task on earth. Even if you try to train the most intelligent animals to think and decide independently you will never succeed, for the abilities possessed by a human being are not hidden in any animal, for the human being is the only life form on earth in possession of thinking ability, intellect and free will.... which can never be slowly developed nor are they attributes of a creature's gradual higher development, instead it merely proves that the human being is a work of creation in its own right, called into being through My will and My power in order to accomplish a task. And it was only possible to place the creation work 'man' into the world after the once fallen original spirits had already covered the gradual higher development through the creations because the human being was intended to shelter one such fallen original spirit within himself as soul. The word 'development' only ever applies to the sheltering or bound spiritual substance in every work of creation which has to go through this upward development, whereas the material works of creation must always be regarded as acts of creation, because My will brought these external forms into existence in order to serve the spiritual substance as external shapes, which themselves should advance through being of service.

The fact that **My will** simultaneously also signifies '**natural law**', which no work of creation can resist as long as it does not yet shelter a spiritually mature being like people do, will also explain the word 'development'.... but it will never justify the allegation that the human being evolved by himself.... for he was a separate work of creation which My will and My strength of love brought into life....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Serving in the mandatory state and in free will

Serving the essence in the form.... works of creation....

B.D. No. 1907

May 7th 1941

There is no other path to the heights than that of service. So he who serves develops to perfection; what was previously deficient and imperfect is brought to a progressive state through service, i.e. the being progresses to the heights as long as it serves. The willingness to serve is decisive for the being's degree of maturity. The being will now always strive to become free and therefore also consciously want to serve, because it thereby promises itself complete freedom. If the being enters into a union with an external form which is of little benefit to humanity, then the serving function will not be utilized too much, which is a great disadvantage for the spiritual in the external form. For every sojourn in the form is intended to give the being a certain degree of maturity. As soon as the form is needed, it also has a task to fulfil, it must therefore serve. The serving state is a surrender of one's own will to the will of the other; and that which is allowed to serve must also have declared its willingness to prove itself useful, as it were, otherwise no serving activity can be assigned to it. But there are also works of creation which apparently have no mission to fulfil, and then man is easily inclined to believe that such works of creation never hold the spiritual standing in higher development, but are dead and spiritless, therefore unloved by the divine spirit, unloved by the great love of God. But this thought is completely wrong, there is no work of creation which would be without spiritual life, just as there is no work of creation which would not have its purpose, even if it were still hidden to the human eye or not yet comprehensible to his intellect.

b. Every work of creation has its purpose, every work of creation is somehow needed. God's love, out of His wisdom, has created all things for a serving purpose. And nothing is without meaning and purpose, otherwise it would not be divine creation. Nothing was created without a plan and nothing is useless either. The smallest work of creation fulfils its mission, the tiniest living being its function, and everything is for the preservation of what God has created. And when man understands this, when he can imagine everything created as a necessity, he also understands the eternal deity, i.e. he realizes its existence, so he begins to believe.... he recognizes the omnipotence and wisdom of God and then also senses the omnipotent love, as every work of creation bears witness to this. God must be recognized as the origin of all creation, only then can the human being be guided into realization, only then will he have an open ear and heart for the truth, for the teachings which God Himself gives to people, which are intended to enlighten him about that which is beyond earthly life, about the human being's relationship with God, his task and his goal, about his outcome and his final return to God....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Redemption through serving in love.... mandatory state and free will....

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September 23rd 1941

Without serving activity, no being can redeem itself. This applies to beings in bound as well as in free will. Serving activity is always the prerequisite for reaching the state which lets it become free of its outer form. And the more willingly the being subjects itself to serving activity the faster it can change the outer form until the last outer form, the flesh body of man, surrounds the soul, and now again serving in love is the task, which the soul must fulfil to also flee from the last outer form and to be able to enter the spiritual kingdom unencumbered. Serving in love is the only thing that frees the soul from its unfree state, and it is precisely this that people pay so little attention to. In their hustle and bustle they no longer find time for other people, they forget the actual task because they consider

themselves to be too much the centre of attention. And therefore they remain bound, for only service in love redeems. In the preliminary stages the beings are determined by divine will to be of service, they are in a certain state of compulsion so that they have to carry out the activity God has assigned to them. As a human being, however, divine will is excluded insofar as He allows the human being to think and act according to His will. And therefore he is not forced into a serving activity but he has to be active in a serving way of his own free will. The drive to do so must be present in his heart, love must therefore be kindled in him, for only this drives him to be of service to his neighbour. Without love, however, he lacks the drive and the human being will then not fulfil his earthly task. And the whole of humanity suffers from this....

To be active in love requires the greatest overcoming of oneself as long as the human being is not yet in love. But once the flame of love has been kindled in his heart he cannot help but be active in love, for love is strength, but strength can never remain inactive, it will always stimulate activity, thus it will always want to express itself in a way that makes his fellow human being happy. And so the human being serves the one he wants to make happy and thereby frees himself from his former guilt.... because he wanted to rule in arrogance.... Serving therefore means for him a liberation from an endless time endured bondage and at the same time makes the outer form unnecessary, so that therefore the soul can discard its last outer form, because it has thereby proven that it has given up its former attitude against God, that it is no longer against God, but has become love, therefore stands in God-like will, consequently has completely overcome the separation from God, therefore has become one with Him. Union with God means spiritualization, thus earthly deformation has now become unnecessary and every burden has been removed from the soul. But the union with God can only take place in love. The works of love bring about a rapprochement with God, since God is present in every work of love. But anyone who has set himself the goal of drawing closer to God is already in love, for he desires to be united with Him because he loves God. And thus, through this desire, he is also free from opposing violence.... He has redeemed himself through love....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Process of development.... Law of compulsion.... Stage of free will....

B.D. No. 5125

May 6th 1951

Nothing is without purpose and goal.... Everything in existence was created by God and brought to life to fulfil a purpose. Consequently, everything also has its function; it has to serve in some way or other in order to fulfil its purpose. Even the smallest work of creation, the smallest living being, has its task which it has to comply with and effectively is forced to do so, because every creation is subject to natural law, thus it is unable to act unlawfully.

Nevertheless, even an accomplished task in the law of compulsion is effectively a service, for it will always benefit another work of creation, it is necessary for the emergence and preservation of same. And thus, nothing in the entire universe is without purpose, or was created for no reason.

The final purpose and destiny, however, is the liberation of the spiritual substance, towards which the whole of creation contributes in accordance with God's wise plan of eternity. The whole of creation only came into being for the purpose of liberating the spiritual substance, and every single work of creation complies with this destiny in the law of compulsion.

The human being, however, is an exception, he is indeed God's work of creation too, nevertheless, his thoughts, will and actions are **not** subject to the law of **compulsion**. The external human being, the physical body, is still subject to the law of compulsion, because this consists of spiritual substances which are still at the beginning of development. His soul, however, enjoys a certain amount of freedom, it is able to develop in line with its own will, thus God has not subjected it to this law. All the same, even the soul's development, its release from the constraint of earthly matter, depends on its will to **occupy itself in a helpful manner**.... thus, again, **service** is the actual purpose of its earthly life.

And since it is not forced into a helpful activity, love has to develop within itself, which is the most certain impulse for helpful activity.

What occurred and was achieved during an infinitely long time in the law of compulsion shall now experience its culmination as human being, but of its own volition. The human being should serve with love in order to become completely liberated from the constrained state, which the soul regards as a limitation and restriction of its original abundance of strength and light.... The human being's soul **can** reach this goal on earth if it has the sincere will to do so, yet it does not **have** to attain it, because God gave it freedom of will to enable its free decision for Him or His adversary, who caused its loss of freedom and from whom it therefore has to liberate itself. Loving service is the key to liberation from this infinitely long captivity.... What the spiritual substance had to do in line with God's will during the long path through all of creation, it should now, in the final stage, do of its own volition.... it should serve because of love.... Thereby it demonstrates its divine origin, for love characterises the divine being and it shapes itself again into its original nature, it accepts again what it had voluntarily abandoned due to arrogance. As soon as the human being serves with love his offence against God will be cancelled, he will have left the state of sinfulness and will have found his way back to God, from Whom he wanted to distance himself.... (had distanced himself) he has recognised his childship and desires to enter into the right kind of relationship with the Father, and through love he will become a true child of God....

Yet it all has to take place in free will, and this is his test of earthly life which he absolutely has to pass. The human being is able to reach this goal since he will receive help from God in every way, but he may also have completed the infinitely long process of development in the law of compulsion in vain if he, instead of progressing in the stage of a human being, comes to a standstill or even slips back. Then he will misuse his free will again.... he does not use the many opportunities at his disposal to reach the goal, and then he will also have to accept the consequences.... a repeated path through all of creation. One day he will surely reach his goal, but it is up to the being itself to decide the duration of its captivity, for God gave it free will which He respects so that it can become perfect....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Serving in must-law.... serving in love....

B.D. No. 7840

March 3rd 1961

Everything you see around you strives towards perfection, for the whole of creation contains fallen spiritual substances which, dissolved into countless particles, wander through the individual works of creation with the aim of returning to Me from Whom they once originated. I saw these creations as suitable to change the former resistance of the spiritual substance, and an ascending development will always be recorded in creation because this spiritual substance fulfils My will in the law of compulsion, because it also fulfils the law of eternal order in the law of compulsion: because it serves.... Serving is an act of love.... Although love as such does not really break through in the law of compulsion, the once fallen being nevertheless slowly inserts itself into the fundamental law of eternal order again, and thereby the distance from Me decreases, so that it can then once again gain possession of free will and now serves of its own accord.... which then, however, also requires love and this brings the once fallen being back to Me again, because through love it unites with Me again as the original source of love. Everything you see around you is developing **upwards**, but you yourselves, the human being who is now the spirit being endowed with free will.... can also bring this upward development to a standstill if you fail, if you do not "serve in love" in free will.... And thereby you can jeopardise the whole course of upward development beforehand, you can sink back into the abyss again.... And I would like to protect you from this, but I Myself cannot determine your will, I can only present the effect of it to you, warn and admonish you and help you if you are of good will. And again and again you should look at the creation around you and remember that you have already overcome everything, that you were of **service** because every work of creation has its purpose, and

that you thereby attained a degree of maturity which earned you the grace of embodiment as a human being.... And you should thank Me with all your heart that I made this degree of maturity possible for you, and you should **love** Me for it.... and you would soon also reach your aim, you would soon unite with Me and be blissfully happy. But if you keep yourselves distant from Me.... and you do, if you live along without love and without thoughts of Me.... then you are in utmost danger of sinking back and having to cover the whole long path of your ascent development once again. And this is a state of unimaginable agony and darkness for you. But as a human being you are able to change this state and acquire light and bliss. Use this time of grace for yourselves, think of yourselves and your fate after the death of your body, and eagerly work on the transformation of your soul.... so that you still discard your unspiritual urges, so that you change yourselves into love. For then you will also take on the original nature again which was your state before your past apostasy from Me, and you will also be able to enjoy light and bliss as you once did in the beginning. For I want you to come out of your state of wretchedness because I love you, and therefore I also let you take this long path of development in order to help you attain the highest possible maturity, but which you now have to increase yourselves in free will as a human being in order to be completely united with Me again. I was your starting point, and irrevocably you must also return to Me again. And once you have reached your aim you will also be immeasurably happy and sing My praises and thanks that My infinite love did not let you fall, even though you voluntarily left Me. But you determine the duration of your distance from Me yourselves and thus also your return, which I do not force out of My love and My power, because you are free, divine creatures who are therefore also free to determine yourselves. But My love is boundless and will always help you to reach your aim as long as you are of good will....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

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

B.D. No. 3345

November 25th 1944

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

this state but tried to achieve its reclamation by all means; it knows about its own opposition and about God's overwhelming love, and it now almost perishes in love for Him Who saved it from the spiritual abyss. And even if the earthly path lasted infinite times, even if it brought the being immeasurable agonies, the being itself thanks its creator that He allowed it to take this path, that He gave it the opportunity to reach the final aim and to attain the vision of God. For this bliss outweighs everything the being has suffered in its opposition.... And therefore every new creation is a proof of God's love Who wants to guide the spiritual being, which does not yet recognize Him, into knowledge in order to make it blissfully happy for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Example Jesus Christ

The bridge from the kingdom of light is Jesus Christ....

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Let it be said to you in the name of the crucified Saviour that the kingdom of heaven opens to anyone who acknowledges Him as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world, but that it remains closed to anyone who does not want to acknowledge Him.... You humans should know that before His crucifixion the two worlds were strictly separated, which are known as the kingdoms of light and darkness, that they were two completely different realms which had no connection with each other because they were completely opposed to each other. One explanation for this can be found in the created spiritual substance's complete turning away from God, which then gave rise to a world in God-opposing order, whereas the spiritual substance which stood **by** God remained in the divine order and thus also in a realm of perfection, light and unrestrained strength.... There could be no connection between these two worlds because the contrast was too great, because the distance from God had to have a negative effect in every way, it would be a striving towards **opposite** poles, so to speak, but **one** pole would never be striven for.... There was no connection whatsoever between the kingdom of light and that of darkness, which becomes even more understandable by the explanation that the **ruling** powers of both realms were completely opposed to each other and pursued completely opposite goals.... : highest perfection in freedom and light and power, and gagging of the spiritual destined for highest work.... Thus there was an unbridgeable gulf between these two worlds which could never have been bridged by the darkness but could have been bridged by the spiritual world which remained in divine order, whose inhabitants were cognisant and therefore also knew of the only possibility to build a bridge.... A being from the spiritual world had to venture into the dark spheres and from there initiate a path which could then be travelled by every being who wanted to enter the kingdom of light. This being which had descended from above had to establish the divine order by first living in this divine order itself and then informing the inhabitants of the dark world, the people on earth, of it so that they, too, inspired by His example, would lead a different way of life than before, so that they, too, would strive in the same direction as the man Jesus, Whose goal was in the heights, that is, the return into the kingdom which He had left for the sake of the people living in darkness.... The will upwards always finds the right path, but this will was lacking in people, it was directed downwards, for the activity of negative forces is always successful in the kingdom of darkness and these forces only pursue the one goal of depriving the being of all realisation in order to prevent it from returning to God. The being's will **could** put a stop to the prince of darkness and his activity, but it does not do so.... Man himself is so weak and exposed to every unfavourable influence without resistance.... Which is what the world of light knew about, and a primordially created spirit offered to oppose the evil influence of God's adversary with His will and His love.... Now two children of God, two images called into being by Himself, fought **against** each other, because they were no longer of the same will and love, otherwise they would not have faced each other as **opponents**.... Yet this battle had to take place in such a way that the being of light first donned the shell which robbed it of its divine strength.... It had to fight as a **human being** against the one who had caused all fallen spirits to turn into humans.... If He was stronger than the latter, then his power was also broken, then there was also hope for people to defeat God's adversary and then a path was paved which would lead back to the Father's house. The soul of the man Jesus, Whose body was indeed earthly, brought something from above and radiated it on earth.... divine power of love.... **Love** is not taken away from any being, it can be ignited at any time, but it can also be suffocated by one's own will.... And this love is the bridge to the kingdom of light, for love is directed upwards towards God, Who is eternal love Himself. Love always seeks the pole of love and is never active in opposition to God. Love moved a being of light to

descend to earth and love remained in contact with eternal love.... And the bridge was established between the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness through Jesus Christ. But it cannot be seen by the beings on the dark earth who do not make use of His guidance, who do not join Him in the belief that they have found the right guide to the kingdom of light, who do not reciprocate His love, who do not recognise in Him the Master Who defeated His adversary and who gratefully submit to Him in return, who do not see in Him the One Who is Lord over life and death, over light and darkness.... who do not acknowledge Him as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.... The gulf between the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness will irrevocably remain for anyone who does not take the path which Jesus Christ has opened up to him and which alone leads to the Father.... For he is still completely under the influence of God's adversary and will not be freed from him until he is willing to enter into the law of eternal order, until he gives up his resistance and allows himself to be redeemed by Jesus Christ, Who alone is the way to the Father.... Whose infinite love found a way that leads out of darkness to the light....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

Jesus heard the Word of God.... Mediator between God and people....

B.D. No. 6145

December 25th 1954

When Jesus lived on earth as a human being the connection between Earth and the spiritual kingdom was established.... God Himself was once again able to speak to people through the mouth of Jesus, the man.... His Word could be heard again, which previously was impossible due to the vast distance which existed between humanity and God. It is only possible to hear His voice directly if a person's soul has so shaped itself that it is capable of hearing the voice of the divine spirit within itself; and the soul is shaped into this state through activity of love.... The human being Jesus was Love Itself.... His sole thoughts and intentions aimed to benefit His fellow human beings, to help them in all adversity of body and soul. His soul was clear and pure and His life on earth was a life of love.... All preconditions were in place which enabled the divine spirit to express itself, for the soul of the man Jesus heard these Words clearly and distinctly and was therefore able to inform people of God's Word.... God Himself was able to speak to people, the connection between God and people had been restored by Him.... Jesus was the mediator between God and people.... And thus Jesus taught people to strive towards the same that He Himself had achieved.... He taught them to exercise love in order to prepare themselves as a vessel for the divine spirit into which the strength of the spirit could pour, for **every person** should and was able to hear God's voice within himself. And the path was shown to him by the man Jesus, Who also first had to attain the degree of love which assured Him God's presence, so that he was able to hear Him within Himself. Although God can speak to every person He will never do so unless the conditions have been fulfilled first.... a heart purified by love which can admit God Himself Who then will demonstrate His presence through His Word.... The man Jesus possessed an extraordinarily high degree of maturity of soul because He was utterly permeated by love.... Hence it was possible for **God Himself** to permeate Him completely, and so God spoke through the man Jesus to people and it was no longer the man Jesus but God Himself. He achieved of His own accord what led to the unification with God....

But He instructed His fellow human beings, He also wanted help them attain the success which He had gained through His love and therefore He first taught them to love.... and again and again only love.... Out of His great love came wisdom, for the spirit of God instructed people through Jesus.... Out of the fire of His love radiated the light of realisation.... Jesus knew that people, too, would be permeated by the light of realisation if only they lived up to love **first**.... this is why people were not taught more profound knowledge since **this** is the **result** of a life of love without which it remains ineffective for the human being's soul. Only love connects the human being to God, only love achieves that God will take abode in a person, and only love motivates Him to express Himself.... And thus someone living a life of love will hear the Word of God inside of him, he will be guided into the most profound knowledge, he will be able to say that he is taught by God, he hears His Word and is

thereby united with Him through love.... The man Jesus demonstrated to people that it is possible to achieve this degree and therefore showed them the path which leads from the abyss to higher spheres again.... to the Father.... He taught love, He lived love and finally crowned His way of life with His death on the cross in order to release people from all weaknesses which became their share due to their past sin.... so that people would have the strength to take the path, so that God's spirit would be able to pour into all those who are willing to follow Him.... who live a life of unselfish neighbourly love as He had exemplified to them on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Jesus' battle against temptations....

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March 5th 1958

My earthly life, too, was subjected to the same temptations and battles which you have to overcome.... I, too, had to struggle in order to bring all substances of the earthly body into the right order. I, too, knew and had to fight against cravings, for I was afflicted by the same weaknesses which cause you problems and only My inherent willpower mastered them. Hence I used force on My body, I did not allow it to gain control over My soul but prevailed over it and was able to do so by virtue of the love which flared up in Me as I lived among the enslaved human race.... I saw the adversity around Me which aggrieved people both in an earthly way as well as spiritually. And the burning desire to help them arose in Me.... For that reason I paid no attention to the body's desire in Me, I did not oblige it, for I knew, had I paid attention and satisfied My physical cravings, I would only have weakened in My willingness to help.

However, it was a difficult battle, for temptations besieged Me from all sides and the human nature in Me sought fulfilment.... But My soul turned to God, the stronger the temptations became the more it looked for the connection with the Father, and therefore it also received increasingly more strength, because this bond never remained ineffective. My life on earth was truly not an easy one until the complete unification with the Father-Spirit had taken place.... For I was as human as you and first had to do that which is also **your** task: to develop love to utmost perfection in order to thereby be able to give access in Me to the fullness of God.... the Eternal Love.... thus to find the ultimate union with Him, which is your goal on earth too. And even though My soul had come from the kingdom of light, it was nevertheless exceedingly besieged by its body of flesh, whose matter was the same as your body and thus also consisted of spiritually-immature substances which were still under the adversary's control, which he constantly impelled into all kinds of cravings and passions. The fact that I did not succumb to them as a human being was only achieved by the love in Me which strengthened My will to resist. And staying in dark and sinful surroundings also gave the external evil spirits an opportunity to besiege the body and to entice it with make-belief images which were intended to confound the senses and weaken My resistance. But I was not allowed to push these evil spirits aside.... I had to try to pacify them, I also had to let love come to the fore because I realised that they, too, were pitiful beings under the adversary's control which should also be released from him one day. And therefore I did not use force against these evil spirits but had to exercise patience and gentleness, I had to resist them and calm them down through My willingness to love until they let go of Me by themselves....

I was a human being and had to fight and suffer like a human, because all this was part of the act of Salvation I wanted to accomplish for My fallen brothers.... For at the same time I also wanted to show people how they can master their weaknesses and cravings, I wanted to exemplify to them the life which should help them gain freedom and achieve unification with the eternal Father.... I wanted to prove to them that it is possible to resist all temptation with the strength of love, that love is the first and last condition in order to live earthly life successfully, to become perfect and to unite with God.... The love in Me made Me, as a human being, realise the cause of the wretched state, just as you humans can only gain the right understanding through love. And the love in Me also gave me the strong will to carry out the act of Salvation on account of which My soul had embodied itself on

earth.... As a human being I knew that I would only be able to accomplish this act with the strength of God's love, and therefore I called for 'Love', I beseeched It to give Itself to Me, and thus also shaped Myself appropriately to receive God's strength of love in Me.... I tried to resist all cravings, I denied entry to all impure thoughts the adversary wanted to awaken in Me, time and again I confronted him with My love from which he had to flee, and thus soon only love filled My heart. I formed an increasingly more heartfelt bond with the Eternal Love Which gave Itself to Me and thus also made Me become increasingly stronger, so that I approached the final goal of My earthly existence with a firm will. Yet the adversary did not stop besieging My body time and again with ever fiercer temptations as My intention became more evident to him.... And I had to fight him until My end.... time and again My human nature emerged in Me so that, in My weakness, I prayed to the Father 'If Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me....' But the bond with the Father was stronger and I utterly succumbed to His will.... I foresaw humanity's boundless misery and the love which constantly grew more powerful was ready for humanity's rescue mission.... A human being suffered and died the death on the cross, yet this human being was merely a shell for Me Myself, I was able to take abode in Him, and it was **Love** which accomplished the act of Salvation, it was **Love** which redeemed humanity's guilt of sin and this Love was I Myself....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Jesus lived life for the people....

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The life of the man Jesus on earth was a continuous service of love, for He wanted to give people an example of a right way of life in order to induce them to follow Him and thus also to receive the blessing of the effects of a life of love.... He Himself was filled with love, for He brought love with Him from the kingdom of light from which His soul had descended to earth.... He was not burdened with the original sin which consisted of the beings completely renouncing their love, that they rejected their father's illumination of love from eternity.... He was most intimately united with the father, and thus He also constantly received His illumination of love and therefore brought love with Him to earth.... And by virtue of His love He also knew what lack of love meant for people.... He knew that they were darkened in spirit without love and that they were therefore completely enslaved by the one who, devoid of all love, ruled them and caused them to act in a way that was contrary to God.... And He took pity on this great misery of people.... He drew all people into His sphere of love and served them by taking care of all earthly needs of those around Him, by healing their sick and freeing them from their weaknesses and infirmities.... And He also took care of the spiritual hardship by teaching and trying to introduce people to the truth in order to dispel the darkness from them.... to enlighten them that they could only return to God through love again.... For He knew that He would accomplish the act of salvation for humanity in order to make the fallen brothers' return to God possible again, which could never have taken place without His death on the cross as the redemption of the original sin. Yet the act of salvation could only be successful for people if they now also lived a life of love, because only through this could they regain their original nature.... because only love made it possible to approach God as the eternal love.... This is why He taught constantly and the content of His gospel consisted of the divine teaching of love.... the commandments of love for God and love for one's neighbour.... which His disciples were then also to spread throughout the world.... Therefore you people should walk the path of following Jesus.... You should live a life of love but also patiently accept a measure of suffering. For Jesus' earthly path was unspeakably sorrowful and He already knew beforehand what great suffering awaited Him and yet walked this path of His own free will.... For He had come to earth to make an immense atonement to the father for His fallen brothers. This guilt of sin could only be redeemed by an unusual path of suffering, and this was truly walked by the man Jesus.... Yet the love within Him also gave Him the strength to do so.... He was filled with divine love, His body contained eternal love itself.... And thus He also constantly drew the strength from it which enabled Him to accomplish the act of salvation. **God Himself** was in Him, His soul was a soul of

light, and only the body belonged to earth which still contained immature substances but which the man Jesus spiritualised through His life of love and finally through His suffering and death on the cross.... Thus He exemplified to people the life which all people can lead with His help, i.e. as soon as they are redeemed through Jesus Christ and have found forgiveness of their sin.... For **without** this redemption they are too weak to live as followers of Jesus, they will neither practise love nor be willing to bear suffering because the original guilt still weighs them down and thus they are under the influence of the adversary who caused their fall into the abyss.... But anyone who is willing to take the path of following Jesus also acknowledges Him as the divine redeemer, and he has carried his guilt under the cross, he asks Him to strengthen his will, for he will make use of the blessings which the man Jesus acquired for him through His death on the cross. And his soul will also mature through love and suffering.... It will.... as being rid of its original sin.... will now also be able to cast off all dross, which love and suffering bring about.... For Jesus did not speak the words in vain: Take up your cross and follow Me.... He went before you as the bearer of the cross, and you are to follow Him. He took the strength for His walk on the cross from the love that dwelt in Him.... You humans can make use of Jesus' love and His strength at any time, for He is the eternal love itself, which took abode in His fleshly shell, which completely spiritualised this shell and radiated through it in order to make itself visible to the beings which once emerged from the eternal love and wanted to behold God.... But the human being always has to put himself into that state through love which was his own in the beginning.... He must accomplish the change back to love as long as he remains on earth, and he can do so if only he takes refuge in Jesus Christ.... if he follows Him and takes the path of love and suffering....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Strengthening of will through Jesus Christ.... Assessment of will....

B.D. No. 7035

February 6th 1958

The will is enough where the deed cannot be implemented.... For you humans are judged according to your inclination of **will**.... However, this does not absolve you becoming active, from employing your will, providing the latter is feasible. For words alone are not enough, your resolve must be serious, and a serious will indeed do whatever is within a person's power.... but that you will also be given strength as soon as I recognise your serious will goes without saying, otherwise I would be unable to hold you to account for omissions you could have acted upon. Nevertheless, you need help in order to be able to make a firm decision in the first place.... The only purpose of your earthly life is your free decision of will, but you would hardly make the right choice were this will not strengthened through Jesus Christ. Although every person is capable of direct his will towards Me, he would nevertheless repeatedly succumb to weakness of will again and therefore often fail to implement his will; yet changing his will towards Me already enables Me to guide him to the Salvation work's source of divine grace.... it enables Me to provide him with strength and to influence him through My spirit, so that he will be impelled into actions of love.... And thus he can already receive an influx of strength if he complies with this inner urging. But only through help by Jesus Christ will assured spiritual progress be possible, otherwise his will would keep flagging again as a result of My adversary's temptations, who still has power over a person as long as he is not yet released from his guilt of sin. All the same, a will inclined towards Me is very highly valued by Me and I won't rest until the human being has taken the path to the cross.... For I truly have sufficient means at My disposal in order to achieve this, if only the person allows his thoughts **of Me** to take effect in him. Then I will also be entitled to fight for this person against My adversary. If, however, a person approaches Jesus Christ consciously, his resolve will not so easily weaken anymore, for then he will consciously pursue the goal and also always let the deed follow the will and thus ascend and attain maturity of soul. For Jesus Christ's help does not solely consist of strengthening the will but also in the creation of opportunities to actively practise neighbourly love.... However, My adversary knows how to limit even kind-hearted activity, he understands how to harden his followers' hearts such that

they will prohibit loving actions for their fellow human beings. And these followers are real vassals of Satan.... For they decisively intervene in the spiritual development.... However, they won't achieve their purpose, for where people's loving activity is prohibited I assess the will and credit it like an accomplished deed. And My adversary will manage to achieve that My divine commandments of love will be repealed where the will is still so weak that it does not offer inner resistance. Yet I evaluate the human being's heart and not the externally visible deed.... but neither do I absolve anyone able of implementing this deed from accomplishing it.... Thus you have yet another explanation, that and why I expect actions of love from you, that and why the serious **will** to help is judged in the same way where the action must necessarily be omitted. Yet I Am not satisfied with the will alone which, without becoming active, is lacking the required sincerity. However, as long as you have not yet taken the path to Jesus Christ, your resolve will still be very weak, therefore you should avail yourselves of the blessings of the act of Salvation in order to come out of this weakness of will. But then you will pursue your goal with great vigour by complying with My will: To become absorbed in love for Me and your fellow human beings and to thereby acquire the heavenly kingdom for yourselves....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Charity.... following Jesus.... truth....

B.D. No. 7857

March 24th 1961

O take My way of life as an example for all of you and follow Me.... Live a life of love, practice patience and gentleness towards your neighbour, be peaceable and merciful and only ever strive to win your fellow human being's love, for then you will also encourage him to take you as an example and to live a life of love according to My will. Only love can help you to become blissfully happy, and therefore you must change your nature.... You must overcome selfish love, you must merge into love for your neighbour, your whole will and thinking must be borne by love.... you must not think of your neighbour in spitefulness, you must not harm him, you must not make yourselves judges over him, you must also patiently bear his weaknesses and only ever lovingly help him onto the right path so that he also recognizes himself and endeavours to change his nature.... And My blessing will rest on all will and actions, you will now follow Me in truth, Who was full of love and always ready to help. Therefore, whatever you undertake must always be determined by love.... you must always ask yourselves how I would act in your place? And your heart will always give you the answer that you only ever let love rule and don't give room to any ignoble thoughts in your heart. But you should also always remain in truth and not let your neighbour walk in error either, you should help him to recognize his error because it cannot result in blessing. Therefore, what **you** recognize as error you should lovingly present to your neighbour and leave it up to him whether he comes to Me with it and asks Me Myself for right thinking, for clarification. I Myself have promised you that I will not leave you in error if you seriously desire the truth, and I will also always fulfil My promises and give you light where it is still dark in you. But then also expect the answer in your heart when you ask Me questions from your heart.... Let yourselves be addressed by Me Myself and you will also hear a clear answer within yourselves.... It is My will that you enter into a heartfelt bond with Me yourselves, that you come to Me yourselves, so that you hear My address within yourselves and then also prove yourselves how you relate to Me. And I will always give you the opportunity to do so when you are moved by thoughts which you alone are not able to judge properly.... And then you should come to Me and ask Me.... and I will instruct you correctly so that you will feel clarity within yourselves and no longer question but act according to My will, because I put this will into your heart as an answer. And so you should all act yourselves who want to belong to Me.... you should also try to influence your neighbour if you want to be lovingly active towards him and protect him from error or wrongdoing. You only ever need the father, and just as I worked on earth with love, only ever taught love and gave love, so your earthly path should only ever be determined by love, then you will truly be true followers of Me, then you will work for the benefit of your fellow human beings, then you will truly be redeemingly active on earth....

Call daily upon the name of Jesus....

B.D. No. 7129

May 24th 1958

With Me and in My name you shall start every day, deal with every undertaking and thus fulfil your daily tasks, and you can also be certain that your work will be blessed, be it earthly or spiritual activity. But as soon as you walk alone, that is, without having asked for My assistance, you will do a lot of pointless work, you will have to struggle with difficulties or it will not always be successful. Just a heartfelt thought of Me will already assure My assistance, and if you consciously call upon Me for My blessing and support then everything will turn out just right by itself, and you will be able to calmly carry out your day's work. You should always know that you are besieged by dark forces which are able to access you if you fail to surround yourselves with a protective wall by calling upon My name, by appealing to Me for blessing your work. And once they have gained access to you it will be far more difficult to repel them again than it would be if you had refused access to them from the start. For they weaken you will, which can only catch up with what it had neglected to do by summoning all its strength: by calling to Me for help.

The battle for your souls is constantly fought, and your victory is often made difficult by these dark forces, but this is frequently up to yourselves, because you can request unlimited strength and should always do this through heartfelt prayer for My guidance, My protection and My blessing.... This is why you should never start your daily work without Me, you should call My name in your heart, appeal for reinforcement of your will and completely hand yourselves over to Me.... Then I can protect you from your souls' enemy, then you will be surrounded by countless beings of light who will refuse to admit him, then you will cheerfully and free of worry carry out your daily work in the awareness of strength and inner peace. And then nothing will be able to upset you anymore because you know that I Am always present and arrange everything.

The inner bond with Me is the best guarantee for bringing all your plans to fruition, be they earthly or spiritual affairs, for then I Myself can always influence you and your thoughts and direct your actions such as is right and beneficial for you. Yet as soon as you isolate yourselves from Me, as soon as you loosen the connection, different thoughts transmitted by My adversary will begin to dominate you and deprive you of your inner calm, they will worry you and leave you open to bad forces which will continue the work of inner disintegration and discord, so that even your daily work will not be blessed and your soul will be at risk of being captured by him.

And again, you can only release yourselves from this danger if you take refuge in Me, for I Am ready to help you in your spiritual difficulty at all times. But without Me you cannot free yourselves from him and his influence, without Me you are too weak and therefore at his mercy. However, you can avoid all such pressures if you hand yourselves over to Me and My protection time and again, if you always appeal for My blessing, if you commend your physical and spiritual wellbeing to Me and never neglect to call upon My name.... and thereby openly acknowledge Me in Jesus Christ.... Then you will be erecting a wall which My adversary will not be able to pull down, for he will take flight from Me and My name, and thus he will also let go of you if you just faithfully speak My name in every adversity and danger....

Amen

Serving or fighting

Helping or fighting.... Different purposes for suffering....

B.D. No. 3230

August 24th 1944

In the state of freedom of will the being would not have to fear God's adversary if only it would live in love. Then it will have defeated him, because God's adversary is utterly defenceless against love. Hence, the human being would also be able to free himself from temptations and challenges, for they have no influence on him as soon as he acts with love. The latter, however, depends on a person's free will, and therefore the human being himself is the reason for an earthly existence which is either a constant battle or helpful love.... God knows every person's heart and gives the human being what he needs, but He also lets a person go short if he does not require His help, His comfort and His counsel because he inwardly opposes Him and therefore does not exercise love, which demonstrates his God-devoted will.... God and love are one and the same, and therefore a loving human being is also united with God and thus has to be superior to God's adversary. If the human being is willing to actively engage himself in neighbourly love he will not be quite so besieged by the temptations of the world; he effectively has already overcome them which, however, does not rule out that he will have to endure suffering, because suffering is not only intended to lead a person to God whose will is still turned away from God but it shall also purify the person who strives towards God. However, the suffering in these two stages is experienced differently. The former revolts against it because he does not want to bow down to a Power Which restricts his enjoyment of life.... He still desires the world and experiences all suffering as disadvantage, as an inadequate enjoyment of life and thus a constraint he refuses to accept. And it can require a lot of suffering before he has surrendered, and this kind of battle is the adversary's work, who still uses the world and its pleasures to gain the human being for himself, who continues to place all these before his eyes in order to intensify his desire and thereby alienate him from God. But if the human being is actively helpful, then the suffering will merely serve him to become perfect, to achieve maturity of his soul, then God's adversary will have little control over him, then he will turn away from the world and due to his suffering join God ever more closely.

This difference has to be recognised when the disparity of suffering is being considered, when good and bad people are affected by it.... people, who are still completely averted from God and those who seemingly no longer require suffering in order to find Him.... Each time the suffering serves a different purpose, yet the final purpose is the complete union with God. The greatest danger for the human being is his inclination towards the world and his lack of love, for then he will still be wholly enslaved by the one who wants to ruin him. And then he will need strict teaching methods in order to change. Only when his inclination towards the world subsides can love ignite in him, and then the suffering can take on different characteristics, yet it cannot be entirely spared to him as long as the soul is not totally purified. Practising neighbourly love is therefore a decisive factor for his degree of development, it is a decisive factor for the intensity of his suffering, for wherever love is practised, and thus where God is present Himself, the suffering will be more bearable because the human being will be able to receive God's emanation of strength and therefore the suffering will not depress him as much. He need not fight anymore but only bear it and wait for God's help which will remove all suffering from him when the time is right. The human being must be helpful or fight, and namely in accordance with his will and his ability to love.... Being helpful will come easily to him, yet fighting will require great strength if he does not want to succumb to the power which will use whatever it takes to pull him into darkness and which will continue to exert an influence on the human being as long as he lives without love, for then he is still far removed from God. Only love sets him free from this power, only love makes him strong, for the loving human being is united with God and receives his strength from Him in order to defeat the adversary....

Fighting or helping....

B.D. No. 5913

March 24th 1954

Don't forget that you will have to fight or be of service.... Yet the battle should not be against your fellow human being, against those who are weak and defenceless, nor should one tackle the other in order to defeat him for the sake of worldly success. The battle should be against yourselves, against faults and bad habits, vices and cravings.... This battle is not easy and requires all your strength; yet if you are victorious in this battle you will have achieved a marvellous success.... However, you can also choose a different path in order to attain this success.... the path of helpful neighbourly love. As soon as you are helping you are likewise overcoming yourself, for you voluntarily change your nature. You acquire the strength you need in order to discard all faults and bad habits through your actions of love and receive an abundant measure of grace.... if you **serve** with love.... In that case you will have overcome arrogance first; you will have become humble and can subsequently receive an unlimited amount of blessings.... You no longer need to wage battle against yourselves once you serve with love. Being of service with love is merely a different **form** of battle against oneself yet it likewise succeeds in becoming victorious over everything degrading, over all cravings, over heartlessness.

A person's change of character takes place either through fighting or helping, however, helping is far easier than fighting, and anyone who is always a helpful brother to his fellow human beings will meet with far less opposition than someone whose goal consists of systematic self-denial, for his fellow human beings will not offer him the patience and love which the former gains through his conduct with other people. This is why it says: fighting **or** helping.... because a helpful person will be spared the difficult inner battles which the other person often has to endure. A battle with the weapons of love is always promising, and truly, someone who helps with humility is the stronger, for he reaches his goal faster, because he will always receive grace and strength in abundance.... which someone who fights will in fact have to appeal for as well or he will be defeated in his battle against himself. It will also be conveyed to him by God after his prayer so that he can achieve his transformation of character, yet it will only have been completed when he also helps with love, when, after a tough battle, his selfish love has become selfless neighbourly love.... and then he will also receive strength and grace through loving activity....

Serving in love

Task in life: Helping with love....

B.D. No. 6202

March 1st 1955

Your task in earthly life is to lovingly help each other.... You are only able to work your way up through helpful love, for this alone raises your soul's degree of maturity, this alone enables you to enter the kingdom of light and will ensure beatitude after your physical death. All other efforts are of no benefit to you if you exclude being of loving service, if your heart remains hardened, if you want to dominate where you should be helpful. For only through helpful neighbourly love will you make

Amends for the past sin of having rejected love, when you yourselves withdrew from love in order to follow the one who is totally devoid of love, who revolted against Me. Your life on earth has only been given to you to acquire the love again which you once rejected.... so that you demonstrate that you want to change your nature, that you demonstrate your change of will by being lovingly active.... Hence you cannot ignore love if you want to become perfect again, if you want to return to Me again in order to be infinitely happy. The knowledge of this is worthless to you if you don't put it into practice. And the opportunity for this will always be offered to you.... and you will always see hardship around you, people in need will always approach you and appeal for your help.... And then don't let them go from you without having helped them, if you are able to do so.... And don't worry that you have to go short yourselves, for the measure you use will be the measure you receive again....

But also use your intelligence.... this, too, is My advice so that you will not damage your neighbour more than helping him.... For adversity caused by a person's own fault shall also be remedied by him again, where this is within the scope of possibility.... And the fact that it will be possible if the person is willing, can be appealed for by him from Me.... You must therefore distinguish between adversity and negligence.... You should certainly ease suffering but never encourage another person's carelessness, which is a great evil and should therefore not be supported.... Yet where love helpfully intervenes the adversity will also quickly be remedied, for I will help as well, if I recognise love on the one hand and gratitude on the other.... No human being will be abandoned by Me, and if he turns to Me Myself he will also be shown a way which will guide him out of all adversity.... However, anyone who only relies on his fellow human being is not truly entitled to help, and the adversity is intended to make him see that he himself must change.... For adversity is often the teaching method I use for a person in order to win him over for Myself, so that the adversity impels him to Me, so that it reminds the person of Me and he takes refuge in Me Who will then never disappoint him. It is My will that all people shall become blessed, and thus it is also My will that they should recognise Me.... However, many people spend no thought on Me as long as they have a good life on earth, and thus they are on a downward spiral, towards My adversary.... Only through adversity can I influence them such that they turn around and strive towards Me as their goal, that they pleadingly raise their hands to Me for help.... And I will hear this call and send them help when the time is right.... Be lovingly active as long as you live on earth and give to your neighbour what he needs.... And I will bless you and that which you give to your neighbour for love of Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Everything that is still bound in form pushes towards liberation. The being is compelled, and it feels the compulsion as torment. However, the compulsion which God exerts on the being by taking away its freedom of will is by no means decisive for the being, but only beneficial insofar as the desire to escape this very banished state becomes strong in it and it now decides to do something it previously refused to do.... that it is ready to serve. So serving also means becoming free. The being that has no real will to do so must also put up with the shackles, it must suffer, and so again the state of suffering cannot be spared the being as long as it refuses to enter into a serving relationship. It must therefore carry out an activity in humility that reduces the state of suffering of another being. It must take upon itself something that the other being should bear; it thereby redeems itself and also the being it serves. The more willingly now the being enters into a serving relationship, the more God loosens the bound will of it, to finally take away every fetter of will from it and to now leave the redemption to it itself, by giving it free decision, that it is therefore no longer forced to serve, but must do this voluntarily, to become free of the last form. Voluntary service, however, also requires knowledge of its meaning and purpose; the being has to be made aware of what earthly life means to it. It cannot be left in ignorance about the meaning and purpose of life, but everything worth knowing must be presented to it before it can be called to account for what it omits to do on earth. It would be of no value if the being were only forced to be of service again, it must be free to serve or also to withdraw from this service. Through the long course on earth before the embodiment as man the being has been shaped in such a way that it is in a certain maturity, therefore has very well the ability to recognize what divine will is. Yet it has to fulfil divine will of its own accord, it cannot be forcibly induced to act and think as a human being, otherwise this would not be a complete redemption, for the will of the opposing power would not yet have been completely defeated. The divine in the human being has only attained sole dominion when the adversary is completely defeated; there must not be the slightest connection between the human being and the adversary, the human being's desire must rather only be for God, and this desire for Him also determines the human being to serve; He does everything God wants, he has given up all arrogance and moulded himself into love and humility, thus he has redeemed himself from all influence of the adversary and is now also completely liberated from every form which binds him, for the being has now become what it has to be in order to unite with God again.... it has reached its original state.... it is what it was from the beginning.... light and power in from God....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Way of the flesh....know before.... serve....

B.D. No. 1943

June 7th 1941

The path of the flesh must be travelled by every being that wants to become free from bondage. Until the being has completed its earthly life in embodiment as a human being it cannot enter the spiritual kingdom free and unbound. But the beingness will also strive for embodiment as a human being in order to finally become free from the constraint which every external form means for the beingness. And that is why it takes up the earthly battle with full consent. It feels up to the task and is not afraid of it, and therefore the souls will push themselves to be conceived into the flesh in order to be able to fulfil their final task. They have previously been shown the path on earth and also the degree of maturity they can attain through this earthly life. Furthermore, the measure of grace is also presented to them, which enables them to mature, and therefore the soul does not hesitate to start the last course, even though it is now deprived of the awareness of the soul's pre-formation and now begins its earthly existence in complete ignorance. The more willing to serve the soul was before, the more it is now up to the earthly demands, i.e., it will also master earthly life, since it has declared its willingness to redeem itself through service. Admittedly, the human being will now come into situations in life where the will to serve will be shaken in him; he will get to know life with all its joys and comforts, and now the soul must prove to itself whether it is still willing to serve. For it must go

through resistance and prove itself in the face of this resistance. So it now puts the previously cherished will into practice, and only this earns it liberation. The will to serve earned it the grace of embodiment as a human being, but the active will releases it again from the final form.... If, however, the will does not become active, then it has to a certain extent illegally acquired embodiment as a human being; it has not fulfilled what it promised to do. And it is itself the sufferer, for the hour of liberation from spiritual fetters has by no means struck for it, even though it is seemingly freed from its outer form through the death of the body. Nevertheless, it takes the form with it into eternity, i.e. it still feels the shackles of the spirit just as agonizingly as before the earthly body. And it has to feel the shackles until it decides to serve in love.... No being can be spared the path on earth in the flesh; but it cannot be spared serving in love either, and if it does not do the latter on earth it only prolongs its bound state and in fact its time on earth. For the immature soul will not be able to separate itself from earth until it has fulfilled its serving activity, even though it has already left earth. But the will to serve will often only be very weak in the beyond. And it will require twice as much strength to realize this will. And therefore it is far more difficult to finally become free than on earth, where the slightest will brings the strength from God to the person and he can effortlessly fulfil his earthly task.... to serve in love in order to become completely free from the form....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Serving.... vice of idleness....

B.D. No. 2299

April 12th 1942

The walk through earthly life is a conscious and unconscious serving, but always activity if this walk is to be a bearable one. If it is not possible for the beingness to serve, then this is a state of death, indeed caused by its own will, but unspeakably agonizing. In the stage as a human being, however, the beingness is free to be of service or to be inactive. And this does not have as agonizing an effect as in the previous stages, but it is all the more serious because the inertia places a tremendous burden on the soul. The soul perceives inactivity as an obstacle to ascent. It feels it, but is more turned towards the body and fulfils its desires. And just as it neglects its task on earth, it will also not fulfil the demands made of it in the beyond in order to change its agonizing state, which is the result and effect of its earthly life. It will not recognize its state of inactivity in the beyond as the cause of its suffering and therefore will not be willing to escape it either, yet it will still feel the torment of its lack of freedom. Moreover, as on earth, it will crave distractions and the fulfilment of earthly desires, but will never be prepared to help those who suffer like it in servant love. This state is extremely hopeless if the soul has no inner drive to be active, which is a consequence of its idle way of life. On earth power is constantly flowing to people and this should be utilized, it should be utilized for serving activity, for only through such activity does the soul redeem itself and also help the still immature spiritual substance in matter to develop higher. However, as soon as the human being indulges in idleness, he misuses the strength he receives without gaining any benefit for his soul. This would only be a standstill if idleness were not at the same time the danger that man falls into vices which mean a regression for him. For now the adversary of God comes into action by holding up all the comforts of earthly life to the sluggish human being and urging him to chase after them. Indulgence, gluttony and carnal desires tempt him to commit many sins, weaken the body and soul and make them unfit for resistance. The desire for earthly goods is increased and the soul is now kept completely away from its actual earthly task if it does not give in to the urging of the spirit, which makes suggestions to the soul to give up this way of life. If the soul still has this strength of will, then it is saved, but this requires great willpower and heartfelt prayer to God for help and strengthening of the will. In most cases, however, the desire for the world goes hand in hand with idleness and the person pays no attention to the spiritual task. And the soul must bitterly atone for such a wrongly led way of life in the beyond, for it will not be spared the torments of the state of inactivity. It has to endure it until it longs for activity of its own accord, which can take an inconceivably long time....

Amen

Arrogance....

B.D. No. 5341

March 21st 1952

Do not exalt yourselves above your fellow human beings but serve them.... Only then will you practice true discipleship of Jesus, only then will love be active in you which eliminates all arrogance, which teaches you to regard your fellow human beings as brothers and which compensates for every difference in rank or status, which only exists in the world but is not tolerated in My kingdom. Servant love will trigger true happiness in you, in servant neighbourly love you are true followers of Jesus, the human being on earth, Who exemplified the right life to you, Who truly possessed light and strength and power in all abundance because He had received Me Himself into His heart, and Who nevertheless made no use of this strength by ruling and allowing Himself to be served by His fellow human beings.... He served His brothers in deepest love and humility; and this elevated Him to ruler over worlds and countless creations, for **I Myself** took His external form and filled Him with light and strength. Arrogance is a characteristic of one who has fallen into the deepest depths out of arrogance and lust for power. And if you humans are arrogant you willingly lend your ear to him and let yourselves be seduced by him, you accept his characteristics, his vices and are in bondage to him. Do not place yourselves above your fellow human beings, who are in truth your brothers, because you all have only one father and as His children should love and serve each other out of love for Me. Arrogance will easily cause your downfall, for anyone with an arrogant spirit will very soon no longer recognize Me, Who am eternal love, because there is no love in him. For true love is one with humility but not with arrogance. Serving in humility always testifies to profound love for Me, which is expressed in serving neighbourly love. And you will truly gain far more if you serve with humility than if you rule with arrogance. For you can only gain earthly power through arrogance, yet spiritually you will gain nothing, indeed, you will only lose the little you possess. For arrogance is My adversary's share, thus it only strengthens his kingdom, and it is not difficult to guess what this means for you humans. But My kingdom is not of this world, therefore serving neighbourly love can certainly result in an apparent earthly loss of goods, of reputation and power, yet it acquires spiritual values which are everlasting and will one day be credited to the soul in My kingdom, which now stands far above those who ruled on earth and oppressed their fellow human beings in light and fullness of strength. He who exalts himself will be humbled.... Remember these words and don't believe that what you create for yourselves on earth through arrogance will remain with you.... which you, so to speak, acquire unjustly. For the one who wants to rule takes.... he takes what is not his due, he appropriates a right and abuses his power.... Servant love, on the other hand, gives unceasingly; in words and deeds it gives itself to those who are in need and who need its help. Servant love is true humility and therefore pleasing to Me, servant love is true following Jesus, which leads safely to Me, to the father from eternity....

Amen

"To the humble, God gives His grace...."

B.D. No. 7308

March 14th 1959

The will to serve is entering into humility, it is the beginning of victory in the battle against arrogance, which still characterizes man as a child of satan and which he should therefore fight with all his strength. Arrogance wants to rule, it places itself high above everything standing next to it; the arrogant person wants to subjugate everything and force it under his service, the arrogant person is brutal and unloving, he has all the characteristics of God's adversary which are obviously evident, and therefore he is on the path to ruin if he does not change and seriously takes action against the arrogant spirit. And he will do so as soon as the will arises in him to serve.... Serving his fellow human being is truly liberating, for then he escapes from the adversary and enters another sphere, for humility leads him to God, through humility he comes close to God and receives blessings in abundance, according

to His promise: "Only to the humble do I bestow My grace...." Humility will always prove itself in a serving will to help, the human being enters a completely different stage of development when he lives in humility, when he fights all arrogance, when he begins to recognize himself and becomes aware of his weakness of will and faults which take away all arrogance and place him in the consciousness of deepest lowliness. And accordingly he will also imagine himself to be far away from God, he will raise his eyes to Him in true humility and appeal to Him for His mercy.... But this will not be a game, not an external form but profound inner humility which therefore also makes him worthy of God's grace so that he will be strengthened in his intention to work on himself in order to remedy the shortcoming and to become more worthy of God's love and grace, which a humble person longs for and requests from the bottom of his heart. The humble person has already accomplished the turning away from the adversary, for humility is a divine quality, a degree of perfection which always presupposes the turning away from the adversary, even though the person then still has to work very hard on himself in order to become worthy of God's constant presence. But the serving love which now fills a humble person soon transforms his whole being into love, and a truly humble person soon comes so close to the father's heart that he unites with the eternal love and thus also attains perfection. As long as the human being still lacks true humility his process of maturing is not yet finished either, for only true humility draws the father to His child with certainty, which proves God's childship through true humility.... And as long as there is still a spark of arrogance in the human being, the path to this unification is still long, for God's adversary is still involved, and the battle against him has to be waged with all will and firm resolution, and it can also be waged as soon as the human being achieves helpful neighbourly love, which will then also earn him victory over himself. Only once should the human being go into himself and reflect on his faults and weaknesses, on his vices and bad habits.... And he will get away from his arrogance quite considerably if he is only honest with himself.... But this critical self-examination can be the turning point for him, because as soon as he recognizes himself and is of good will, he will turn to God in humility and ask Him for grace and mercy.... which he can then also be quite sure of, because "God gives His grace to the humble"....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Selfless service in every walk of life.... Poverty.... Willingness to give....

B.D. No. 3918

October 29th 1946

Everything you do you should do in the knowledge that you are carrying out divine will. Therefore you have to entrust all your thoughts, words and actions to Him, you have to request His blessing for this and entirely commend yourselves to His divine guidance.... you have to put His will completely in charge of your daily life, that is, you only need want your way of life to be pleasing to Him and always do your best to attain His love. Then you can neither speak nor do anything which opposes God and your life on earth will not be unsuccessful for your souls. You fulfil God's will when the commandment of love becomes the guiding principle of your life, then you live up to the most important law and God will bless you, spiritually as well as worldly.

Your purpose on earth is to serve unselfishly and you can do so in every situation, irrespective of whether you are poor or wealthy, great or small, respected and powerful or inconspicuously weak.... You can always be of service providing you want to be of service. Every human being is offered ample opportunity to serve kindly and no one should believe to be in need of receiving help themselves and reduce their own resolve to give because he has nothing to give.... Even the poorest can give.... and if he has no material wealth then he can give love and thereby awaken the love in others.... he can be willing to give and his will is then likened to a good deed.

But at all times God only looks into the heart and no impulse remains hidden from Him therein. An outwardly apparent great act of love can be worthless in the eyes of God if the heart does not feel the love which displays the deed; and even the smallest gift is pleasing to God if it is given with a loving heart. And anyone who honestly wants to give gladly will also give of the little he owns, he won't

fearfully question but share instead.... And it will be returned to him many times over because the Lord says 'as you give so you shall receive....' and His Word is truth. Thus no one should keep his possessions anxiously to himself when he endeavours to live in accordance with God's will, he should give gladly because his action of love will reward him with far greater blessings than his few possessions could ever offer. Because he will receive exceptionally more, both earthly and spiritually.... his soul will mature, he will always be correctly guided because God Himself takes care of those who want to live as it pleases Him, and because His guidance is the guarantee to reach the goal. Only one factor is required of you: that you live with love.... that your thoughts, words and actions will always be guided by the love of your heart and that you devoutly commend yourselves to Him, Who gave you your life so that your souls can mature.... With His grace and strength you are able to do everything, even during times of greatest physical and spiritual difficulties you can do deeds of kindness providing you unite with the Eternal Love Itself through prayer, which will give you unlimited strength and grace because you want to draw nearer to Him with deeds of love....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Love.... Pleasure of giving.... Reciprocated love.... Belief in Christ's act of Salvation....

B.D. No. 4986

October 21st 1950

Awaken to new life.... Try to kindle the flame of love in you, constantly provide it with new nourishment and thereby ignite your love for God, which will make you eternally happy. Then you will be assured of eternal life, a state of abundant strength and light in unlimited freedom. Then you will be able to do whatever you want, you will have conquered death, for all lack of strength, all weakness will fall away from you and you will live and be blissfully happy. Yet this can only be accomplished by love and love cannot be given to you, you must kindle it in yourselves. You must help where help is needed and, animated by the feeling of inner happiness, constantly accomplish new deeds of love, then you will always keep the fire within you burning, you will feed it and be constantly active with unselfish love. Only the pleasure of giving spurs you into renewed kind-hearted activity, and you will experience this when you look into a needy fellow human being's eyes after you have helped him. This reward is far nicer than material payment, for it is reciprocated love which shines forth from these eyes. Then you will have kindled love in your fellow human being's heart again, a tiny spark will have been ignited by you and once again the flame of love will spread and communicate itself to other people. Only a united activity of love can redeem the human race from the state of spiritual hardship it finds itself in. Only loving activity results in light and grace and leads you to God, the eternal Love Himself. However, the closer it gets to the end the more love will grow cold amongst people, since they only live for their own ends and have no heart for the suffering of their fellow human beings. The distance to God will therefore become ever more obvious, the gulf between people and God will have almost become unbridgeable, the darkness in people's hearts impenetrable, for the light of love will not be able to shine forth and therefore not provide illumination, and the One Who would be able to help is not called upon, because He is not acknowledged.... Jesus Christ, the divine Redeemer, will be unable to distribute the blessings of His act of Salvation, He will not be approached for them because people don't believe in Him. And this is the worst situation, for then they will lack all strength and support without which, however, they cannot become happy. People no longer believe what they are advised to believe, and if they don't acknowledge the divine Redeemer they will not call upon Him either, consequently they are spiritually unenlightened and therefore suffer profound hardship. They are already in a state of death and could certainly be delivered from it yet never without love, never without divine grace, but the human will must always profess to it first. Try to awaken yourselves to life.... you are able to do so if only you wanted it.... Practise unselfish neighbourly love and you will find it easy to acknowledge Jesus Christ as the Redeemer of the world and as the Son of God, for then the spirit within you will enlighten you, so that you will be able to believe because you live a life of love. Awaken to new life, for the hour is close at hand when it will be decided as to whether the soul has chosen life or death. Make use of every opportunity to actively

practise neighbourly love, and you will experience the beneficial feeling that you are infused by new life.... Then you will have conquered death and need not fear the final end, for then you will be living in light and truth, and you will live eternally....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

'The measure you give....'

B.D. No. 5905

March 17th 1954

The measure you give will be the measure you receive.... You should not anxiously calculate what you think you ought to give, you should hand out what you are inwardly urged to, for only that which you give out of love will be judged, and if you love, you won't be calculating but giving generously. By doing so you will not become poorer as you will be amply rewarded, you will never go without for I will truly abundantly return it to you, I will bestow the same love upon you, and that truly to a far greater extent. This promise of Mine is applicable spiritually and earthly, for you should alleviate people's hardship everywhere, you should give to your fellow human being what he requires.... And the spiritual hardship is far greater still than the earthly one, this is why the spiritual care of the poor has been entrusted to you, especially to those of you with spiritual riches at their disposal and who shall always share this wealth. All those who have possessions themselves should share their possessions. Yet their wealth will not diminish, for the more they share the more they will receive. I can only grant spiritual wealth - and thus also give the assurance that I will not let them go without - to people if they comply with My request to consider their fellow human beings, because they lack what they need to help them attain beatitude.... Anyone who shares earthly possessions acquires spiritual wealth and, at the same time, also receives earthly possessions according to requirement.... And the more wealthy he is the more generous he can and should become, for it will be a blessing for him as well as for the needy, love will flare up brightly, because every expression of love awakens love in return and because.... where love is kindled.... I Myself can be and thus distribute My gift without limitation. Love must flare up in the human heart, then receiving and giving can take place without measure; yet without love every gift is mere calculation or formality which is not judged by Me as a gift of love. Let your fellow human beings' hardship speak to you. Spiritual as well as earthly suffering should awaken your sympathy, then your heart will be involved, then every gift will trigger joy in the giver as well in the recipient, and then I will also be able to give because your love motivates Me to do so, and then your wealth will increase.... you will be endowed in a spiritual and earthly way and will never again have to go short, for My love and grace will flow to you without measure.... you may receive without measure according to My promise 'the measure you give will be the measure you receive....'

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

One shall serve the other.... Bargaining products, occupation....

B.D. No. 6703

December 1st 1956

Every human being's task is to help his fellow human being, for this reason I endowed people differently, conferred various abilities on them, gave them different degrees of strength and also shaped their circumstances so diversely that the right co-existence between people also necessitates a mutual exchange of the gifts which are at everyone's disposal.

And thus everyone shall give to the other what he has and what the other is missing.... Each person shall be of service to the other.... because it is the human being's task in earthly life to redeem himself through helpful neighbourly love.... On the one hand I indeed demand unselfish neighbourly love but on the other hand this love should also be correctly acknowledged and rewarded in a just manner. And thus every occupational activity can also contribute to the attainment of the soul's maturity if the

person always strives to be of service to his fellow human being, if he carries out his work with love and thereby wants to please.... if he doesn't merely follow his occupation for the sake of payment.

In this way people's co-existence will always be beneficial and also guarantee a state of tranquillity and peace and a certain lack of worry as long as I Am included.... thus love for Me and other people is clearly being fostered. For then everything will fall into place by itself because people live their lives in divine order. However, people have now left this order completely, for their every thought and intention only intends to increase their earthly wealth, and whatever they do generally lacks love for other people whilst material desire is very dominant.... It no longer is a mutual service but rather a wanting-to-enrich-oneself at the expense of the other person. And the attribute of almost every occupation is that it is **purely** regarded as an income and not as a helpful balance where needed by fellow human beings. Every person's work has become a bargaining product to a greater extent, and even the work for Me and My kingdom often lacks unselfish love.... even this work is frequently considered an 'occupation' that is only carried out for the sake of income.

And where material thoughts and inclinations predominate, no spiritual blessing, no spiritual progress will be accomplished, and this, too, explains the spiritually low level which is experienced by humanity in these last days. People's thoughts only revolve around matter, and thus My adversary uses his every influence on them, for the material world is his world, and all matter is spiritual substance which is **well below the human being**.... and this is what people are striving for. If they could detach themselves from matter, then helpful love would express itself and peaceful harmony could be recognised on earth too, and people would comply with their real task on earth. Yet love has grown cold amongst people, and therefore My adversary has great power, and the greed for material wealth keeps growing the nearer it is to the end. Yet people who unselfishly consider their neighbours and put their strength at their disposal will be doubly blessed.... Although they won't acquire earthly riches their spiritual wealth will be immense and remain when all worldly things have vanished. For no-one will be able to enjoy his possessions for much longer, and woe to those who have no other but earthly riches to show.... their desire for matter will be fulfilled.... They will become matter themselves, and an infinitely long time will pass before they will get released again from their hard constraint, which they nevertheless had endeavoured towards of their own free will and therefore shall also receive according to their will....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

"What you do to the least of My brothers...."

B.D. No. 5886

February 24th 1954

Whatever you do to the least of My brothers, you have done to Me. Every day and every hour you are given the opportunity to do good, to say a kind word, to helpfully assist your neighbour with advice and deeds and thus to alleviate his hardship, which need not only consist of earthly needs but also requires spiritual help through comforting encouragement or guidance on the right path which leads out of spiritual and also earthly hardship. You should only not harden your heart and turn away your eyes when you see hardship; you should not become indifferent and believe that you have done enough once you have given help.... You should always and constantly practice love, then you will know within yourselves the blissful feeling of a giver who is blessed by Me.... who receives from Me again in the same measure as he gives out, and truly, gifts which make him far more happy than the earthly possessions he renounces.... For you give to **Me** as you distribute to your neighbour, you give **Me** the love which your neighbour receives from you. You can only prove your love for Me by showing love to your neighbour. You cannot measure the great wealth you accumulate through unselfish love, yet one day you will be happy to recognize the truth of My word and admit that it was truly not difficult to acquire spiritual treasures on earth.... And I want to create this happiness for you and therefore constantly admonish you to work with love.... As soon as you always remember that I Myself come before you as a suppliant when a needy person asks you for a gift, as soon as you

remember that I know about every gift which is offered with love and look at you with blessing eyes in return, then your love for your neighbour will grow, because love always awakens reciprocated love and carries strength and blessings within itself. Whatever you do to the least of My brothers you have done to Me.... You are all My children, and if the children love each other they give the father the greatest happiness, because only love can cause true bliss and because love leads you all to perfection, which can never be achieved without love. Be grateful as long as you have the opportunity to help and advise, for you still possess the strength of life to do so but you will lack it if one day you recognize your neglect and want to make up for it.... Use your time on earth to work with love so that you will enter the kingdom of the beyond with strength and be able to work there with the treasures you have acquired through loving activity, so that you will not be weak and helpless and bitterly regret what you neglected to do on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Serving activity: reshaping the matter

Reshaping matter.... serve.... activity.... higher development....

B.D. No. 2333

May 12th 1942

All matter is accompanied by something spiritual, i.e., the actual essence of matter is the same substance as the human soul, and the knowledge of this should stimulate people to perpetual activity, to constantly transform matter or help to do so. All beingness strives for liberation, it wants to escape the form and can only do so by overcoming this form, i.e. by willingly serving the form until its dissolution. The human being is now permitted earthly activity, i.e. through his activity he can reshape any material into things that serve his fellow human beings, i.e. that are intended to fulfil their purpose. In this way the human being constantly helps the spiritual substance in the form to free itself from it, and that is why earthly activity is extraordinarily beneficial and absolutely necessary for the further development of the spiritual. However, things created by human will must also be given the opportunity to serve, otherwise the spiritual substance's stay in this form will be unnecessarily prolonged, which is agonizing for the spiritual substance and does not benefit the human being either, for it increases his desire for possessions. The human being strives for something that he has already overcome and should now finally overcome as a human being by freeing himself from the desire for it. The sooner an object is allowed to serve, the sooner the beingness can free itself from it, revitalize itself into a new form and thus develop to the height of its destiny. Every activity that gives rise to things that serve the welfare of fellow human beings or other creatures is blessed by God, and the human being will also feel the blessing in himself, for the spiritual substance liberated by human hands is well-disposed towards the human being that helped him to become free and will in turn assist him according to his ability. Everything that makes up the human being's environment is constantly changing, nothing remains in its old form for eternity, a change is constantly taking place, often imperceptible to the eye, and as soon as the human being contributes to it in the will to create something corresponding to a purpose he makes himself meritorious for the beingness that animates matter.... Man serves, and the spiritual serves in that which man lets come into being through his will. But man's will must always also be prepared to serve, i.e., he must not let things come into being through his activity which are detrimental to his fellow human being. Otherwise the spiritual within will also be forced into an activity which is not favourable for its spiritual development. The spiritual is indeed forced into a task against its will, and it has to fulfil this task, and that is why not the spiritual but man in his freedom of will is called to account, but the spiritual itself strives for its speedy release from such forms because it feels the adversity of its task. Only serving activity makes truly free, and only such activity should be carried out on earth if the human being wants to redeem himself and also the spiritual in matter.... Love for fellow human beings must always be the determining factor and the created things must always serve them for the best, then the spiritual will also be able to fulfil its serving task until its form dissolves....

Amen

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Matter.... change - upward development.... serve....

B.D. No. 2789

June 27th 1943

The perpetual process of change can be observed in all creations and therefore has to take place according to divine will, because no other being can implement its will in the works of creation. It is God's will that the spiritual, which is bound in the works of creation, changes, and this change can only take place when also the outer form undergoes a change, and this outer change is therefore the

actual life of the spiritual, it is so to speak the visible sign of an upward development of the spiritual hiding in it, because as long as this remains in its resistance against God, also the outer form remains almost unchanged. From this it can be concluded that all solid matter which remains in its nature and condition for a long time harbours spiritual substances which are opposed to God and that this matter should not be striven for by man if it is not needed for a serving purpose. If matter is used to mould things that are useful to man, then man himself contributes to the transformation of such external forms.... but if an external form remains and is desired by people for the sake of this external form, then the human being is in danger of being dominated by matter and this is a disadvantage for his soul. There are countless things which could be counted as so-called dead matter and which are desired by people without them fulfilling a useful purpose.... These are decorative objects of all kinds that merely trigger the joy of earthly possession without fulfilling a purpose. They are only a lure of the world as long as they serve to fulfil one's own desires and do not fulfil their purpose in serving neighbourly love. The spiritual bound in this matter captivates the senses of man, and this means a spiritual regression for the latter, since he demands something that he has long since overcome, and the spiritual in matter finds support through the desire of man, in that he strives for the possession of what he desires, and he gives the spiritual in the form the opportunity to remain in the form for a long time. But what does not change in its outer form does not progress in its upward development....

(27.6.1943) To desire such solid matter as possession is of extreme disadvantage for the soul of man because it makes him a slave of matter, it conquers him instead of man conquering matter. Objects which are created by human hands but which have no serving purpose are likewise suited to arouse human desire and now remain in their form for a long time, and the spiritual in them is bound for just as long. It cannot develop upwards because it is prevented from serving, because it lacks the will to do so, but man also does not help this spiritual by carefully protecting the solid matter from every change and thus prolongs the compulsion around the spiritual through his love for dead matter. In the same way, utilitarian objects whose actual purpose is a serving one, but which are not used for their actual purpose out of love for matter, are also an agonizing fetter for the spiritual substance hidden in them as long as the human being persists in his love for such things.... if the external form is not changed by divine will, i.e. if such objects are destroyed against human will through many different causes. Then the spiritual in the form is willing to serve, and the outer fetter is loosened or destroyed despite human love for it. A change of the outer form, therefore of all works of creation, must take place if these works are to fulfil their purpose; the spiritual in every work of creation must mature through service and then be released again to the next stage of its development. Man's love for matter prolongs the state of compulsion of the spiritual in it, the stubborn spiritual, which does not let up in its resistance against God, now also influences the thinking of men to unite with it, it therefore drives to materialism and causes great spiritual devastation among mankind. Nevertheless, this spirituality feels the compulsion that the external form causes it and unlawfully tries to escape it.... it tries to confuse human thinking, i.e., God-opposing forces use the weakness of man for dead matter in order to incite them to unkindness against each other, to unlawfully appropriate the matter of fellow human beings and, if necessary, to achieve this through violence, which can also have a destructive effect on matter. In its ignorance, the spiritual believes itself to be free when its outer form is destroyed by people's lack of love. Violent destruction is therefore never spiritual progress but an illegally interrupted course of development, for the release from a form only depends on whether this form fulfils a serving purpose. And in the same way the destruction of an outer form must have as its cause the will to produce something new from it which again fulfils a serving purpose. Then the change of the outer form is willed by God and for the spiritual in it an ascent to....

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Everything visible to your eyes testifies to God's love, it was created to help the fallen substance, to elevate it from its sunken state again, and therefore every work of creation should be seen as an emanation of divine love and be respected and valued accordingly. None of God's creations may be wilfully destroyed, for then its function, its intended purpose, will be prevented. And neither may human work be destroyed which also has a function.... the function to be helpful. For every work of creation that originated from God's will was given this function, otherwise it could not result in higher development of the substance. And human creations are also assessed in relation to their function.... As long as they have the task of being useful, as long as they somehow serve other people or even other creations, they contribute towards the development of the substance and fulfil their purpose.

To destroy such creations results in the interruption of the spirit's progress of development and can never be justified before God.... as in fact all destruction of matter has to be motivated by love to be justifiable before God.... Consequently, if destruction takes place for the purpose of producing objects which are helpful to people, which serve a useful purpose, the destruction is justified for the love of other people. However, any other destruction is sacrilege.... sacrilege against other people and against God, Whose power created things which truly have another purpose than to fall victim to the human will of destruction.... And this sacrilege avenges itself badly....

When the driving force of hatred and unkindness between people destroys matter then people also have to pay for it.... materially, because they lose things that had fulfilled a useful purpose, as well as spiritually, and the latter in a particularly painful way.... Because spirit has been freed against its will and before its time, and this spirit disturbs all substances in its environment but especially the human being by permanently appearing before his soul's eyes, that is, by constantly occupying his thoughts with the lost objects. This is extremely harmful to the soul since it inhibits its development. It is held back from spiritual aspiration, its senses are constantly directed towards material things and therefore the creations can quietly torment a human being when they are unavailable to him, when they fall prey to the human will of destruction.

Every work of creation by God, or by a human being who just wants to work constructively, should be respected. The destructive principle denotes the actions of God's opponent.... And at this moment in time he is raging in the world.... He induces people to God-opposing behaviour against His creations, he has awakened the destructive urge in people because they lack love and no longer understand the meaning and purpose of creation. And this shall result in serious consequences. God will counteract the human work of destruction, which is the influence of the evil power, with a far greater work of destruction but which is entirely warranted in God's love....

He shall liberate the spirit which is willing to walk the way of service on earth from endless long captivity.... He shall release the solid matter so that the human destructive will is stopped and human beings learn to see earthly creations for what they are: means for development as long as they can exercise their useful function. This divine destructive action will affect people even far more seriously; however, this is necessary so that they return to the right way of thinking, that they respect and appreciate every work of creation, that they understand its function and once again occupy themselves constructively. Because this and only this is divine order: that everything in existence shall progress and that every human work of creation shall also be a guarantee for the development of spirit as long as it fulfils its useful purpose, as long as the human will to be of help has produced it....

Amen

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Anyone who knows the spirits' process of development, who is informed of Creation's meaning and purpose, also knows that the human being as the most perfect work of creation forms the closing stage of an infinitely long process of development which has taken place on this earth. He knows that this will irrevocably be followed by his stay in the kingdom of the beyond where material creations no longer exist, where development can certainly continue under incredibly difficult conditions yet in an entirely different way than in the material world.... if the process of development on earth has not been completed to a point that the soul will be able to enter the kingdom of light. But only the least people on earth realise this, for it first requires the will to know this in order to be able to understand and believe it and this is only rarely present in people. In contrast, people's will is extremely strongly inclined to utilise the works of creation such that they will benefit their physical life.... Admittedly, by doing so people unconsciously help the bound spiritual substances in the creations to progress, because it is of service to them, although in the law of compulsion.... A great deal of matter is being dissolved through human will, it is reshaped into constantly new creations all of which are assigned useful functions, which necessarily results in the spirits' progress.... Yet the human being himself can thereby also come to a standstill or even regress in his development if he is not helpful himself at the same time, since he is no longer subject to the law of compulsion and therefore has to push his own higher development forward.... As soon as he does everything consciously, always with the intention of helping his fellow human being, his earthly work can derive inconceivable blessings for his soul.... even if he has no idea about the spirits' process of development, even if he is **without** all knowledge about the meaning and purpose of earthly life and the creations of this Earth.... He does not need to know it if only he **voluntarily helps** with love.... Yet usually he is indeed impelled by **love** to work but only by the love for **himself**.... In that case his activity can also have a detrimental effect on his fellow human beings, for the less he considers his fellow human being the more his selfish love will be satisfied.... But selfish love also has an unfavourable effect on the works of creations which were assigned to the person's field of activity, insofar as that the spirit's development in such works of creation will often be prematurely interrupted for the sake of his own advantage, because selfish love contradicts divine order and thus the person's conduct is also totally contradictory to divine order.... Even if such people knew the meaning and purpose of the creation and of earthly life they would not stop their wrong way of life and their actions against the divine order, because they are utterly controlled by selfish love and completely unapproachable by other ideas. And these humans enter the spiritual kingdom in an absolutely dreadful state, for they can no longer satisfy their selfish love like on earth, and the path to the right love, to love for their neighbour, is infinitely far away and often cannot be found at all....

Hence, a person who only loves himself takes his love for matter along into the other world, and release from it is extremely difficult, for things he desired with all his senses constantly appear before his eyes which are acutely tempting to him only to instantly disappear when he wants to satisfy his cravings.... inciting his cravings even more, and these are dreadful torments which the soul has to suffer until it starts to fight its craving with the result that the temptations gradually weaken. People have no idea of the benefits they create for themselves in the beyond if they try to overcome matter while they are still on earth, if they become its master and not its slave.... The human being can make use of everything on earth for his advantage, for the purpose of all creations is to serve the human being as well as every creature.... because being of service signifies redemption for the bound spirits within.... Consequently, the human being himself contributes a lot towards this if he offers matter the opportunity to help, if he creates things for himself which fulfil a useful purpose, in which he can certainly take pleasure again as a gift from God, yet he should always remember the spiritual purpose of material things and not tie himself to it such that all his thoughts and intentions apply to the gain of material goods in order to create a comfortable life for himself and to descend increasingly lower than things which are far less developed than him.... which signifies spiritual regression for him.... The development must always be a progressive one, and the human being's goal in earthly life is the complete release from the material shell, the rise above the latter, for then the soul will be able to

leave the physical body as a free and unburdened being and soar into higher spheres.... Then it will not be held back by matter and forced to remain in earthly spheres although it no longer lives on earth.... You humans don't know how grateful a soul is which can detach itself from these spheres, but take it for granted that that which you strive for on earth with all your senses is your biggest enemy.... For your bliss rests in freedom, but you remain enslaved for as long as matter still holds you captive, and it will hold you captive for as long as you are still governed by selfish love, as long as you don't liberate yourselves through helpful love.... **Only the one who is of service will be liberated....** And your existence as a human being constantly provides you with the opportunity to be of loving service....

However, you have free will and, unlike in your preliminary stage of development, are **not forced** to be of service. Love must impel you to do so, and helpful love will only be practiced by a person who suppresses his selfish love, who does not want to take but to give. He will indeed learn to despise matter; he will detach himself from it and liberate himself completely.... His process of development on earth will be successfully concluded with the complete spiritualisation of his soul, which subsequently will be able to be active in the spiritual kingdom with an abundance of light and strength and in helpful love take care of those souls which still linger in slavery and darkness and require help in order to finally be able to also let go of their chains....

Amen

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Man shall help the bound spiritual to serve....

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You, too, take care of the fallen spiritual beings by endeavouring to exert a good beneficial effect on everything that surrounds you.... by embracing everything with your love, be it human beings, animals or even the plant world.... Consider every work of creation as a carrier of the fallen spiritual, which strives upwards in the law of compulsion, and help it to fulfil the task which enables the spiritual bound in it to mature. You can believe that this spiritual substance senses your love and also reacts to it by decreasing its resistance and willingly serving, for the spiritual substance can only be touched by the spiritual again as long as it does not live on earth as an **I-conscious** being. But as soon as you give this spiritual being the opportunity to be able to serve.... as well as all works of creation down to hard matter can fulfil their purpose through your will, their time will be shortened, and the spiritual substance bound in it will come to a faster dissolution of its material cover and can deform itself anew again, which always signifies a step of ascent development for this spiritual substance. And you should look after it lovingly, i.e. always acknowledge its services and be grateful for all help you experience yourselves through all those creations. Everything that serves you in daily life fulfils its purpose, for there is no work of creation which does not have meaning and purpose, even if you don't recognize the purpose.... And if your being emanates love then this spiritual substance around you also feels this emanation, but it often first requires your will in order to be able to serve you. And thus you yourselves can be a hindrance to its development if you hoard material creations, if you accumulate riches which remain unused and are not used for their intended purpose for a long time, if you then prolong the spiritual being's course of development in those creations because you prevent it from being of service. But then you yourselves are still very attached to matter, and this is also a sign of a low degree of love, you love the world and its goods, and therefore you collect treasures and unconsciously prolong their torments because they cannot be released from their form for a long time in order to be able to revive a new one. But if love is in you, then your thinking will also be right, you will **give** but not **hoard**.... And you will cause everything around you to be of service and radiate a right blessing.... And as soon as you yourselves create with your hands, when you are creatively active by dissolving matter and transforming it into new creations, you yourselves also contribute to the redemption of the bound, for you then create things for yourselves again which serve you, and every change of an external form is a progress upwards. But good motives must always drive you to such changes and transformations of matter.... you always have to assign a serving function to

the things you create, and the more urgently you need such things the faster the spiritual substance bound in them progresses upwards, even though a very long time will still pass until the process of maturing has brought that degree to the spiritual substance that it can now develop as a living being up to the level of a human being.... that it can finally serve in free will. But love will stimulate everything into activity, and love will only ever have a favourable effect on all still bound spiritual substances. And that is why a person who lives in love will radiate extremely good emanations to his fellow human beings.... And love will always have a redeeming effect, even if you humans are unable to observe it or have no knowledge of it. You humans should voluntarily serve with love in earthly life, and the spiritual substances around you will also serve you because their resistance will diminish and they will also unconsciously strive for freedom....

Amen

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Loving intercession for the fellow human beings and the souls beyond

Strength of intercession....

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You should give the strength of intercession to all those who have departed from you, irrespective of the degree of maturity you may think they have, for they all still need strength and are grateful for any help. It is a happy feeling to have helped souls to ascend, which you will only fully realise when you have entered the kingdom of the beyond yourselves and see the hardship of many souls who are not remembered in prayer, because no one on earth will remember them lovingly and provide them with the necessary strength in order to ascend. Once these souls have experienced the strength of love they will work with immense enthusiasm and use this strength, but the first impulse has to be given to them by people's loving intercession, because this is what will affect them first and change the direction of their thoughts.

But this intercession has to be rendered consciously, i.e. with the intention of helping the souls to advance. You humans should know that your prayers are valuable, you should familiarise yourselves with the suffering of departed souls and with a loving heart pray for a gift of strength for these souls. They will surely experience this gift of strength and also gratefully feel the love intended for them which will cause them to love in turn, which will thus affect their environment like a small light that benefits all souls. You humans could do so inexpressibly much to release the souls if you have the will to alleviate hardship and suffering.... For this will motivates you to pray from the bottom of your heart, and only this comprises redeeming strength. You should do everything consciously, external formalities or lip-prayers have no effect, because they exclude the conscious will to help. Only love is liberating.... this has to be said time and again.

You can achieve inconceivably much with love, you can send bright light into the darkness through loving intercession, so that many souls will gather there and be touched by this ray of light, always with the result that their feeling of love will also be awakened and will want to express itself. Loving intercession is a tremendous flow of strength the effect of which will never fail. Include all your loved ones in your prayer, mentally call them to you and tell them that you want to help them and that they should accept your help quietly and without objection; mentally instruct them that they, too, will be able to ascend if they want to use the strength they receive through your intercession. And always point them to Jesus Christ.... Only One can redeem them, and this One can only be reached through love. Therefore inform them that they should use their imparted strength to help other souls in turn who also suffer great hardship, that these deeds of love will bring them ever closer to Jesus Christ Who, with utmost mercy, will then draw all souls to Himself and guide them into the kingdom of light....

Once you have helped a soul to use its given strength correctly its progress will be assured, then the weakness of will and lack of strength will disappear and it will eagerly ascend and take untold souls along, for it then will also share its knowledge with them, and thus a single correct intercession will result in unforeseen blessings.... You humans on earth should not underestimate the strength of intercession, but always remember that it should be made with a loving heart in order to truly give strength.... And include all your loved ones, for they all are still in need of strength and will thank you forever if you increase their strength and remember them with love....

Amen

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To live in darkness of spirit in this world is the fate of all those who are still bound by God's adversary, who have not yet found salvation through Jesus Christ.... who therefore travel their earthly path in ignorance and weakness, spiritually blind and without the strength to detach themselves from this very adversary. The souls of these people are surrounded by very dense layers, and no ray of light can penetrate and enlighten the soul. It has occupied its body of flesh with the determination to reach full maturity therein, yet from the beginning of its incarnation it always relented to its physical body, which became a welcome tool for the adversary to prevent the soul from maturing.... The soul, the spiritual being within the human being, is thus living a pitiful life in its body, for regardless of what this body undertakes it keeps increasing the density of the soul's layer and makes it impossible for the soul to step into the light unless it is granted help. And if the human being purely lives for his body and thus no change can be expected from his side, help has to come from outside.... the soul has to be freed from the control which had seized the body.... And people already having found redemption shall participate in this work of liberation.... which can only ever take place by commending the said soul to Jesus Christ, Who alone is able to deliver it from its adversity, Who is able to release it from His adversary's domination.

Introducing the human being to the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ is the quickest way of deliverance for such souls, by informing him of Jesus' teaching of love the human being can change himself and take the path to Him, which will be truly successful for the soul since Jesus Christ will then take care of it Himself.... If, however, the person is fully under Satan's control, he will not want to accept any teaching about the Salvation through Jesus Christ, he will be hostile towards the divine teaching of love since the adversary has knowingly cultivated his selfish love, and thus he will not help his soul in the slightest by trying to dissolve the layers, because this can only happen through deeds of love from which he is prevented by his selfish love. And then his fellow human being will have to take pity on such a soul and support it by providing it with the love which it is denied by its own body.... It can only be delivered through love, and every kind thought will make it feel good, it experiences it like a spark of light, like a flow of strength, and occasionally it also succeeds to influence its physical cover in a positive sense.... Every soul can be saved if it is lovingly supported....

This should make all you humans think, for you all can play a redeeming part if only your hearts are able and willing to love. Admittedly, your love will be unable to accept the guilt of such souls and make

Amends for it, yet it can impart the strength to change their will and take the path to Jesus Christ, to the cross, where they will find salvation.

The soul is the thinking, feeling and wanting part in the human being.... If the soul is thus provided with strength through selfless love, then it will also influence the human being from within to think and want what is right, then the spark of love will penetrate the darkness within, it will realise the wrong direction of its will and begin to judge itself.... The human being will start to reflect on his life, and the **more** love he receives from his fellow human beings the more assured will be his change, for love is strength which will never remain ineffective. This is why loving intercession will never be futile, and no human being can ever go astray if loving thoughts will follow him, if he is included in prayer and entrusted to the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ.... What no amount of discussions can humanly achieve can nevertheless be achieved through heartfelt prayer, if love for the weak and darkened soul is the driving force to provide it with light and strength.... And no human being will need to go astray if only one of his fellow human being's love would take pity on him....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Do not demand mercy from Me if you deny the same mercy to your fellow human being who has transgressed against you. For no human being is sinless, every individual is dependent on My mercy that I show it to him despite his sinfulness.... And thus I have to show mercy everywhere, just as you should do the same towards those who need help rather than harsh judgement if they are to recover in their souls. Again and again I have to emphasize that all of you humans are oppressed by My adversary.... Admittedly, every individual can defend himself against it by calling upon Me, Who certainly also has power over this adversary and also uses it when a person faithfully and trustingly appeals to Me for protection and help. But he often approaches people under such a mask that they are unable to recognize him and therefore also get caught in his nets. This is certainly also their own failure because they are of dark spirit and do nothing to kindle a small light in themselves, and they will also bitterly regret this failure one day, for they take the darkness with them into the spiritual kingdom and yet could just as well have reached the light in earthly life. But My grace and mercy will always help them, both on earth as well as in the kingdom of the beyond, I will not condemn them but only ever try to release them from their pitiful state. And you should all be mindful of this, you should act in the same way, and your fellow human beings' weaknesses should trigger a hot compassion in you, you should fear for their souls and want to help them, which is also possible for you through intercessory thoughts or prayers, through the allocation of strength of love which will beneficially touch those souls. You must wrestle with My adversary for such souls.... and you will be stronger than him as soon as love moves you to want to help the soul. And so that love flares up in you for such unhappy souls which the adversary keeps captive, you should imagine that he will not release it for a long time once it has been deprived of its body and entered the dark kingdom of the beyond where it lacks all strength to resist, where it is completely under his control. Even then a person's love can still wrest such souls from him, but as long as the human being still stays on earth the strength of intercession can still result in a change of his thinking, and he can still work on himself and come to the realization of his weaknesses and faults. And this realization alone can save him from the lot of darkness in the kingdom of the beyond. Show mercy to all those who are misguided and try to guide them onto the right path. And if you do not succeed in this, then pray for them, but do not abandon them to the enemy who brings unspeakable torment upon those souls from which you can deliver them through your loving intercession. I hear every merciful call and for the sake of your love I am also ready to help. But if such a soul is left to itself it will become ever more entangled in satan's nets without recognizing it itself, because it is completely blind in spirit and does not accept the light itself which could shine for it on the earthly path. For it is precisely the adversary's weakness of will which he seeks to maintain, and this can only be remedied through an influx of strength which loving intercession will always give to the soul.... Do not underestimate the power of intercession.... What a good orator cannot do, loving intercession can achieve.... And therefore I urge all of you to include these souls walking in darkness in your prayers, to show them mercy, for they are poor and miserable and can only receive the gift of strength through loving remembrance. Always regard the adversary as your greatest enemy and help them to become free from him, and you have truly accomplished a work of love for which those souls will thank you forever....

Amen

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Intercession for souls beyond....

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You don't know how much the souls have to suffer who stay in the kingdom of the beyond without any intercession and on whose will alone it depends whether they take a step forward. These poor souls are mostly unable to muster this will, and all ideas on the part of the beings of light, which again and again visit them in disguise in order to bring them help, are unsuccessful because they simply have no strength to want and vegetate apathetically until strength is given to them from one

side. And this can only be achieved through intercession on the part of people.... Everything must proceed according to the law of eternal order.... God cannot arbitrarily bestow strength on a soul which is completely unworthy of it, which it neither desires nor accepts when it is offered to it or other help is offered to it.... And precisely because the soul is too weak to do anything itself to improve its situation you humans should remember it in loving intercession and often pray for these poor souls so that the father, for the sake of your love, can then bestow His strength and supply it to those souls and will certainly do so, so that no intercessory prayer will remain without effect. A soul taken care of by a person on earth in loving intercession cannot get lost, once it comes to the realization that it has to take action itself to change its fate.... Then it will also do so, for it noticeably feels the strength which is given to it and then also applies it in accordance with divine will, i.e. it will thereby lovingly work on the souls which, like it, are in need. Loving intercession is the only means to help such souls in darkness, because through it they themselves get to know the strength of love and are able to change. These souls suffer indescribably and are extremely grateful once they have attained realization and take the right path which was pointed out to them.... And they carry off their gratitude with redeeming activity, for then they want to help, just as they were helped in their adversity and torment. Yet countless souls have no intercessor, countless souls dwell in darkness, whom no human being remembers in loving intercession.... Include them all in your prayers, just have the will to help them, and this good will will supply them with strength so that they will temporarily feel urged to ascend from the darkness and then sparks of light will also light up for them at times which will inspire them to follow them. Compassionate thoughts which you send into these dark spheres always cause small revolts that the beings try to instruct each other what to do in order to get out of their agonizing state, and if the intercession does not diminish the soul's desire becomes ever stronger. And then a change also occurs by giving them the opportunity to leave the abyss and participate in teachings which are offered to them in the form of sparks of light and which are beneficial to them. To help those souls is a great work of mercy, because they can no longer help themselves alone and are dependent on outside help. They hardly accept the help offered to them directly in the kingdom of the beyond because they are too weak to want it and therefore first need the supply of strength which you humans can impart to them through loving intercession. It is the works of love which you can still do to the souls beyond death and which are often of greater significance because they can be a work of salvation for these souls which leads them out of darkness and lets them come to life. But once such souls have been saved, once they have entered the path of light, then they have also become eager helpers for the other souls which likewise dwell in darkness.... For they never forget their adversity and will therefore also be eternally grateful....

Amen

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The right serving of God

"You shall have no foreign gods beside Me...."

B.D. No. 6070

October 5th 1954

To whom you give your love, that is your God.... And now examine yourselves earnestly as to what your heart desires, and if your senses are earthly directed, then mammon is your God, then you serve an idol; then you are enslaved to him who is the lord of darkness.... But you do not know the God of love as long as you serve an idol.... And if your mouth says: "I believe in God", these are empty words. For if you believed in a God of love with conviction you would also desire Him; you would serve Him alone and detach yourselves from everything that belongs to the world.... you would then have no other God beside Me.... You would give your love to Me alone and now also be allowed to possess My love eternally.... You should not treat the word 'God' so lightly, you should be aware of the word's deepest meaning.... You should consider that God is the highest and most perfect being, to whom all your love should belong.... You should not speak of faith in **Me** as long as another God is still desirable to you.... the earthly mammon, which you humans love above all else. Then openly profess your faith in him but do not speak My name.... For I, your God and father from eternity, want to possess **all** your love and not share it with the one you strive for in truth. I am the lord your God.... you shall have no foreign gods beside Me.... This was My commandment which you humans have completely erased from your memory, for you all have foreign gods beside Me; you all attach your heart to earthly goods, you all practice idolatry as long as you cannot detach yourselves from the world for My sake, as long as the desire for Me does not fill your whole heart.... I alone am the good, the true, the lovable, and whoever worships foreign gods besides Me, his faith in Me is not convinced, otherwise he would banish everything from his heart to receive Me alone, to serve Me alone.... and you can only serve **one** lord.... **Where your love is, there is your God....** Consider these words carefully and examine yourselves seriously to whom you want to give your love.... For this one will also take possession of you.... to make you blessed or to destroy you....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The conscious will to serve God....

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The conscious will to serve God is an open concession of submission of will to God. Whoever wants to serve recognizes a lord above him to whom he voluntarily submits himself. And if a person wants to serve God, he has freed himself from the rule of the one who fights God and thus everything that is good.... The will to God is decisive, and man obviously desires God if he offers himself to serve Him. But anyone who strives towards God will also be met by God, for He allows Himself to be found by anyone who seeks Him.... He gives Himself to everyone who desires Him.... And thus the spell is broken which God once imposed on the being because it became apostate to Him, the being becomes free as soon as it wants to serve.... It has passed the test of earthly life, although it still has to fight as long as it remains on earth, but the battle is not a hopeless one, it must inevitably bring it victory.... complete spiritual freedom when it departs from the earthly world. Consequently, the will to serve means salvation, for as soon as man wants to serve God, he declares himself willing to help his fellow man. This is the service God demands of people, that they help to redeem the immature, i.e. that they likewise try to free their fellow human being from the power of the one who caused their banishment. Everything that is unfree, banished is still in the will against God and should change this will. Often it is not able to do this on its own, i.e. it fails to ask God for the

strength to do so. Then the fellow human being must help him to do so by trying to introduce him to God's love and goodness, by making His will known to him and by trying to induce him to unite with God and to call upon Him for strength and grace. He then serves his fellow human being with love, and he consciously serves God with this willingness to be redemptively active on earth. He now carries out a work already on earth which earns him a heavenly reward, for he is in God's grace.... but God's grace is: strength in everything he starts, for he is in the circuit of divine love which constantly imparts this strength to him. Thus, it is not the one who wants to rule who will be the recipient of power, but the one who wants to serve.... That which humbles itself deeply before God will be richly rewarded.... He who wants to serve will be allowed to rule, for the flow of power from God enables him to perform an activity that brings him supreme satisfaction. He is immeasurably rich in spiritual good, and he distributes to all those who are in want.... He gave his will to God, and now God Himself determines him to a teaching activity, He makes man wise and therefore gives him light. And the light dominates the darkness.... Whoever surrenders his will to God has given up his former resistance and God can now provide him with spiritual possessions that will last for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

True worship.... serving in love....

B.D. No. 2395

July 4th 1942

Joyful service in love is the true service of God, but only this is to be understood by it. Every human being is God's creature, and when one serves another, he also shows love to the creator, as it were, and serves Him.... The spiritual world can be incessantly active if access to the human being is opened up to it through active love, and can now also work in love again, i.e. hand out what it receives from God and receive again what it wants to hand out. For serving in love is also the first commandment in the beyond, but it is also a truly joyful activity, just as on earth serving in love likewise triggers the happiness of inner contentment and true joy in people. Labouring charity is therefore true service to God. Where love is lacking, serving God is inconceivable, and therefore everything else that is otherwise understood by the word service to God must be rejected. Anyone who wants to serve God can only do so by wanting to please Him, by doing what has been God's will since eternity.... that he lives in love and thereby confirms his origin, that he therefore recognizes his origin from God and now also endeavours to act as God Himself acts.... that he constantly gives love to every creature of God. Then he is of the same will as God because he has become what God Himself is.... love.... And then he can also do the same thing that God does.... to radiate His power of love to the creatures so that they can exist.... This only becomes understandable when the spiritual life is taken into consideration, which is independent of the life of the flesh, the physical shell. This spiritual life can only awaken when love becomes active in the human being, for then the human being receives God's emanation of love and now shapes himself according to divine will. In the same way, the being to whom the human being's love is directed is thereby also prompted to work in love.... For love awakens counter-love, and again a heart opens itself to God's emanation, and this becomes effective in the human being as increased love, which returns to God again, thus demanding that which was created by God to return to its creator....

This is the original purpose of the being, to work in the spiritual world in the closest union with God. It has distanced itself from God, but God does not let anything fall that has emerged from Him and always seeks to guide it towards Himself again. Every work of love is an approach to God and consequently a serving in love is the original purpose of the beingness, because serving in love is blissful and at the same time a ruling in the purest form.... It is a redirection of strength, a conveying of that which emanates from God, which is received by the spiritual being full of light and supplied to the spiritual being hungry for light.... This divine emanation, however, is love, which can now be received by the spiritual being, but which can also emanate unnoticed. If it is received by the being, then this expresses itself in such a way that this again becomes active in love, and thus the power of love increases perpetually, and every truly loving man contributes to the fact that the power returns

again to God. If a person now serves another in love, he also offers his love to the creator from eternity, for man is the image of God, he is a divine product and therefore may not be lost. God's love belongs to every single creature and He tries to convey His love to them so that they recognize Him, and for this He needs a person who educates his fellow human beings to love, for only through love does man come closer to God. He should preach love and practice love.... by practicing love he establishes contact with the eternal love Itself, and thus he clears the path for the beings in the beyond to reach people so that they can now work directly. This is a work of mercy which should not be disregarded.... He also serves these beings by facilitating their work. And if someone connects his fellow human beings with the beings of light, there is no limit to their activity. The human being has now served in love and thereby also rendered a service to God, for His care is always directed towards the redemption of the unfree spiritual beings and since this is only possible through active neighbourly love, the human being thereby also serves God by contributing towards the redemption of the unfree spiritual beings....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Right Worship, Charity and Mercy....

B.D. No. 3797

June 11th 1946

If you are charitable and merciful, you serve Me in the most obvious way, for you then profess your affiliation to Me, Who is Love Itself, as soon as you carry out works of love. Mankind is in great need, both earthly and spiritually, and you should help everyone and try to alleviate the hardship. You should give where your gifts are needed, you should comfort and try to alleviate pain, and through spiritual encouragement you should come to the aid of their souls which suffer even more than the body.... You should keep their need in mind and help where you can.... And you will not only reduce the earthly hardship but awaken love and thereby also remedy the spiritual hardship, for only love is an effective antidote against all spiritual and earthly hardship and it can only be successfully controlled through deeds of love. And this is why loving activity is the only divine service which is pleasing to Me and which you can carry out at any time, on any day and in any place. Where it is necessary for you to intervene helpfully, there you should express your love and My eyes will rest favourably on you, who serve Me by doing so, who honor Me with every help you give to one of the least of your brothers.... For you are all My creatures, you are all children of one Father, and if you love and honor your fellow human beings, you also love and honor Me, and I accept your services which correspond to My will. And therefore make every effort to be of true service to God, serve Me with deeds, not just with words or external gestures which do nothing to alleviate earthly or spiritual hardship. Seek to secure My closeness, My presence, through loving activity and know that you will then be able to accomplish much in order to remedy earthly and spiritual hardship. For then it is I Who will work through you, because you draw Me to yourselves through loving activity and I can now visibly support you. You will always be offered the opportunity to be lovingly active, for the adversity around you urgently calls for help, and if you lift up those who are in need and help them spiritually and earthly, you will follow Me.... you walk the path of love which I have shown you, you live true Christianity, you follow My teaching of love and you will also experience the blessings as I have promised you.... You will inherit My kingdom, which is not of this world, for love redeems you from all sins, it makes you free and leads to union with Me, Who is Eternal Love Itself....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

Right service to God....

B.D. No. 5249

November 4th 1951

Worship alone is pleasing to Me, which expresses itself in true devotion to Me, which has its cause in love for Me. I see in the heart of My children the temple which they are to sanctify to

Me and can only do so through a life pleasing to Me, a life of love.... If they now withdraw into silence that they want to converse with Me, that they now open their temple and grant Me entrance, then I can also instruct them and draw My spirit to them, which guides them in all their ways. And if they now let themselves be guided by Him and do everything He advises them to do, then they will also be unselfishly loving, and then they will keep a right service, they will lead a life of action and not just of form.... They hear Me constantly and not only in certain places and at certain times; they serve Me with their whole heart, for they feel urged to do so from within, they are driven by My spirit, they hear My word and become doers of My word.... Serving God means fulfilling My will as a faithful servant.... And My will is and always remains working in love, a serving in true humility and neighbourly love; serving God means being active for Him.... to do something in My stead, to help fellow human beings, to teach on My behalf, to give spiritual and earthly comfort and help where it is needed. Serving Me is a matter of free will which can never be demanded, from which you can already see that a compulsory service can never be My will and will also not be valued by Me like a voluntarily given sacrifice of time and strength to Me.... like the willingness to be active for Me in order to win souls for My kingdom which are in spiritual hardship as outsiders.... Anyone who shows Me this love serves Me in truth, and I will also bless his service. But anyone who only wants to prove his presence to Me, who only complies with the form or a humanly decreed commandment, will truly derive little blessing from it, for he is like a lazy servant who only shows himself industriously when the lord is near and then sinks into inactivity again because his will to serve is not serious. Anyone who wants to serve Me must accept My instruction and then always strive to comply with it.... He must love Me with all his heart and out of this love want to be active for Me.... Then I will bless his service for Me and My kingdom and he will not remain without success....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The right worship....

B.D. No. 8507

May 24th 1963

I will answer all your questions when you let Me speak to you and believe that I know about all your thoughts and also gladly give you enlightenment.... It is My will that you always remain united with Me through loving activity and prayer and that your thoughts often move into spiritual spheres.... that you therefore do not leave Me out of your thoughts.... If this bond is established through your free will, then you also give Me the right to direct you and your thoughts. And then you will always be stimulated into loving activity, for the intimate bond with Me will provide you with the influx of strength which will enable you to work with love.... And this activity of love consists of unselfish activity of love, of service.... For you humans can only redeem yourselves through **service in love**.... What made you reach the height during your pre-embodiment in a state of compulsion were the serving functions you had to perform according to My will.... In every form you had to serve, and through this you reached a state of maturity which made your being human possible.... And in this stage, where you have stepped out of the state of compulsion and can act completely in free will, you are now to **serve voluntarily in love** to reach the last perfection on earth. Once you fell, and your sin consisted of wanting to **rule in arrogance**.... And now as a human being you have to **serve in humility** and love in order to accomplish your change back to your original nature again, which had emerged from Me most perfectly.... This 'serving with love' is therefore your task in life, the fulfilment of which you should always make a point of. And this **service of love** cannot be replaced by a so-called 'divine service' where people come together at certain times in order to carry out certain customs which can be completely worthless if they are carried out mechanically and lack all deeper meaning. I include prayers which can only be described as lip prayers, where the mouth makes use of learned words and the heart is uninvolved.... or also other actions which have nothing to do with serving in love.... It is certainly good and beneficial for the soul when man visits places where God's word is offered to him, when he himself desires to hear My word, and he then will also carry away a blessing for his soul according to his desire.... as also a spiritual exchange of thoughts with fellow

human beings will be good, where lively speech takes place, where My presence is assured, when these people gather in My name and now My spirit can also work because I am present where two or three are gathered in My name.... as I have promised. Then people will prove to Me that they are serious about serving Me, and then everything they undertake will also be blessed, for they will then refrain from all form, from formal customs, which can easily become mechanical action and are then completely useless. You should understand that I only ever desire a living connection from you to Me.... that you should establish the relationship of a child to its father and that this will happen in the quiet chamber.... i.e. away from the world.... But what is prevented rather than encouraged in large communities.... unless people gather to listen to My word, which is offered to them.... But if you humans give Me the opportunity to address you yourselves.... If you receive My word from above through messengers which I send to you Myself, because I know the nature of every human heart.... then you will have far more blessings from this direct address, because then no external things will distract you and My word can penetrate deeply into your hearts.... You will sometimes find it difficult to detach yourselves from habits or views imprinted on you, but on serious reflection you will also recognize the worthlessness of them, for as soon as you seriously endeavour to increase your maturity of soul mere forms will no longer suffice for you and you will separate yourselves from them.... You will understand it that your father demands more from his children.... that you are just to prove your love to Him, which is expressed in works of unselfish neighbourly love, which is a constant serving and also certainly leads to the maturing of your soul. And you can also believe it that also the light of knowledge will shine brighter and brighter in you, because love in you also carries wisdom into you, and quite naturally that will be for you, what caused you before to question.... You will find the answer clearly and distinctly within yourselves, and all doubt within you will fall silent....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Living christianity -the true church of Christ

An hour of Christianity.... The way to God's heart....

B.D. No. 6649

September 20th 1956

Only few people find the way to My heart, and only few people are willing to walk that way even though they claim to be faithful Christians, even though they outwardly belong to those who have joined clerical organisations and are therefore called religious. All these have indeed followed this path but have stopped before they reached My heart. You humans can understand this when you take a closer look at your earthly life which gives priority to the world, to physical welfare, and when you give serious account of how little time you spend thinking of Me and your actual purpose in life. And for the most part you only give Me the traditionally designated time.... a short morning, noon and evening prayer or the hour of the official church service. Only rarely do your thoughts search for Me of their own free will, only rarely do you speak to Me of your own accord, only rarely do you desire to come into heartfelt contact with Me.... your thinking will always be completely occupied with earthly worries, earthly plans and earthly pleasures.

I Am not the main subject of your thoughts, even if you believe in Me as your Creator and Preserver you are still a long way from seeing the Father in Me to Whom you are drawn by your love.... And therefore you only rarely take the way to My heart, or you would be able to speak to Me like children to their Father, so that you could let Him be with you in every situation in life, so that you more than less live your life in close contact with Me. Then you would also talk about Me more often, your conversations would take other directions in that case, because hardly anyone mentions Me in daily life and those who do are smiled at contemptuously, they are not taken seriously....

This is how you humans are in reality, only seldom can I be present within you because you don't remember Me and even less often come together in My name.... Only seldom do you sacrifice Me an hour due to actual inner need.... and therefore I say, only few people walk the way to My heart, only few allow Me to be their constant companion on this earth. And this hour of Christianity cannot result in spiritual progress, as long as it only consists of the traditional visit to the church service and the performance of its rites it is not a voluntary relationship with Me.... Only the living relationship, the inner urge of your free will, can help you humans to perfection, and the desire to hear My Word and to offer food to the soul will be considered as longing for Me and will be fulfilled.

And the human being should give account of himself about his innermost feelings for Me and to what extent he simply observes the traditional requirements which he was taught, and whether he merely observes them traditionally too.... I look into the hearts and no one can deceive Me but I also long for those hearts and Am not satisfied to be only in second or third place. And as long as the world and its demands are still in first place you belong to the 'dead Christians' because living Christianity expresses itself differently.... It consists of an unceasing activity of love, i.e. an activity with Me. And the human being with whom I can be present because of love will always remember Me too, he puts Me before all worldly matters and starts nothing without sincerely uniting with Me first....

But there are only few and yet, many people believe they live the right way because they live in accordance with clerical demands. And all these will not stand firm at the time of the last decision, for they will lack the strength which they have to receive directly from Me and therefore they need the heartfelt inner union with Me.... You should know that the time will come when the last decision will be demanded of you and you will then experience serious difficulties if you don't possess living faith which, however, requires that you have to find the way to My heart and proceed on it.... Because only I can give you strength but I have to be present with you, and therefore you have to unite with Me in love....

Right christianity....

B.D. No. 6834

May 19th 1957

A good christian is only the person who endeavours to live a life of following Jesus, which means that he lives in love, that he also patiently takes up his cross and devotedly carries it into My will; it is not only enough to confess Jesus Christ with his mouth but profound faith in His act of salvation must also cause him to live as the man Jesus lived on earth, because then he will also accept the divine teaching of love which Jesus preached on earth.... Only through a life of love does he prove that he is a true christian, but not through external affiliation to a church which can also harbour completely unbelieving, unloving people who must be denied the name 'christian'. Thus, if christianity is to spread it is not enough to induce people to join a church, a religious organization, instead, in addition to the knowledge of Jesus Christ and His act of salvation they must first be taught the divine teaching of love and its **living out as the most important thing in order** to be accepted as a true christian into My church.... which only includes 'true christians'.... because pseudo-christianity cannot signify belonging to **My church** which, like its founder, is spirit and truth.... You humans must seriously come to terms with the fact that I, as the eternal truth Myself, can never be satisfied with a sham christianity.... And then you must ask yourselves whether you are seriously trying to rightly bear the name 'christian'.... You must take Jesus the man as an example and make an effort to follow His example.... And this means working on yourselves, for all of you must become gentle and patient, peaceful and humble, merciful and just and full of love in order to be like the one Who took life on earth as a human being upon Himself in order to exemplify a right way of life for you.... And only someone who consciously works on himself walks the path of following Jesus, he strives to be a right christian and Jesus Christ helps him to do so, he walks the earthly path together with Him, and he now also belongs to the 'congregation of believers', which is to be understood as **His church**.... who, in view of the divine redeemer, walk their roads in love and in suffering, who are therefore also redeemed from their original sin, who recognize Him in their heart and have joined Him and not just talk empty words and in truth have not yet found the divine redeemer Jesus Christ. Christianity will be spread over the whole earth.... Wherever true love is kindled in the heart, the divine redeemer will also be acknowledged and My spirit will guide them into truth.... And therefore My gospel can resound everywhere and touch people's hearts.... But the working of My spirit is not guaranteed everywhere, even if people are brought close to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the divine redeemer.... Only **living** according to His teaching gives people the right to call themselves christians, otherwise people remain dark heathens, whether they belong to a church organization or not.... And again I have to emphasize that I Myself will not allow Myself to be deceived but that countless people carry out such a deceptive manoeuvre because they do not fulfil My **commandments of love** which show the path of following Jesus. A **true** christianity is only ever a **way of life in love**.... Where this is lacking there is also a lack of the right seriousness to reach Me, and there My adversary will have an easy game if the right christian is to prove himself.... in the last battle on this earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

"Living christians"....

B.D. No. 7779

December 22nd 1960

It is not enough that you outwardly identify yourselves as christians, that you belong to an ecclesiastical organisation, that you do what it demands of you in terms of outward appearances and customs, but only one thing is necessary: that you **live out** the teaching which **every** ecclesiastical organisation represents and also presents to its members.... that you fulfil the divine **commandments of love** which the 'founder of the church' Himself gave you on earth. He, Who Himself led a life of

love on earth, He also made love the fundamental principle of those who want to belong to His church, for His church is not a dead structure, His church is spirit and life, His church is built on a living faith which can only be gained through a life of love.... **Love** and **faith**.... these are the characteristics of the church which Jesus Christ Himself founded on earth, for love and faith allow for the 'working of the spirit' which is the rightful emblem of His church.... And as long as you humans cannot exhibit this emblem you are only blind followers of the organisation you have joined, but you are not 'living' christians, you are not followers of the church of Christ.... And then you are in great danger of losing your soul, which has to pass a test of will on earth and cannot pass it if it does not draw strength from above, but which requires a **living faith**. Only living faith.... the result of unselfish neighbourly love.... establishes the intimate connection with the source of strength from eternity, from Whom every human being requires a supply of strength if he wants to reach his aim on earth: to become perfect as the father in heaven is perfect.... You humans take it very easy with your earthly task; you believe you are doing enough if you dutifully fulfil what is prescribed to you by people who claim to be 'God's representatives'.... You do not even think about whether they are really God's representatives or have only made themselves into such.... You do not even think about whether you are being instructed in the **truth**. You unhesitatingly believe everything that is presented to you as truth but you don't examine the origin of it, and you don't turn to Him, Who is the eternal truth Himself, in order to ask **Him** to guide you into truth.... You do not ask for the truth, otherwise you would truly also be introduced.... You don't take your earthly task seriously enough and believe that you are doing God's will by fulfilling prescribed actions and commandments which, however, were never given to you humans by **God Himself**.... But you pay no attention to **God's** commandments or you would make an effort to live a life of love and then you would automatically take the right path which leads upwards.... It is **love** alone which God requires of you; it is **love** alone which gives you the right to feel that you belong to His church, for **love** alone produces a **living faith**.... the rock on which Jesus Christ built His church. Therefore, only call yourselves christians when you have fulfilled Christ's commandments and **thereby** become true followers of His church.... And you can achieve this in **every** ecclesiastical organisation, for each one teaches you love.... But don't give priority to humanly issued commandments which are not fruitful and are unable to give your soul eternal life. For everything is worthless which is not based on love.... And you would discover the truth of this by yourselves if only you were serious about your duty towards God.... But as long as you only formally fulfil ecclesiastical demands your soul will always remain on the same level, it will not achieve any progress on earth, for this is only achieved through unselfish neighbourly love which, however, also irrevocably entails recognition: Enlightenment of spirit.... so that the human being will then no longer be satisfied with a formal christianity but will seriously strive for perfection, which he will then also certainly achieve....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The true church of Christ....

B.D. No. 8651

October 21st 1963

Anyone who belongs to My church also has to have a living faith, a faith which came alive through love and thus enables the working of the spirit in the human being, which again is only the result of love. The members of My church will only ever consist of people who are so sincerely united with Me that they feel My presence, whose faith is consequently unwavering and cannot be shaken.... which stands firm like a rock against every onslaught from outside, on account of which I said to Peter 'Upon you I will build My church....' For Peter's faith was strong and unwavering, even though during one hour he did not pass the test of faith, since events precipitated and shook his confidence.... It was, however, more due to his intellect, which saw no way out from greatest danger, whereas his soul was pushed back and felt abandoned.... Yet after this test of faith his love for Me grew ever deeper and his faith strengthened, and such faith I also expect of those who want to belong to My church. Then they will no longer fall victim to My adversary and their enemy....

A member of My church will always recognise the truth and renounce all error, because My spirit works in him as an indication that he is part of the church founded by Me.... And where My spirit works there can be no lack of clarity, no doubt and no confused concepts.... A member of My church will be enlightened and his thoughts will be correct....

This church needs no external characteristics, it needs no organisations, because there are people in all ecclesiastical organisations with a living faith who thereby arouse the spirit within them, and they all affiliate themselves to the 'Church of Christ' which, in truth, is a purely spiritual connection of those who unite with Me through love, who do everything consciously and not as a meaningless external activity which is purely mechanically implemented.

You are meant to be living Christians, always conscious of the fact that you should fulfil the purpose of your earthly life, always eagerly striving to reach your goal, and always submitting yourselves to Me so that I Myself can assume your guidance, and then you will truly reach your goal. For I Am not satisfied that you only fulfil humanly decreed commandments which you were taught during your upbringing, which are pointless and do not result in psychological maturity.... As members of the church founded by Me Myself you will also always be My true successors, you will always humbly accept all suffering and hardship affecting you, because you recognise them as a test of faith which you should pass, and as a means of help to increase the maturity of your soul.... For this is what the spirit within tells you, and you will also understand the reasons of what I allow to happen to you.

You will live a second life next to your earthly one, a life in unity with Me, your God and Father of eternity, and this life will guarantee your perfection. Hence every person is able to attain this perfection, irrespective of the school of thought he belongs to, providing he always stays in a living relationship with Me and can thereby also be guided into truth.... which, however, always necessitates a life of love and a firm, living faith.... As long as you humans are lacking both you are just dead forms on this earth which eternally cannot come alive, for your external actions will not result in inner changes which, however, are the meaning and purpose of a human being's earthly life.

Join the church which I Myself founded on earth, wake up from your sleep of death, bring the spirit in you to life by doing selfless deeds of love, and you will thereby also achieve a faith so unwavering that hell will fail to shake it.... And when you possess such faith you will be truly close to Me already, then you will feel My presence, then you will also regain the abilities that were yours before your apostasy from Me. You will become perfect again as you were in the beginning, and your life will be a happy one for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Serving of the vineyard workers

Mission of those who want to serve God.... spreading the truth....

B.D. No. 2831

July 30th 1943

It is an extremely difficult mission to lead people who have fallen away from God back onto the right path.... to the path of knowledge that leads to God. It is a mission that requires extreme patience and the greatest love and perseverance, which is why only very few people make themselves available for such a task. But these few work for the kingdom of God and will also be blessed as long as they devote themselves to this work. The lack of God-trained strength has the effect that people rarely only walk in truth, and this in turn results in them not valuing their earthly life highly enough in order to utilize it accordingly for their souls. If they are offered the pure truth, if they understand the human being's purpose and goal on earth, then they will also live their life accordingly if they are not completely opposed to God and believe that they can remain without any knowledge. Anyone who does not recognize God will also not accept any teachings and will hardly be led onto the right path.... However, anyone who does not completely resist God can come to recognize the truth offered to him as soon as it is conveyed to him in love and patience. The truth speaks for itself, the truth carries the strength within itself, and everything would appear easily comprehensible and acceptable to people if they had not previously been offered error, which would have clouded their vision and weakened their will. And yet, error has to be displaced by truth, and this is the mission of those on earth who want to serve God, who themselves know the truth and therefore also recognize the consequences of walking in error. They must be constantly active in passing on the truth that they themselves receive from God for this very mission. Most of the time they will encounter resistance, they will experience more rejection than approval and yet they must not be discouraged by this. Love for the erring souls must motivate them to take care of them again and again and to instruct them in the truth. For at the same time as the earthly labourer, the lord's spiritual labourers are also active, who try to intervene in the train of thought of erring people and likewise endeavour to change their thinking. Every support on earth through consciously spiritually directed conversations is gratefully accepted by the teaching beings in the beyond, as it is often the cause for reflection which gives them the opportunity to exert their influence on people's thinking. And therefore the willingness of an earthly human being to contribute towards spreading the truth from God will always be blessed by God, after all, it is a matter of bringing help to those who are without contact with God, who are so distant from Him that they are unable to recognize Him and who therefore walk along in the darkest spiritual night. Even if the endeavours on earth have little success, they often still have an effect in the beyond and can then be the beginning of a change of heart, the beginning of his ascent upwards. The divine word, the pure truth, which is offered to a person in love, has an effect as a force, if only it is not openly resisted. And this power has a lasting effect as soon as a person mentally takes a stand on the truth, even if it takes a long time. This is why we cannot work hard enough to spread the divine teaching, for there is much error among humanity and therefore also spiritual need, which requires help. And no labourer in the vineyard of the lord should allow himself to be discouraged by the rejection, mockery or displeasure of those to whom he wants to offer the truth. His zeal will not be in vain, and the souls will thank him one day that his love has taken care of them.... The endeavour to guide erring souls into truth will not be abandoned on the part of the beings of light, even if they constantly resist.... because everything that is full of light and stands in truth is constantly active for the salvation of erring souls....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Anyone who believes himself to be called to carry out a mission from God must also hear the divine voice within himself, otherwise he cannot proclaim the divine will as His representative. This is a condition which cannot be disregarded, for a servant of God must first know his lord's will himself and thus receive His expression directly. Understandably, people first have to fulfil the conditions which presuppose hearing God's voice within themselves.... The human being must live a life of love, he must be deeply religious and thus firmly convinced that God Himself speaks audibly to people, and he must consciously listen to the voice of God within himself.... Without fulfilling these conditions God's spirit will never make itself known and thus the human being will also not be called to present His will to his fellow human beings on God's behalf. The human being can indeed speak to his fellow human beings about spiritual things in good will to instruct them, however, there is no guarantee that he will instruct people truthfully. He first has to work on himself with the firm will to be accepted as God's servant until, by fulfilling all conditions, he is called by God for an office on earth which is extremely important and therefore can only be administered by people who are completely devoted to God. And this person must absolutely hear the voice of the spirit within him.... He must be so obviously introduced to truth, to the right spiritual knowledge, that his extraordinary mission, his calling by God Himself, can no longer be doubted. He must have brought himself into a state that he, as a servant, can receive all assignments directly from his lord, that he only functions as a mediator between God and people. And the change into this state must be the result of the strong will to serve God, to fulfil His will himself and to help fellow human beings in greatest spiritual adversity. No earthly interests whatsoever are allowed to have a say, they must be completely eliminated.... Thus the human being has to adjust himself completely spiritually if he wants to enter God's service and be active for Him and His kingdom. Through him God also appoints helpers on earth who are likewise active in His will. For God's will can now be made known to them through the former, and they will be in truth because it will be conveyed to them purely and unadulterated through God's servant.... And anyone who strictly adheres to the word of God thus imparted to him will be accepted as a labourer in the vineyard of the lord, and his activity on earth will likewise be a blessed one, he, too, will be considered a servant of God as long as he adheres to the word which is conveyed to him by God Himself through a called servant. But anyone who does not acknowledge this word, who does not have a direct recipient of divine truth as a teacher, if he cannot hear the inner voice himself, can never be active as a servant of God on earth either.... He will never be able to be a guide or teacher for his fellow human beings but, like them, a person in need of guidance who first has to be given the right knowledge if he wants to walk the right path on earth. Only then will a person be able to work for God and on His behalf on earth, for only then will he represent the pure truth, only then will he be in direct contact with God and be able to hear God's voice through His spirit within himself. But he will never arrive at the truth, at the right knowledge, by any other means, and he can never believe himself called by God to spread His word as long as he is not introduced to the truth himself, for His disciples are only those who are instructed by Himself or receive His direct instructions through a mediator, and these alone He sends into the world to instruct people.... And anyone who believes them, who allows himself to be taught by them, will stand in truth and therefore be blessed, for truth leads to God, Who Himself is the eternal truth....

Amen

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Call to work.... The mission of God's servants....

B.D. No. 4174

November 24th 1947

How you will hear My call to work for Me and My kingdom depends on each of My servants' state of maturity on earth, because I need many labourers in My vineyard and everyone who is ready will be given the task he can meet in accordance with his ability, which again depends on his soul's maturity. One person will feel an inner urge to speak about spiritual things, to attract people to

Me and lead his fellow human beings into faith, he will be called by Me through an inner desire. I will effectively place this task into his feeling and he will accept this feeling and comply with the inner desire.

Another person will hear the inner voice; he will follow an inwardly prompted train of thought. He will be unable to detach himself from ideas which will motivate him so much that he will have to discuss them, and I will bring him into contact with people to whom he can talk about his thoughts and enter into spiritual conversations which inspire the fellow human being to dwell on it, and thus he will likewise be invited to My kingdom.

But I will also make Myself audibly heard to My servants, whose particularly advanced state of maturity allows for it. I will tell them clearly and understandably how they should work for Me, where they should go and what they should teach. And they will have a very special mission.... they will, encouraged by My spirit within themselves, preach My Word where My adversary is openly active.... where misguided teachings are spread by people who also call themselves My servants but who have not yet received the pure truth from Me because they refuse to accept it.

This mission requires a special ability.... it requires the gift of oratory, which My servant need not have but which will be given to him during his time of working for Me because he will have attained a certain degree of maturity allowing the working of My spirit through him. But at the same time the person has to intellectually grasp what he, prompted by My spirit, is saying. He has to be able to cope with hostile attacks and disprove any contention of My Word. Although he indeed merely has the task to spread My Word, the pure truth from Me, he will also have to speak freely since debates will arise which make intellectual activity indispensable. Furthermore, the comprehensively informed challengers have to acknowledge My servant's spiritual superiority if they are to pay attention to what they will be told, as they will argue about important and profound problems which can only be handled by an awakened and spiritually enlightened human being with Me Myself as a teacher, and therefore also presents himself confidently and is not afraid to contradict those who pride themselves in being intelligent and knowledgeable.

These servants will receive a special call; they will audibly hear My voice within themselves so that they will be completely certain of My will and then totally subordinate themselves to it. If they win one of these teachers over for Me and My doctrine, for the absolute truth, which they can only receive from Me Myself through you, it will be a great spiritual success because he, in turn, will then likewise campaign for the truth again and teach a larger circle, and thereby make My Word available to many people in its purest form and for the benefit of everyone.

Anyone ordained for this mission can call himself a servant of God with full conviction because he will speak on My behalf, he will only do My will, he will be guided by Me and take every step in My company, he will only be My mouthpiece so that I can manifest Myself to people without infringing their freedom of faith or will. For this reason I need such servants devoted to Me during the last days before the end because work has to be done everywhere and constantly in order to make My pure Word accessible to people, which is blessed with My strength but which also comes directly from Me and is sent to earth in order to liberate people from misconceptions....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Exemplary life of love of God's servants on earth....

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In times of the most blatant lack of love, people must be particularly influenced by an exemplary life of love so that they recognise their faults and weaknesses, so that they take it as an example when their neighbour approaches them with a request. No human being is spared suffering and hardship, everyone will be dependent on the help of others, and then everyone should also prove himself, the will to love in him should be stimulated and come into effect. A good example can bring more

blessings than just words of instruction, a good example often wins over a hard heart. And you, who voluntarily work for Me, you know about the effect of a life of love, you have become receivers of strength and light and can therefore be active in love in an earthly and spiritual way.... You can give at any time, even though spiritual gifts are not valued as much by fellow human beings who do not live in love themselves. Yet the distribution of earthly goods, help in daily life, is also particularly significant in your work for My kingdom. For where you distribute such you will also find open hearts for the spiritual gifts and awaken reciprocal love. The great lack of love can only be controlled in such a way that My Own are recognisable through their work of love, that they obviously step out of the framework of the general public, that their way of life stimulates fellow human beings to think and to imitate them. For love is a power which never remains ineffective. My emanation of power comes to light in the working of love, and thus I Myself work where love is practised, and where I work, success can never fail to materialise. The awakening of the slightest degree of reciprocal love is already a success which cannot be valued highly enough, for then the human being already unites with Me and, through the smallest work of love, extricates himself of My adversary, whose sharpest counter-weapon is love. He cannot withstand love, and continued working in love completely drives him away. If a person now begins to change, if he gives up unkindness and endeavours to do the smallest of labours of love, he will noticeably feel the release from the power to which he has been in bondage until then. If he pays attention to this and continues on the path of love he will also feel freer and drawn towards God, he will then unconsciously strive towards Me. For the knowledge of his beginning and his destiny will not yet earn him the feeling of God's presence, but loving activity lets him sense what was previously hidden from him, and therefore it is extremely important to kindle the spark of love in the fellow human being so that he himself feels the feeling of God-connectedness within himself and seeks to increase it. And if he does not do so on his own accord it should be demonstrated to him by good example, and if his heart is not yet completely hardened an act of love shown to him will not remain without effect, and then one more soul will be won for My kingdom, which otherwise would inevitably be lost forever.

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

The vineyard labourers' service for fellow human beings....

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September 14th 1961

You have been given the task of spreading the Word of the Lord and you will be guided such that it will benefit your task. You are constantly looked after by Him, you need not go anywhere on your own, you need only hand yourselves over to Him and then you will always act according to His will.... You will be guided in an earthly and spiritual sense and therefore also work in His vineyard according to His will. The Father's love embraces all His living creations and He knows that many of His creatures still suffer great spiritual adversity.... Yet He is unable to speak to them noticeably, His voice cannot sound within them or it would exert compulsory faith or forcibly direct their will towards Him. But He can speak to them through you, His servants on earth, and He will indeed do so as soon as the opportunity for it presents itself, which your will is to provide. And since every single soul is dear to him, He will always guide you such that these souls will become accessible to Him through you. It is an immense spiritual achievement if thoughts of the afterlife can be aroused in people, if their attention can be drawn to the kingdom which is not of this world, if they only once consider the purpose of their life on earth and mentally try to detach themselves from this world, but this is difficult to achieve with people who are so utterly captivated by the world that they won't allow any spiritual thoughts to arise in them. Hence it is difficult for the vineyard labourers to establish contact with them; but if they succeed in their attempt it will be even more beneficial, and it will always be achieved through God's blessing, to Whom you are of service. Consequently, no work will ever be in vain for Him, souls will always derive benefit from it, because you are constantly accompanied by souls in the beyond who feel the soothing effect of your emanation of light and greedily consume the spiritual nourishment which is offered them by you when you receive the divine Word and pass it on

to fellow human beings who willingly listen to you.... You must only ever be willing to be of service to Him, for it **is** a service you do for your fellow human beings if you support them on behalf of God, if you do what He Himself would do for them.... if you convey His Word to them, if you inform them of the Father's love and the relationship He would like them to establish with Him.... if you return the children He longs for to the Father. You should speak in His name, you should merely be the mouthpiece through which the Father can express Himself.... for human words are still more likely to be accepted as the Word of God as long as a human being has no faith.... But he can be led to faith through human beings, and these human beings will then work for God and His kingdom, then they will be suitable labourers in His vineyard and their work will not be fruitless....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Serving activity of the light beings

Spiritual wealth.... activity in the afterlife....

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August 4th 1944

By using spiritual strength the human being can create wealth on earth which will bring him supreme happiness in eternity, for through this spiritual wealth he is able to be redemptively active in the kingdom of the beyond for his own happiness. He is himself a bearer of strength and light and can therefore also distribute what he already possesses in abundance, and his love can be active. This is a blissful state which is completely independent of earthly activity, thus it does not require any material creations but only spiritual wealth.... a truthful knowledge which he can now impart spiritually to the ignorant souls in the spiritual kingdom and also to people on earth. The human being should gather these treasures on earth, he should try to penetrate truthful spiritual knowledge, and therefore he should practice love, because spiritual knowledge can only be attained by way of love and thus love is the only path to beatitude. In the beyond the spiritual beings' activity only consists of working in love, of distributing spiritual gifts, and therefore the being first has to possess these gifts before it can work in love. Now the greater a soul's spiritual wealth is at its demise the more blissful it will now be, for an extensive field of activity is at its disposal, and it can bring infinite blessings to souls which are without knowledge and therefore also without strength and which therefore are in a state of hardship which they can only remedy when the spiritual treasures are at their disposal. And thus a soul of light can constantly alleviate hardship by giving away from its wealth. Yet it constantly receives new wealth, for its activity of love is rewarded again by God through the supply of ever new strength of love.... wisdom and bliss.... The soul can constantly receive this strength and constantly distribute it. And it will be exceedingly happy in teaching the ignorant. The spiritual hardship on earth is caused by the fact that too little love is practiced and therefore the pure truth is not recognized, the spiritual treasures are not striven for and therefore no-one wants to be active in distributing these treasures in order to remedy the spiritual hardship. He who possesses nothing himself can also give nothing.... but what people offer each other is not spiritual goods but pretence, as well as they are (not) earthly goods. It is spiritual knowledge which does not correspond to the truth, which is therefore spread by God's adversary in the world in order to mislead people. Spiritual possessions which are meant to make people happy must be unconditional truth, only truth is spiritual wealth, and only pure truth can cause bliss upon entry into the spiritual kingdom, only truth carries the soul into spheres of light and otherworldly activity in love presupposes the possession of truth. And therefore the human being on earth should only strive for pure truth and make himself worthy of it through unselfish activity of love. Then he will be able to collect spiritual treasures on earth which will make him a blissful being as soon as he departs from earth and can enter the kingdom of light....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Teaching in the hereafter and on earth....

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June 17th 1943

In the spiritual kingdom only those beings are admitted to the teaching ministry who possess knowledge which covers all areas. Every being can certainly pass on the knowledge it calls its own to the ignorant souls in the beyond, but all-encompassing knowledge is required of beings whose activity is to constantly instruct the children of earth or even the souls in the beyond. These beings have a high degree of maturity, they always and constantly receive their knowledge from God and therefore constantly increase in wisdom, even though they distribute it accordingly. Hence, as soon as

a person on earth is destined to introduce fellow human beings to divine wisdom he must have received this wisdom beforehand, he himself must have been taught beforehand in a way which completely excludes error.... And this teaching ministry is carried out by those beings which are in closest contact with God and receive the truth from God Himself as a flow of strength which constantly flows to them. The activity of all beings in the beyond who are in the light consists of passing on what the being itself receives. However, every being can only pass on what its degree of maturity has brought to it; thus the degree of light varies and so does the knowledge. And they also have to receive this knowledge again from beings of light who are responsible for the teaching activity. This is why people on earth who are taught by God's spirit can confidently entrust themselves to the teachers, for they are the recipients of light and strength who receive light and strength directly from God.... the emanation of His spirit.... and transmit it to earth. They are the people in whom the spirit of God is at work, thus they are taught by God Himself, as it were, although the knowledge is conveyed to them through those beings of light which are most intimately united with God, for everything full of light is one with God, except that the individual being finds the flow of divine strength inconceivably blissful and God therefore transfers this activity of love to the beings which have already found union with Him because He wants to make them happy. Yet even in the spiritual kingdom God's laws are observed and the beings cannot act arbitrarily but have to subordinate themselves to divine will which, however, they feel as their own will. And therefore no being will push itself forward to an activity which goes beyond its degree of maturity, which therefore requires greater knowledge than the being possesses. And therefore the receiving human being on earth need not fear that he will be approached by beings which, due to their own ignorance, could impart insufficient or wrong knowledge to him, for completely ignorant beings have no access to the human being who abandons himself to the working of the spirit. beings of light, which have not reached the degree that they can carry out the teaching activity, only come to receive spiritual knowledge at the same time, so that the human being is instructed on earth, because this corresponds to divine will. But as soon as the human being is mentally instructed, **those** beings who are informed about the disputed questions can express themselves mentally, provided that the human being desires the pure truth and makes himself worthy of being instructed in the truth through his way of life.... i.e. does not grant the opposing forces power over himself through a way of life contrary to God....

(17.6.1943) The most important thing, however, is to open oneself up to these instructions, to allow the beings distributing light and knowledge to have an effect on oneself and not to oppose this working. For the knowing beings of the spiritual kingdom are close to every human being and they constantly try to guide him mentally into the spiritual kingdom. If the human being now gives in to their influence and desires to penetrate the truth he can be constantly instructed, and the more demanding he is the more detailed he will be. And now those forces come into action whose knowledge is unlimited. For the desire for truth also testifies to the desire for God, and the eternal deity therefore approaches a desiring human being Itself by allowing the emanation of Its own strength to flow to him through bearers of light and strength.... And light and power is knowledge, deepest divine wisdom, which is now offered to man, mentally or through the audible inner word. The degrees of light in the spiritual kingdom are therefore decisive as to which degree of knowledge the spiritual being calls its own, and it now works with this knowledge, and indeed again in the sphere assigned to it, where its knowledge is desired and therefore can also be distributed. These spheres can now also extend to earth, for they are not bound to space but depend on the willingness to receive and on the degree of ignorance, both on earth as well as in the spiritual kingdom. And therefore all beings, which are already receivers of light, can always work there, where the degree of maturity of the souls corresponds to the knowledge of the giving beings, where therefore the distributing being possesses the knowledge, which the receiving being still lacks. But if an earthly child now offers itself to God for service, that it therefore consciously wants to work on the winning back of souls for God, then it also needs a special knowledge for this work, i.e., the man must also receive that, what he wants to hand out as labourer of the lord, in clearest and most comprehensible way; he must be instructed in a way that all knowledge is made accessible to him, that he is well instructed about the spiritual connections of all things and himself walks in fullest truth. But such instruction is only carried out by

the teachers appointed for this purpose, who now introduce the human being to all wisdom on God's behalf. For he can only fulfil the demands that are now placed on him if he is well instructed about everything that concerns the reign and work of God. His office is to spread the knowledge he receives himself, thus to be active on earth as a teacher again, and this teaching activity understandably requires complete knowledge, which can only be conveyed to him by the beings of light who are themselves in the most profound knowledge. But they also watch over the human being's spiritual knowledge, thus they prevent any wrong transmission through spiritual forces, they protect the human being from erroneous thinking and always guide his thoughts towards the right realization. For with the deepest knowledge they also have the highest power at their disposal, against which all less perfect beings are powerless. The ignorant, imperfect beings are denied access because the desire for truth of the receiving human being sets them a barrier that they cannot cross. And this is why the human being can accept the spiritual knowledge imparted to him as profound truth with complete conviction; he need not fear being misguided as soon as he places himself at God's disposal in humility and love in order to be active for Him on earth.... His God-centred will and the desire for the pure truth protect him from all error and also make him capable of a task which is again dedicated to spreading the truth on earth.... He can trustingly abandon himself to the beings of light and allow them to teach him....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Mental influence by beings of light....

B.D. No. 3354

December 3rd 1944

As soon as a bearer of light in the beyond, an enlightened being, has managed to be heard by a person it will always stay close to him in order to influence his every thought, thus in order to instruct him constantly. Yet the human being's will is always decisive as to whether the light being's endeavours are successful. For although the being is powerful and would be able to take complete possession of the person's thoughts his freedom of will is not restricted, hence the information is never conveyed to him against his will. Consequently, the light beings' teaching activity requires extreme patience. Time and time again they have to direct a person's thoughts to a specific subject which they are ready to explain, and they may not become impatient when these thoughts digress. Their love for people has to be considerable in order to repeatedly muster understanding for their failings and not stop trying to arouse people's interest in spiritual knowledge. For this reason a person in intimate contact with the beings of light will also have a different mentality; despite the fact that he is not yet being instructed in an obvious manner he will spend much thought on spiritual subjects, and this contemplation will satisfy him since it will result in an agreeable answer. And then the beings of light will be able to move into action, they are always able to enter a person's train of thoughts, they are able to transfer their thoughts to people.... Yet it depends on the individual's receptiveness as to whether their effort and patience are successful, for the more willing he is the more attentively he listens within, that is, he takes notice of his thoughts, he will not discard them instantly but think them through, and only then can they become effective, thus move him into action.... to do what he was mentally advised to do.

If the human being has paid attention to these transmissions then the desire will also arise in him to tell his fellow human beings what he has heard, what he has spiritually received, for whatever moves him will also urge him to pass it on. And this in turn prepares his fellow human beings for the light beings' work on them, for as soon as another person listens to what he is told he also starts to think about it, and the being of light will again be able to intervene and provide food for thought in the form of mental questions and explanations.

All people are entrusted to such beings of light, all people are surrounded by them, and they pay attention to every thought. And as soon as the thoughts turn to spiritual matters, hence to things which are unrelated to earthly life, which do not concern the body but the human soul, the beings of light try to direct the thoughts onto the right track.... by mentally whispering the correct information, the

answer to questions raised, so that they, having arisen in themselves, will be considered and, with good will, also be assessed. For the thought only becomes valuable when it is put into practice, when the mental advice is implemented accordingly. Yet the light beings' efforts are often in vain with many people because they only aspire to purely earthly things and have no interest in spiritual work or spiritual knowledge. In that case the beings of light are grateful for every support by way of a human mouth.... For the beings of light can neither visibly appear nor introduce people to the right knowledge against their will, but it is always the person's own will which allows or rejects the light beings' work on him. And the beings of light are subject to laws, because the human being's free will has to remain unaffected as not to make it impossible for the person to attain perfection.

For this reason the right knowledge can only be made accessible to people once they employ their own will, by willingly accepting the influence of the being which, as a representative of light, makes the knowledge available to them. Only then will the light beings surrounding a person be able to do their work, they will be able to instruct him mentally and provide him with information about every question that moves him. Then he will always be spiritually guided and looked after, and his thoughts will be led onto the right path, for the beings of light have much strength and authority at their disposal providing the human being's will does not resist their influence....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Care of people by beings of light....

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The gate of heaven is wide open to you and the spiritual beings eagerly await you because they want to share the happiness of being close to Me. But they also fear for you because they see that you make no effort to enter the path which leads into the kingdom of heaven. Each one of you is entrusted to spiritual beings who are concerned about your soul's salvation and do everything to direct your thoughts towards Me.... They constantly surround you and try to influence you, they guide you towards each other such that you are stimulated by your fellow human beings to exchange thoughts, and their constant endeavour is to induce you into loving activity, to create opportunities for you where you can practice unselfish love so that you mature in your soul. But they can only ever gently urge you but never force you to act as is right. And therefore you humans can feel in spiritual care, yet your will must also be ready.... You must approach the gate of heaven, you must desire that it remains open to you and that you don't miss the path into the kingdom of heaven. For even if the love of your spiritual friends is overwhelming it must not affect you contrary to your will, according to divine law it must limit itself precisely in accordance with your will, for its effect of strength would suffice to shape you entirely according to My will, but this will not lead you to perfection. Therefore, the spiritual beings looking after you sometimes try to achieve their aim differently by imposing painful events on you with My approval which are intended to turn your thoughts towards Me. And I give these beings of My kingdom free reign because they are only active in My will and want to fulfil their educational tasks for the people entrusted to them, so that therefore every event is well established in My plan of salvation from eternity, but also the activity of My children, the beings of light in the spiritual kingdom, is included, for everything serves the redemption of the still bound spirits, and people on earth are in need of care, of help given to them by spiritual guides, so that their path of ascent will become easier. The luminous spiritual works with Me and in My will, it works with love and with wisdom.... And therefore everything that happens in human existence is purposeful. But whether it is evaluated solely depends on the human being's will, for this is free....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

In the spiritual kingdom, too, there is an incessant battle for the souls, for My adversary rages there as well, and he seeks to prevent the souls from taking the path to ascent.... In the spiritual kingdom too the adversary seeks to push the souls away from the light and envelop them in ever denser darkness.... Yet forces of light are also active in the spiritual kingdom which help every soul if it only has the slightest will to come out of darkness into the light. Thus even these souls in darkness are not without protection, only the will has to awaken in **themselves** towards the light, towards ascent, towards freedom.... And this is the battle between light and darkness, that the beings of light constantly endeavour to push the bad forces out of the darkness and to influence the souls in such a way that they themselves want to escape the darkness.... This happens in every way, only the beings of light cannot approach the souls in radiant brightness but they have to appear in the same state as those, so that the souls gain confidence and express themselves.... And then intercession on the part of people is of immense help because the souls' will to resist is thereby weakened if it is not completely broken, which then considerably facilitates the light beings' work.... But the love of these beings does not abandon the souls which are handed over to their care.... They themselves stand in the light and are thereby also blissfully abundant.... and thus their love drives them again and again to release the unhappy souls from their state and to bring them the light. And they usually succeed, only in the case of completely hardened souls does the adversary have the upper hand, and then it can also lead to renewed banishment at the end of a redemption period when the soul, instead of ascending, sinks ever deeper and then a renewed dissolution of the spiritual substances is inevitable. The redeemer's work in the spiritual kingdom is carried out ever more intensively, for the beings of light are aware of the coming earth upheaval, they know about the danger of a new banishment of incorrigible souls, and they truly do everything to spare them this fate, because they know about the agonies and the infinitely long time until they can walk the earth again as I-conscious beings. And the activity which makes them happy consists of helping the souls to salvation, of bringing them the light, of leading them to Jesus Christ, Whom they must first have found in the kingdom of the beyond if the kingdom of light is to be opened to them. For this reason your work of redemption on earth is blessed, for every soul which has already found Him on earth need not fear the darkness even if it cannot yet demonstrate a high degree of light when entering the spiritual kingdom; but it need not fear a decline, it has escaped the adversary's power and will be granted help in every way so that it can ascend to the ascent. My adversary truly makes extensive use of the power he possesses in the end, and he oppresses everything spiritual which strives towards Me.... And he will try by all means to prevent that what still belongs to him also takes the path to Me.... But the beings of light let their **love** radiate and achieve much with it, even if they have to respect the souls' free will. Love fights against hatred, and love is truly a great strength.... And thus you humans on earth can also push everything unspiritual away from you through love, you can also successfully wage the battle against darkness if you let love break through, if you only ever oppose evil with love.... For the adversary succumbs to love, he flees it, and then he leaves you when love becomes overpowering in you, which is why you can also bring help to the beings in darkness by virtue of your love, because they surrender when such a ray of love touches them.... And then they are also saved, and My adversary has lost power over these souls, for anyone who has once felt the strength of love has his resistance broken, and now it is not difficult for the beings of light in the spiritual kingdom to help them upwards, and they are saved for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Light beings create forms for the spiritual....

B.D. No. 7976

August 26th 1961

You, too, will be granted the bliss of creation when you use the strength and light.... the power and wisdom.... in My will again, when you will be perfect and able to work like Me in free will, which is always also Mine.... Then love will drive you to creations of all kinds, for then you will also

create forms in your love for the still immature spiritual in which it can mature, and you will find your beatitude in it yourselves.... For you yourselves emerged from My creative power as My images.... Your nature corresponded to My fundamental nature, all divine characteristics and abilities were within you and you were also able to use them in the same way as Me; you were able to create and shape yourselves until you fell away from Me, until the moment when you freely rejected My strength of love and thereby deprived yourselves of all abilities and were therefore no longer able to create because My strength of love no longer shone through you or because you yourselves no longer wanted to accept it and thus became powerless. But this state of imperfection will not last forever, for My aim is and remains to restore you to your original state, which, however, has to be achieved by your free will alone. My overwhelming love for you, which only ever wants your bliss, guarantees that you will receive My support in every way. And as soon as you have entered the original state again My strength of love will flow through you as in the beginning, and you will use it again in wisdom, because you have now become love again and therefore also want to help the still unredeemed to attain the same beatitude which will now be granted to you.... And you will constantly be creatively active.... Whatever you set your mind to you will also be able to accomplish, and creating and shaping will make you immeasurably happy. For as a human being you don't know what abilities are within you which only lie idle because you lack the **love** which gives you strength and wisdom.... But one day you will know everything, and you will create the suitable cover for every particle of soul, you will lovingly accept everything that still has to travel the path through the creations of earth.... You will also recognize its degree of maturity and your creations will correspond to it, which will therefore also make you immeasurably happy because you recognize their purpose and support the spiritual in its upward development through your will of love, which is active in creating and shaping. As long as you live on earth as a human being you lack this degree of maturity, that you recognize everything, that you know about every work of creation, about its nature, composition and purposefulness.... Yet once you have this realization you will already have reached a high degree of maturity yourselves, where you may behold miracles upon miracles and even move in the midst of these miracles.... And all these miraculous works are My thoughts and ideas which I let become form.... always for the happiness of the spiritual in every degree of maturity.... only that once these forms envelop the spiritual, which is to mature in them, and that then the spiritual itself can create such forms and its strength and wisdom can now express itself in creations of the most versatile kind. And only then will you pay far more attention to all creations, only then will you recognize My great love and wisdom, and your love for Me will become ever more powerful, which means a constant increase in your strength and therefore also an increase in your bliss. And you will behold things which you would never dream of, for My glories will have no end, which are intended for all those who love Me.... and I will make My creatures eternally happy.... they shall create and shape with Me in My kingdom, they shall enter the father's inheritance as My children.... they shall be immeasurably happy in and with Me....

Amen

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The embodied light beings' willingness to help....

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Believe Me that people would be in dire straights during the last days before the end if I did not continually send messengers of light to earth to bring them light and strength directly from Me and thus contribute towards saving at least those people who have not yet entirely handed themselves over to My adversary. These messengers of light consequently fight against the prince of darkness by exposing the misconceptions which people adhere to, by bringing them the light of truth and thereby also illuminating the path of return to Me into their Father's house. There has to be an activity of strong counteracting forces, for the adversary's power is great given that people concede to this power themselves with their wrong attitude towards Me, their God and Creator of eternity. They are living in his realm and constantly move in spiritual darkness. My kingdom, however, is the kingdom of light

and bliss, and from this kingdom helpful beings of light, motivated by their love towards the wretched, avail themselves to Me to descend to earth in order to help them still find the way back before the end. And since they are only impelled by love for this work of redemption, I accept it and place them where there is a possibility of success, where they are then lovingly active, both earthly as well as spiritually.

For now they are living as human beings amongst human beings and thus.... although their souls are already fully mature.... also have to fit in with people. Consequently they do not stand out in any special way but live like everyone else, often in underprivileged circumstances. Yet they will never need to suffer adversity, because they work as My servants on earth and, like a good Master, I will also always take care of all their earthly needs on their behalf. Nevertheless they are not conspicuously noticeable in their environment, yet every believer can recognise them by their unusual mission. For they serve Me as bearers of light, as bearers of truth, which they can receive directly from Me and pass on to their fellow human beings. Only the pure truth can still bring salvation to those people who still live in complete error, in spiritual darkness, and who are therefore at greatest risk of getting lost. For you humans are unable to assess in what danger humanity finds itself during these last days before the end. And this motivates Me to send messengers of light to earth which, as human beings, will then do their utmost to work on My behalf on earth to prevent people from becoming subject to compulsory faith. These bearers of light might well sense where they are coming from as soon as they, as people, receive revelations from Me in order to be able to fulfil their mission.... For they will soon recognise their fellow human beings' spiritually low level and their hopelessness of ever attaining the light of truth unless they receive special help.... And since they themselves will be guided into the knowledge of all correlations by Me through the conveyance of the Word, they will also know that they have come from a different sphere for the sake of a mission.

And yet, I shall keep their origin concealed until they have reached a specific degree of maturity as human beings which, however, they will only attain just before the end of their physical life, for it is irrelevant for the human being's mission which spirit has embodied itself in him, since all beings of light offering themselves to live on earth for the salvation of people are spirits of love which are close to My heart, and My love to all My living creations is so profound that I on My part do not apply any classification, as is always the case with limited thinking.... You humans, however, harbour this wish to know about your previous existence, and then I Am occasionally motivated by your love to give you small hints, providing you interpret these indications correctly.... For in My kingdom are countless beings with the same degree of love whose characteristics.... even though every individual being is self-aware.... correspond to a great original spirit again, precisely because of their greater than great love.... And I also embrace these again with My love and Am present to them on earth in order to support them in their spiritual mission, which is urgently needed because humanity has reached such a spiritually low level that only the pure truth can help it ascend again which you, My messenger, shall receive directly from Me and pass on, so that the error can be recognised.... so that there shall be light on earth, so that I Myself shall be recognised by people in My whole Being.... For it is precisely this realisation which My opponent tries to suppress in order to prevent people from looking for and finding the path to Me.... For anyone who recognises Me in My infinite love, unsurpassable wisdom and overwhelming might will also strive towards Me, and he will be saved from a repeated fall into the abyss....

Amen

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Serving in love last goal.... humility.... bliss....

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The beingness fulfils its destiny insofar as it decides to serve: for serving in love is the ultimate goal of everything that has emerged from God. Serving is then no longer a state conditioned by humility, but love now turns serving into a state of supreme bliss. All beings of light need the influx of

divine strength, and to now be able to give to the beings what they lack is immensely blissful for the beings whose state of perfection enabled them to become recipients and carriers of the divine influx and who, in their love, only ever want to hand out and thus serve out of greater than great love. Every creature that they are allowed to flood with their power of love is, as it were, entrusted to them for their happiness and protection. And they take special loving care of the children on earth who have expressed their will to receive strength from God. They are always ready for them, they will not let any call go unheard, their will to serve is never ending, they want to constantly give and help those who need help. For this is the love that wants to redeem, that wants to liberate something bound, that therefore serves the bound being so that it becomes free from the control of its conqueror.... Love does not ask for reward or success, it is only willing to serve, and it is the serving that proves deepest humility on earth, in eternity of unspeakable sweetness; it is not a degrading state, it is a royal bowing down in deep love, raising what lies on the ground and leading it up.... This serving is equal to ruling, because deep love is the driving force. Therefore, on earth, serving in love will be the only way to perfection, although on earth humility must be added to it in order to live in the grace of God. Man must descend to the deepest depth of his own accord in order to reach the highest height.... But all beings will feel the serving state the less humiliating the further they progress in higher development, for the more the being shapes itself into love the more happy it is for it to be aware of being able to help because it recognizes the adversity of the unredeemed being as well as the unspeakable happiness of the being which receives divine strength and is allowed to continue distributing it....

Amen

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Voluntary deeds of love.... fulfillment of the law....

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Only that which you do voluntarily in order to live pleasingly for Me is of value to your soul. What the laws prescribe to you is not valued by Me as a deed carried out of your own free will, for neither threats of punishment nor promises of reward shall induce you to fulfil My commandments.... Only the love within you shall determine you, and this cannot be forced by law. Hence you can do the same deeds and yet they need not have the same value.... But I know the degree of love which determines your actions, and the deed will be valued according to it. And thus it will now also be understandable to you that your perfection, the maturing of your souls, solely depends on the extent to which you develop love within yourselves, for your way of life shall allow you to mature, thus it has to be guided by love; **everything you do has to be an activity of love....** The path of love is the only path to perfection, and you determine your earthly way of life yourselves through your will. Hence you cannot create spiritual advantages for yourselves by fulfilling humanly decreed commandments which were added to My commandments of love.... Yes, you cannot dutifully fulfil these commandments of love of Mine either.... For love cannot be commanded, it has free will within itself.... Only through these obligatory actions can you awaken love in yourselves, and only then will your works be pleasing in My sight. For this reason I also admonish you to always and constantly work with love, so that you should not carelessly believe that you have done enough through pure **works**, which can indeed also be helpful but lack the right love.... You must shape yourselves into beings which are filled with love, then you will also understand why everything else is worthless where love was uninvolved.... The soul can only mature through works of love, because maturity of the soul precisely means **love** and because your only task on earth is to return to the love from which you once emerged, because this return is only possible in love.... because I, as the eternal love Myself, can only unite with you when you have become love again.... when you have deified yourselves again through love....

Amen

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In every phase of your ascent development you had to serve, because every work of creation had its purpose and its destiny; nothing has been created senselessly by the creative power, which wanted to lead the once fallen beingness up again. As man you certainly cannot everywhere recognize a serving purpose, but the creator Himself let Himself be determined by His wisdom and love to assign a task to all His creations, through the fulfilment of which always only the purpose was reached that the spiritual bound in it reached up step by step. Therefore the beingness in the mandatory state covers an endless long way of development, as this has already been announced to you men many times. But only that can be decisive for the last perfection, what is accomplished by the being in free will; only the **serving** as man is decisive of the once fallen being in the stage of free will. Man must **serve in love**, then he becomes active in free will according to the will of God and comes to perfection still on earth. Love will always express itself in serving.... because love always makes an effort to make the object of love happy, to help it. And serving love is a pure divine love; it is not directed wrongly as once that it only satisfied itself, but it always only has the well-being of the neighbour as its aim and therefore always expresses itself in serving.... What now man undertakes in serving love will always be blessed and always lead to the last perfection. But if he neglects works of serving neighbourly love, then he irrevocably remains on the same level of his development, and there is also the danger that his self-love increases and he sinks back, that his earth life is an idle run, because he is no longer forced as man.... Anyone who serves in selfless love also fulfils divine will, and he approaches his God and creator again, because serving love is also evidence of humility, because the human being now no longer exalts himself, which once caused his fall.... The whole of creation serves, albeit in a state of compulsion, and the once fallen spiritual now covers the path to God in this state of compulsion, but in this state it cannot reach the final aim, which has free will as its prerequisite, otherwise the being would eternally remain a judged being and would no longer correspond to the original state, where it was freely exposed and could freely create and have an effect.... It must absolutely receive this freedom again and now exactly again move in divine will, although it **can** also use its will wrongly. And man has to make this decision during his earth life to become again what he was in the beginning. Therefore he is to serve.... And that requires a putting back of self-love, a forming of oneself to unselfish, divine love, which always only wants to make happy.... what is not easy for man at first, but can be achieved during earth life, because all aids are offered to him that his self-love changes and man only still thinks of his neighbour and through this also proves love towards God and therefore approaches Him again, as he once moved away from Him in free will. And whether you men also believe to perfect yourselves by performing acts and customs.... as long as these do not consist of works of serving neighbourly love, they are worthless before God and do not contribute to your upward development. You can only perfect yourselves through serving love, because this alone testifies to your free will to return to God. And He will also again and again create opportunities for you where you are prompted to serving love, where you can stand by the neighbour in spiritual and in earthly trouble, where you can help, comfort and protect all who get into trouble and cannot free themselves from it. The earthly progress before through all creations was certainly difficult and sorrowful, but you certainly reached ascent through it, because you were prompted by natural law to be of service.... But in the stage as man it is far more difficult for you, because you must overcome yourselves, your free will must become active to do what you were forced to do before through natural law.... You must serve.... but are no longer forced to do so, but your will alone decides.... And therefore you also bear a great responsibility for your earthly life as a human being.... you can sink back again but also reach the highest height.... you can unite with the eternal love Itself through serving love, and then your aim will have been reached on earth, you will have found union with your God and creator, you will return as children to the father from Whom you once originated as creatures....

Amen