

Word of God

Our earth is a school of the spirit

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New Year's message: people's resistance to God....

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People's resistance against Me is great, and only My greater than great love protects them from the complete fall into the abyss. Yet the distance from Me cannot be reduced as long as they don't give up their resistance. But resistance is every rejection of My grace, and grace is everything that leads you upwards, towards Me, and thus helps to restore the original state. Hence grace is also the supply of My word which imparts the pure truth to you, a knowledge which helps you to recognize Me, to love Me and to keep My commandments. The human being must accept this knowledge otherwise he will receive a wrong image of Me as creator and father from eternity. Lack of knowledge impairs love for Me, and wrong knowledge leads away from Me.... This has to be said first if the human being is to understand that and why truth is extremely important for the soul's higher development. Where truth is not represented the path to Me is blocked, and I cannot be reached through error, and thus it will also be understandable that I bestow a special gift of grace upon the human being: My direct word from above, because every misguided teaching has to be corrected if he is to progress in his development, for I Myself, as the eternal truth, cannot tolerate that error and lies walk alongside Me. And therefore I must first correct the erroneous teachings, and I only require people who place themselves at My disposal of their own free will, who are willing to accept My teaching in all purity and pass it on to their fellow human beings. I convey My word to them in different forms but always with the same content; whether they receive it directly from Me or through intermediaries, whether they read or hear it, depends on their state of maturity and their willingness to receive it. This is why My word can be received in all purity in many places, for the written word can also convey the same knowledge to a person if he receives it into his heart and memory in desire for truth. Then he will always be guided by My spirit into right thinking and thus stand in truth. But where

the human being's will opposes Mine, where the human being does not hand himself over to Me but, as it were, wants to find the truth out of his own intellect, it will be difficult to present the truth. But the resistance against Me is great, for all those who persist in their spiritual knowledge, who stubbornly cling to a body of thought which was given to them from outside, offer this resistance because they are not willing to surrender this body of thought in exchange for better knowledge. And so the question must first be asked: What entitles you to regard precisely this spiritual knowledge of **yours** as truth, when different schools of thought, different denominations also represent different teachings? On serious reflection you must admit to yourselves that you have no proof that you possess the **right** knowledge.... unless you can prove direct spiritual activity which, however, will then always result in the same body of thought. The fact that you were taught this way is no proof that you were imparted the truth.... You must always bear in mind that the human being has free will and that, as long as he is still imperfect, he will, through the adversary's influence, profess ever more that which corresponds to his imperfection, that he therefore either has to be perfect..., in order to stand in the truth, or else, in awareness of his imperfect state and his ignorance as a result of it, he must stretch out his hands from the depths towards the light, towards the original source of truth, so that his hand may be grasped and he may be drawn up into the kingdom of light. He must ask and allow himself to be given gifts.... but not to search and ponder intellectually without the humble admission of his inability to do so. Humanity is too convinced that it stands in the truth and therefore it is difficult to supply it with the pure truth. But every thinking man would have to doubt his own knowledge because of the diversity of what is regarded as truth, and therefore now seek the truth where it has its origin. I now meet people's needs by sending bearers of truth to them, but they find open and hidden resistance.... But how do you want to come into possession of the truth? In what form shall it be offered to all those that it will be accepted without affecting their free will? It is only due to your resistance, which I will not break by force but which is nevertheless to blame for the great darkness which is spread across the earth. I could certainly achieve everything by force, yet in all freedom you must strive for perfection, and therefore there will only ever be a few people to whom I can convey the pure truth directly, just as the number of those who accept the word from above through you will not be great, even though My flow of love flows in all directions and the truth seeks to find entrance in some form or other everywhere. And mostly it is spiritual conversations which could give rise to pleading thoughts of the eternal truth. And no one will be able to deny having had the opportunity for spiritual conversations. It always depends on the inner resistance, which is often opposed to the pure truth through the influence of satan. But the desire for Me and thus for the truth breaks the resistance and enables the person to accept My word, through which he will be instructed in the truth....

Amen

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Conveyance of the truth from God is necessary....

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What I tell you is necessary to know.... I only want to give you truthful enlightenment so that you will still evaluate the last short time on earth correctly, so that you will live responsibly. For this reason I impart knowledge to you humans through people whose spirit is awakened and who are therefore able to hear Me Myself. For they shall be instructed by the eternal truth itself in order to be able to believe. And yet I must also offer this knowledge to you humans such that you are not forced to accept it, because I do not force your faith. You should be completely free to decide to accept this knowledge but also be able to reject it if you are not willing to accept a last great gift of grace from My hand. And therefore I convey the truth purely to earth again, for the maturing of your souls and your future beatitude depends on this truth. If you receive the **right** kind of enlightenment about your God and creator you will also feel drawn to this being because He is love, wisdom and power in Himself.... And I only want you humans to **turn to Me**, I only want you to seek contact with Me as your God and creator in order to be able to look after you as a father until the end of your life, until you have reached your goal, the return to Me from Whom you once voluntarily departed. As long as

all correlations cannot be explained to you from the beginning of your existence, as long as you know nothing about your past apostasy from Me, you will walk along in spiritual darkness and your earthly life will only be an idle one, it will only be an earthly-oriented life without any success for your soul. But you should be instructed in complete truth that you yourselves have to fulfil a task on earth and what this task consists of. But you can only receive the pure truth from the eternal truth itself, only I Myself can convey the pure truth to you. And this possibility exists when a person prepares himself such that he becomes a right vessel for Me into which I can let My spirit flow. Then a direct connection is created from My kingdom of light into the kingdom of darkness, then I Myself can speak to a person who can pass on My spiritual knowledge to his fellow human beings again.... And then you can truly be certain that you receive pure truth, and you can conduct your way of life in accordance with this knowledge which is now conveyed to you.... You will become aware of the great responsibility of your earthly life, for you now recognize the meaning and purpose of your earthly life, you recognize your relationship to your God and creator, and you now voluntarily enter into the right relationship with Me: the relationship of a child to its father.... Your nature will change into love because the eternal love itself addresses you; you will recognize that I love you and you will now also return My love.... I seek to achieve nothing other than to bring you closer to the being from Whom you came forth yourselves, Who created you out of His strength of love.... I only seek to achieve that you restore the bond with Me which you once voluntarily severed.... But for this you have to be instructed in truth, because truth alone is the light which enlightens you inwardly and shows you the path to Me. And you have to take this path fully consciously, and you will also take it as soon as you learn to recognize Me Myself through the truth and then also strive towards Me, because love ignites in you, as soon as you yourselves give Me the opportunity to illuminate you through your will.... And I will always speak to people like a father because I love you and this love will never end.... Truthful knowledge will always be conveyed to you from Me which you will also willingly accept if only you are of good will. And these shall experience My great love which applies to all My living creations and which will not let any go astray, so that they will reciprocate My love and thereby also attain life which lasts forever....

Amen

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Spiritual hardship on earth

Spiritual flattening....

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

Amen

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You humans are not aware of the immense spiritual hardship you suffer because your senses are still captivated by the world and thus you cannot even assess the darkness surrounding your thinking. Every day can be the last one for you on this earth.... No-one knows the hour of his death, and no-one can extend his life for an hour.... And you do not consider this.... or you would prepare yourselves for what will come afterwards since you know, after all, that you cannot take anything with you when you have to pass away from earth. But what is your soul like? Do you ever seriously contemplate what your fate will be afterwards? You resist such thoughts, you push them far away from you once they emerge, and yet your soul can be in a state of distress because it has to leave the body without light when the hour of passing away has struck.... when it finds itself in profound darkness in the spiritual kingdom wandering about deprived and unhappy because it doesn't know where to turn to in this darkness. It is you, it is your actual Self which cannot vanish even if the soul had to leave the body.... But don't think that you will no longer exist, that your existence will have come to an end with the death of your body.... Your existence will be just as real as on earth, and you will experience suffering and torment just as much and even more intensely because you suddenly realise that you lack all strength to change your situation.... a fact which is extremely agonising to you because you have to endure it due to your own fault. For if only you lived a little more consciously on earth the soul would not enter into the beyond in such a wretched state, because a small glimmer of light would show the path it has to take in the beyond in order to ascend. For every soul has the possibility to continue what it had failed to do on earth, if only it has the will to do so. But whether it makes use of this possibility is up to itself but first it requires a small glimmer of realisation without which it will remain helplessly and miserably in the same state.

And if only the human being on earth would actively endeavour to gain faith in life after death, to live a life after God's will, if only he would try to discard his faults and weaknesses and be lovingly active towards his fellow human being, he would leave the profound darkness and step into a faint twilight, and if he enters the kingdom of the beyond with such a faint light his soul would get on better, it would recognise its further task and try to fulfil it.... For it will not be entirely blind and spared the worst suffering. Yet how many people don't even consider their soul's salvation just once a day, all their thoughts and intentions only relate to the material world and to the attainment of purely earthly advantages.... The immense spiritual hardship consists of the fact that people are entirely unaware of why they are on earth, that they only ever think of 'life itself' as important and never ask why they were given this life. And in this darkened state they are approaching the end of the earth which will suddenly and unexpectedly come upon them and finish innumerable people's lives prematurely who don't even consider pondering thoughts of death because they believe that they have plenty of time left. All these people are so earthbound that they will also remain within the sphere of Earth when the end has come.... so that an ascent in the beyond will be impossible for these souls because they will not be able to detach themselves from the material world for a long time.... And many of them will have to take abode in matter again because they are not yet mature enough for a spiritual sphere. And this is the beginning of the state of torment again which they had long overcome already.... But people do not believe it if they are being admonished to make use of the short time on earth for the salvation of their soul; they do not believe it and cannot be forced to adopt another way of life either. Only the love of knowledgeable fellow human beings can try to influence them, and occasionally love will indeed be able to achieve something, even though every human being will keep his freedom of will. Yet the struggle for such a soul shall be continued until the end, the battle of light against the darkness shall be waged until the end, because precisely the forces of darkness are fighting especially fiercely and the forces of light must therefore not abandon the battle on their part. And just a small ray of light can ignite and penetrate the darkness, which always signifies the salvation of a soul which will be infinitely grateful for it, even if at first it is only surrounded by some twilight. Yet to have escaped the most profound darkness also means a detachment from the prince of darkness and to walk towards the light....

People don't know about their immense spiritual hardship....

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October 2nd 1963

You humans are not conscious of your hardship, yet this calamity cannot be described to you pessimistically enough, so that you will endeavour to remedy the situation yourselves, for you can do so providing you muster the firm will. But first you have to recognise this adversity yourselves.... You ought to know that you have reached the end of an eternally long process of development through the earthly creation, that you had to suffer indescribable torments during this time and that you now, as a human being, are able to end this state of torment and enter the spiritual kingdom as a free being of light.... You ought to know that it is your last opportunity to free yourselves from every physical shell, but that you now also have to lead an **appropriate** way of life as a human being otherwise you will fail and the whole preceding path will have been in vain.... You ought to know that you, in that case, will fall back into the deepest abyss again and have to cover the path through the creations in appalling agony once more, constrained in matter....

You humans live your lives irresponsibly; it does not occur to you that you are on earth for a purpose.... you do not concern yourselves in any way with such thoughts and don't recognise a spiritual reason for your existence.... you do not look for a God and Creator, from Whom the creation as well as you yourselves originated, you live indifferently and.... most importantly.... you live without love. Only love can take you to the final state of perfection, only love guarantees that blissful fate in eternity, since you only need love to attain the last goal: the final release from matter. For although you will enter the kingdom of the beyond after your physical death you will nevertheless not be able to detach yourselves from earth, and then you can still descend further and get banished into matter again. But you can also be caught unawares by the end while you are still on earth, and then you will return to the abyss without fail, from where you had worked your way up already.... And you will have to bear this awful fate once more, for I cannot digress from the law of eternal order, even though My love belongs to you and will never ever abandon you.... But I cannot bypass My justice which is equally part of My perfection.

Time and again I call to you: Take stock of yourselves.... you are travelling the last short stretch of the path. Don't take the wrong path which will inevitably lead to the abyss, but join Me and cover your earthly path holding on to My hand.... Consider the possible cause and purpose for your earthly existence, and truly, I will illuminate you in this respect because I want you to follow the path to your Father's house, because I long for your return to Me and would like to spare you the terrible fate of a new banishment.... Realise the fact that you are in tremendous spiritual danger and try to change it, for it is entirely due to your will to fulfil the task that you were allowed to embody yourselves as human beings.... But you have to liberate yourselves from worldly longings; you should not look at your earthly life as an end in itself but always recognise it as the means to an end....

And it will be possible for you to live an expedient way of life if only you endeavour to live a life of love.... Then you will have escaped the risk of failure in this end period, then you will recognise ever more clearly why you are living on earth, and you will always make the effort to fulfil the will of your God and Creator, you will enter into a father-child relationship, and then the Father will take hold of you and draw you to Himself and never ever let you descend into the abyss again. Listen to My admonitions and warnings, change your way of life, and try to conclude the infinitely long earthly path in order to enter the kingdom of light and bliss after your physical death. And if you muster this determination then you will also truly receive the strength to do so, for I will help you until the end so that you will attain life and not fall prey to death again....

Amen

Creation of the earth

Evolution of the earth before humans....

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The beginning and the end of a redemption period are so far apart that an eternity can be spoken of by people who keep both points in time in mind. It is an infinitely long period of time because the development of God's individual works of creation requires a certain amount of time, since everything is based on God's laws and even the slow development is again a provision of divine love and wisdom in order to also guarantee this upward development to the spiritual which is sheltered in it. Since the beginning of creation these laws have been the basis of all visible works of creation, for the spiritual which had fallen away from God stood in such stubborn resistance to God that it had to start its course through the works of creation completely deprived of its will and thus completely without will, i.e. bound will. And this could only happen in such a way that they were forced to adapt themselves to divine laws which, however, completely contradicted the will of the once free spiritual being. The free spiritual is constantly active, therefore the unfree spiritual had to remain in inactivity, it had to be banished into an external form which denied it all activity.... It flowed as a free spiritual into infinity and removed itself from God in free will.... But through the removal the spiritual substance grew cold, it congealed and no longer released anything in itself.... God withdrew His love-glow from the spiritual, which had fallen away from Him, and all life, all warmth flowed out of it, and only a cold lifeless mass remained.... the primordial beginning of creation.... Endless times passed before this lifeless mass showed a glimpse of life.... endless times passed before spiritual entities decided to give up their stubborn resistance against God, before they yearned for light and made themselves receptive to light by giving up their resistance. But the slightest change of will loosened their outer forms, their fetters, and a quiet movement began in the lifeless mass, a barely noticeable activity.... the solid mass changed, in places it gave in to the urging of the spiritual within, burst apart and gave the spiritual the opportunity to be slightly active. In again infinitely long periods of time forms and shapes of the most wonderful kind came into being.... the spiritual was active according to divine natural law, its activity was determined by divine will and brought about creations of the most manifold kind. The resistance against God constantly diminished, and therefore the activity became ever more extensive and the resulting creations ever more diverse, at the same time also ever more able to dissolve because their substances were no longer so hardened, for the diminishing resistance meant the supply of light and strength from God, thus life and activity and thereby loosened fetters, i.e. softer external forms which did not require such a long period of time to dissolve. But an unspeakably long time passed before the spiritual had reduced the endless distance from God to such an extent that it was admitted to the last test of will as a human being.... Thus an infinitely long time passed from the beginning of material creation until the first human being, equipped with intellect and free will, was allowed to take this test of will.... And only now did the time epoch begin which people reckon with, only now did the battle of light with darkness begin.... The spiritual, which had travelled the endless long path through creation, had to prove to itself whether it wanted to finally give up its resistance against God or turn away from God again in free will and again fall prey to God's adversary.

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

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July 15th 1961

The path of the spirits across the earth will extend into eternity.... For the spirits themselves became the matter which earth and all its creations consist of.... God's will turned solidified spiritual

substance into matter, thus the whole of the creation work earth.... as well as all creations in the entire universe.... is God's once emanated strength which He externalised as a 'being' but which so changed itself that it finally became mere **hardened** substance, which was then transformed into creations of all kinds.

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

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

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

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

And thus you humans should try to explain it to yourselves, that such periodically enforced processes of transformation concerning the creation work earth will take place in accordance with God's will. They are always based on God's love and wisdom and only ever serve the redemption of

the once fallen spirits.... And you need to also be prepared for such interventions by God when people no longer recognise the true purpose of their existence, when they thus do not use their earthly life for the maturing of their souls, for their final perfection. For the sole purpose of every work of creation is to bring the human soul into maturity, to help it become what it once was in the beginning.... a supremely perfect being, which originated from God's love but voluntarily apostatised from Him.... It shall return to Him again, and God Himself has provided it with the path of return through all the creations on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Time concept of earth's evolution....

B.D. No. 8252

August 26th 1962

The evolution of earth required an infinitely long time.... Even if you humans want to set up a concept of time for this you are unable to think that far back because it exceeds your intellectual capacity. Yet you should know that the apostasy of the beings I created took place during an equally long period of time but that the concept of 'time' is not applicable for this slow developmental stage of earth because this concept only exists for the self-aware being in its stage of imperfection, since the concept of time no longer exists for the perfect being. This is why people will only ever be able to estimate the individual stages of the creation work 'earth' but never even come close to the truth.... unless they apply the concept of 'eternities'.... For the apostasy from Me has taken eternities, and the same period of time will be needed to return the spirits which had deserted Me.

And if you humans now considered that you are close to joining Me again completely.... if you considered that these eternities are already behind you and that you can soon finish your ascending process of development and succeed in completely liberating yourselves from the form.... if you considered that your apostasy from Me happened eternities ago and that you can now lessen this immense original sin and become completely released from it with the help of Jesus Christ.... then you would truly only be moved by the one thought of sincerely giving yourselves to the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ and appeal to Him to grant you the strength to establish your final unification with your God and Father, Whom you can now recognise in Jesus Christ and for this reason entrust yourselves to Him in love and humility in order to cancel your past sin of arrogance and heartlessness....

Your thinking will only ever move within limitations, and thus you cannot understand that an endless time has passed in which you were constrained by My will, which had removed you from My adversary's control so as to enable your higher development.... And you cannot be granted the retrospect of this endlessly long path.... because it would no longer be possible for you to continue your path across earth in free will, since you would be driven by fear to live according to My will, and then you would never be able to become perfect.... as this requires free will. However, if you know about your soul's process before its incarnation as a human being, your sense of responsibility will be stronger and then the results of people's research will also be of value, who think they can prove that the evolution of earth and its inhabitants took thousands of years and which should make you wonder how long you have been on earth already.... albeit not as self-aware beings....

Yet then you will also know that the whole of creation shelters spiritual beings on their upward process of development in order to once again become what they had been in the beginning: free, self-aware beings, able to be active in strength and light as they were intended to be when I created them through the strength of My love.... It can only ever be believed since evidence of it cannot be given.... but even faith can become a conviction if the human being in his last stage on earth tries to bring his nature into line with that of his God and Father, if he changes himself to love and thereby unites himself with Me.... For as soon as I can be present to him because I Am love Itself he will also be able to believe with certainty and know that he only lives on earth in order complete his task after his infinitely long path. And he will wholeheartedly strive towards Me and thus find unification with Me, his Father of eternity, and be inconceivably happy....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The grace of life on earth as a human being

Earthwalking, act of grace.... return to God....

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It is an immeasurable act of grace by God that you are allowed to live on this earth as a human being, for you have an **undeserved** opportunity to regain possession of the light and strength you once voluntarily relinquished. Your sin against eternal love was so immense that eternal damnation would have been the just punishment for it, for you rebelled against the highest and most perfect being to Whom you owed your existence, Whose greater than great love called you into being. You rejected this love.... you showed enmity towards Him Who only gave you unlimited love. And thereby you created a gulf between Him and you which could never be bridged by you, and thus your fate would have been eternal separation from God, which is equal to eternal damnation in darkness and torment....

But God's love did not give up on you.... it found ways and means to reduce the distance between Him and you in order to guide you to Himself again. And this also includes earthly life as a human being, which is therefore a special act of grace by God, because without your own merit you were guided onto a path which leads directly back to God if you live it in accordance with God's will.... if you subordinate your will to God's will for the duration of your earthly life. All memory of your fall is taken from you.... As independent beings you are only confronted with one decision: to want, to think and to act good or bad.... You are sinful because of your former rebellion against God.... but you can make up for this sin, you can become free of it, if you do not **oppose** God during your life on earth but consciously **turn** to Him.... if your will is good.... Then your walk on earth will also be good, it will correspond to God's will, and you will have passed the test of will.... you have confessed **God** to Whom you once stood in enmity.

God's greater than great love created this opportunity for you to return to Him again in order to be able to receive light and strength in abundance and to attain your original state again. It is an act of grace of which you can only make yourselves worthy by making use of it, by allowing His infinite love to take effect on you and reciprocating it through your complete submission.... for you would never accomplish the return to Him of your own strength, and only this undeserved grace of embodiment as a human being can make the return to God possible, which therefore cannot be valued highly enough and which is only properly recognized when the soul is in the state of light and strength again.... Only then does it recognize what it was, what it is and what it is yet to become.... Only then will it also recognize God's infinite love, which it once resisted, and then it will love Him with all intimacy and also find its beatitude in this love....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The grace of life on earth as a human being....

B.D. No. 7958

August 5th 1961

Every human soul is a fallen original spirit which is close to its perfection, i.e., whose path is only a short one left until unification with Me, provided that it is in the last stage of development.... as a human being.... turns his free will towards Me, that he thus professes Me again, Whom he once refused to acknowledge. And every human soul has an infinitely long path of development behind it, because this was necessary in order to emerge from the bottomless abyss, to ascend to the height where it originally dwelled.... In this stage as a human being the soul is also again receptive to a light, i.e., it can again gain a degree of knowledge which it had lost when it fell away from Me.... For the

soul is self-aware, it can think and want again as in the beginning, only to a weak degree, but it can increase it during its earthly life.... The degree of realization is also decisive for the soul when it has left its existence as a human being and now enters the spiritual kingdom, for this degree of realization signifies light, without which the soul can never be blissfully happy. The human being himself can acquire a high degree of light during his earthly existence, he can be far advanced in realization if he uses his earthly existence to shape his nature into love, which was his original state and which absolutely has to be attained again in order to be able to dwell in the spiritual kingdom in blissful union with Me. This transformation into love is the work which the human being has to accomplish **himself** but which he can also do because he is granted help in every way. But at the beginning of his embodiment the human being's nature is still in perverse love as a result of his fall into sin in the spiritual kingdom and also of the renewed fall into sin of the first human beings.... Ego love dominates him, and this is to be changed into unselfish neighbourly love. For this purpose the human being is on earth, or also: The fallen original spirit must accomplish this transformation to love in free will itself, so that it achieves its divinisation and can now create and work in union with Me in freedom, light and strength.... And this transformation into love is the purpose of earthly life and no being can be spared, for it is at the same time the being's passed test of will.... It is the evidence of the being's divinity, which emerged from Me and was created perfect but now has to strive for this perfection in free will itself in order to be able to exist next to Me as a divine being, in order to be able to dwell with Me as 'My child', from Whom it once originated as a 'creature'.... The **divinisation** of the beings created by Me was and is My aim which I will certainly achieve but the duration of which is determined by the being itself. And once it has reached the stage as a human being it is close to its aim, and the human being should now make every effort to make good use of the last short period of time for its final perfection. He should acquire the knowledge of his purpose of earthly life, of all correlations and of My will, for the fulfilment of My will is working in love, and working in love also brings him light.... knowledge which corresponds to truth, knowledge which gives him full realization and which impels him to only pursue the aim of perfecting himself on earth, to shape his nature into love and thereby always establish the bond with Me, which is then indissoluble and the attainment of the aim is now also assured. The human being should also evaluate his self-awareness, i.e. think about himself, and then I will always be at his side, I will guide his thoughts correctly and I Myself will support him in every way so that he will reach his aim. Yet one day his remorse will be bitter if he lets the time on earth pass by unused and knows about the endless course of development before.... Yet as a human being he must not be given the recollection because then a life of free will would be impossible, because he would then live in fear and thus under a certain compulsion and his will and actions could not be judged as a free decision of will.... You should never forget that earthly life as a human being is a grace which you only need to use correctly in order to become blessed....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The significance of life on earth as a human being....

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February 17th 1963

Your life as a human being is the last stage in the development of the once fallen entity which is personified as the 'soul' within you and which, still enclosed in a physical external shape, can now overcome it and leave this form to enter the spiritual kingdom as a spiritual being. During this earthly existence the last transformation into the original entity can take place again if free will is used correctly, that is, if it consciously strives to return to Me again, Whom it had once left voluntarily.... And this transformation is certainly possible because the human being receives a multitude of blessings and with the right use of these blessings has enough strength available to cast off all impurities and to live wholly within the divine order; that is, to live a life of love through which he can spiritualise soul and body and thus the return to Me is accomplished.... However, the human being can also disregard all the blessings at his disposal and instead of ascending he can return into the abyss; this cannot be prevented because he has free will as a sign of his divine origin.... But then he

places himself once again into the dreadful fate of bondage and it will take an infinitely long time until he finally can be released again....

You do not want to believe how significant earthly existence is for you human beings and are therefore half-hearted in accomplishing your task on earth. But it concerns your own destiny, you yourselves have to bear the consequences, and the fate you prepare for yourselves cannot be taken away from you. You can choose between everlasting happiness and an infinitely long state of torment and you are doing little to acquire the first; instead you rather follow your earthly path indifferently.... And if fellow human beings, who know of the great significance of earthly life, draw your attention to this you listen with disbelief and remain unimpressed but believe them to be fantasists instead of thinking about the reasons for your earthly existence yourselves.... Yet time and again you will be confronted with events which could cause you to think.... Time and again your thoughts are pushed into that direction by means of conversations, the reading of books and your own experiences so that you should become mentally active and ask questions which concern you and your earthly existence.

If only you would believe that human earthly life is a most significant gift of grace which, if you make right use of it, can lead to unimaginable happiness.... if only you would believe that there is meaning and purpose to your earthly life, that you are not 'chance life forms' who are not responsible for their earthly progress and cease to exist when the body dies.... It is the soul.... the original spirit which once had fallen away.... who should achieve its final release from all physical external form and human earthly life is the last phase of an endless long process of development....

You humans are self-aware and you are only 'self-aware' because your outer cover incorporates an original spirit who once came forth from Me as a self-aware entity.... Thus, not your body nor your intelligence triggers your consciousness of self but your soul, which is your real life and which ultimately turns the human being into a self-aware being. Without this soul the human being is only a physical outer shape without life, even when all internal organs are present they cannot function without this soul.... The 'life' of this outer shape depends on that soul.... an original spirit.... who enlivens the body and enables it to function in all manners....

You humans should always keep in mind that you live on earth for a specific purpose and should try to find this cause and purpose, then you will also receive explanations in the form of thoughts, which I Myself will send to you in order that you may come to understand it. And thus I will send you My messengers again and again and through these try to make you think, and it will certainly be a blessing for you if you don't walk through life in ignorance but also use the gift of intelligence. This can result in the right attitude towards your God and Creator and with this you will also find the right knowledge.... Because I truly care that every single human being should use the short time of grace as a human being in the right way and reach his final destination.... that his soul will return to Me again from Whom it once had come forth as created spirit....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The earth as a maturing station for the soul

What is the soul....

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There is still a complete lack of clarity about problems which cannot be solved by human intelligence alone and where God's spirit has to work even though its working is rarely acknowledged. But only He is able to give a clear answer to questions that concern unsolved problems. However, even the results of such working of the spirit are doubted although they alone correspond to the truth. Irrespective of what question is asked, only the answer given to people by God Himself through His spirit will always be correct.... However, 'spirit' should not be confused with 'intellect' because intellect can just as well reason in the wrong direction.... There is no guarantee that intellectual results correspond to truth or so many different opinions and points of view would not exist, all claiming to be truth but all merely gained by means of intellect....

The 'spirit', however, is the radiance emanated by the Eternal Truth Itself which gives light, i.e. knowledge which is simply accepted by the intellect, for which there is no evidence. But the 'spirit of God' provides absolute innermost conviction, it provides comprehensive clarification even without making special use of the intellect:.... The concept of 'soul' cannot be tangibly explained to someone unless he has already acquired a certain amount of 'spiritual knowledge' because the soul is something spiritual, it has no earthly-physical quality and can therefore only be explained spiritually. The soul is the fluid essence which gives life to the body, to the physical form.... The soul is the actual life, the human being's true ego, which is sheltered in an external physical shell, which cannot be seen but is always present as long as energy expresses itself in it. Without the soul the human being would not be a self-aware being. The soul is God's once emanated strength which He externalised as a spiritual being to whom He gave an independent life. And this being was endowed with free will and the ability to think.... The fact that and why this spiritual being.... the soul.... shelters within the human body during its earthly life is a separate issue; first it should be explained that it is the soul which thus enables the human being to think, feel and want.

It should be emphasized that the soul is the animator of all organs, that every physical activity, every prompting of will and feeling is the expression of the soul within the body.... which is indeed something spiritual that cannot be seen by the human eye and which.... if it could be seen.... would fully resemble its external human shell. It is the soul which continues to live after the death of the body and which then can also be seen by other souls whose degree of maturity enables their spiritual vision. The soul can therefore never be explained as some kind of physical substance.... it is and remains spiritual substance, thus God's spiritual emanation, which is intended to fulfil a purpose on earth.... It is indestructible and immortal but can differentiate itself from other souls by its emission of light, and the purpose of its earthly life consists of increasing the degree of light which it had once darkened of its own free will....

It is not possible for anyone to explain the essence of soul purely scientifically because the soul is nothing tangible nor explicable with human senses but strength from God's strength, Whose essence is and remains equally inexplicable but Who cannot be denied by thinking people. Just as the soul is the true Self of the human being which cannot be defined either, which exists yet cannot be proven, which certainly controls the functions of the physical organs but can also exist without the body, whereas the body without the soul is completely lifeless matter even if all organs are still unchanged.... But the life is missing as soon as the soul leaves the body.... something is missing that activates the body, which triggers the organs' functions, which decisively influences the brain voluntarily and which arouses the stirring of every resolve in a person.... And this thinking, wanting and feeling something.... the soul....

now exists in other spheres but always as the same being which previously inhabited the body. And therefore it can also be recognised in the realm of the beyond which, however, requires a certain degree of maturity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Body, soul and spirit.... Explanation....

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People cannot understand the relationship between body, soul and spirit, which makes it difficult to explain to them the working of the spirit. The spirit is in opposition to the body, whereas the soul finds itself between both, thus it effectively has to side with either the body or the spirit but it can never pay attention to both. In the beginning of embodiment as a human being the soul is totally attached to the body. Hence it endeavours to fulfil the body's every desire, that is to say thought, feeling and will.... the human soul.... are wholly focussed on the body which, still consisting of matter itself, also seeks to unite with matter. Thus the person will long for material possessions because they epitomise the body's satisfaction. Therefore the spirit will not come into its own, the soul ignores the spirit's demands, the spirit cannot find acceptance because the body is still stronger and completely occupies the soul, thus dominating its thoughts and aspirations. However, the soul can also recognise the worthlessness of earthly things, it can consider its bodily wishes to be unimportant, it can demand more of earthly life than mere material goods.... then the spirit comes into its own.... Then it will express itself and be listened to by the soul. The soul will start to move in a different direction, it will no longer ask for the body but strive for spiritual values. It will accept being taught, that is, it shall willingly accept what the spirit conveys. Indeed, it will feel happy and pay consistently less attention to the body, or it will try to incline the body to do what the spirit demands of the soul.... to renounce earthly matter in exchange for spiritual knowledge. Now the spirit will be victorious over the body. Both spirit and body try to win the soul for themselves. And as soon as the spirit has succeeded in displacing the desires of the body, it is the stronger....

But what is meant by spirit?.... The spirit is the Divine in the human being; it is that which identifies the human being as God's living creation, the spirit is the bond which connects the human being to the eternal Father-Spirit. It is the human being's realisation that he will always be in contact with the Father of eternity. The human being only recognises himself as God's living creation when the spirit becomes active, until then he will merely be conscious of himself as a living being who wants whatever life has to offer. But once the human being recognises himself, the world will no longer mean anything to him. Then he will search for higher values, then his thoughts will be directed towards the spiritual kingdom, then he will try to make contact with the One Who gave him life, then his thoughts will be right and his wishes and actions in accordance with divine will. Then the spirit of God will be working within the person. The soul subsequently will give itself to the spirit to be guided and taught so that body, soul and spirit unite at last and seek unity with God, because the human being's spirit constantly strives towards the Father-Spirit to Whom he is, and remains, inseparably joined for eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Unification of the soul and the body with the spirit....

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What you are able to hear through the inner voice is significant for soul and body and should therefore be heeded by both, i.e. the soul, the human being's thinking, feeling and wanting, should be stimulated by it and the body should also be determined to comply with what the soul now thinks, feels and wants. Despite the soul's idea, the body can still resist; even though the human being is inwardly convinced that he has to act differently, he can still do what is beneficial for the body but

harmful for the soul, then the recognition of what is right is certainly present but the will is too weak to turn it into action. The will belongs to the soul, but the will is decisive for the actions of the body. If the will is now strong enough then it determines the body to actions which are beneficial for the soul, then the soul pulls the body into the spiritual kingdom, so to speak, it is no longer materially minded, i.e., earthly desires no longer have the upper hand, although the human being still lives on earth and again and again has to fight the battle with it. Yet the spirit in the human being pulls the soul mightily, and once it has succeeded by virtue of its will in restraining the body from its striving for the world, once it has succeeded in weakening bodily desire and making it inclined towards the soul, then the body will always distance itself more and more from the earthly, i.e. it will certainly still dwell in the old environment but its desire will only have become weaker and finally only apply to what the soul imparts to it. The body, too, will find satisfaction in dwelling in the spiritual kingdom, and the unification of the soul and the body with the spirit can now take place much more easily than before, when the soul still had to struggle with the body, i.e. when its will was still too weak to resist the comforts of the world and the striving for earthly good was predominant. Yet this battle has to go ahead, otherwise the spirit in the human being will not be able to make itself heard, otherwise the human being will not be able to hear the subtle voice of the spirit either.... And therefore the urgent admonition constantly goes out to you humans: Disregard the worldly as much as possible, draw from the source of life, let the spirit within you speak, which is able to give you far more than the world can offer you in pleasures and enjoyments. Direct all your thoughts, feelings and intentions towards the spiritual kingdom as often as you are able to do so, also carry out earthly activities with your eyes directed upwards, let your thoughts often wander upwards, call upon God and commend yourselves to His love and grace.... And your striving will become increasingly more spiritual, earthly things will only touch you as far as it is absolutely necessary for the preservation of the body, and your soul will mature in knowledge, it will become full of light in you and a heavenly peace will enter your heart, for you have overcome the world....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Spiritualizing the soul.... overcoming matter....

B.D. No. 3414

January 22nd 1945

It is absolutely necessary that you learn to despise the world if you want your soul to mature, for only when it no longer desires it will it turn to the spiritual kingdom, to the world which is its actual home, which offers it everything that helps it to ascend and which is therefore also the aim it should reach through earthly life. The more the human being detaches himself from material things, the more his senses deaden themselves for earthly pleasures and enjoyments, the more the soul spiritualizes itself.... As long as the human being lives on earth he must indeed submit to the demands of the body up to a certain limit, he must fulfil earthly obligations, he must carry out earthly activities; thus he is earth-bound and cannot detach himself from it purely physically until God calls him into the spiritual kingdom. Nevertheless, the human being can live a second life next to his earthly one.... The life of the soul need not be completely involved in the life of the body, the soul need not strive for the same as the body, but it can form its kingdom completely independently of it, which, however, lies far away from the yearning of the body.... it can turn to the spiritual kingdom, and then the body will certainly fulfil its earthly task but never strive for earthly pleasures for itself again, instead, it will soon join the soul's desire and likewise seek to be spiritually active as soon as its earthly duties allow it time and opportunity to do so. And as soon as this degree is reached, that the human being now disregards all material goods, as soon as he sets the spiritual kingdom as the aim of his striving, he is also immune to strong temptations on the part of the world. He can no longer fall prey to it, he will only have to endure slight struggles at times, if the world presents itself to him again and again with its joys and pleasures and wants to win him over for itself. But these are only temptations which he will always overcome because the powers of the spiritual kingdom.... the kingdom towards which his soul is striving.... never ever let him go, because they pull him with tireless love and thus constantly influence

his soul so that it feels the strength within itself to offer resistance. The greater the renunciation of the material world, the stronger the transmission of strength from the spiritual kingdom. And this influx of strength not only benefits the soul but also the body, for the latter is now also able to master its earthly task without therefore neglecting the soul. And the earthly task will be a service in active neighbourly love, the human being will also attain maturity of soul through his earthly activity because this is now in accordance with God's will. For the human being who disregards earthly aims, who no longer desires the world's goods, will also only carry out an activity which benefits his fellow human beings, he will only give but not want to possess and thereby strive ever more towards the spiritual kingdom. Thus the soul voluntarily fulfils its actual purpose.... it overcomes matter and spiritualizes itself, it kills off the body's desire which is originally its own and makes it inclined to join the soul's desire; it pulls it over into the spiritual kingdom with it, and thus it seriously pursues the aim which is set for it for its earthly life, and it will also reach this aim, for all forces of light stand by it so that it finds the path into the eternal home....

Amen

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Blessing of illness and suffering.... Maturing fully....

B.D. No. 5194

August 23rd 1951

The body's decline is often a useful warning for a person who is still too earthly-minded and thus endangers the soul. Sooner or later he must learn to realise that nature can impose a limit and as a result of this realisation become aware of what will happen after the body has become completely unsuitable for this earth. As long as the human being fails to think about his soul of his own accord he must often be warned and admonished. Physical ailments, diseases and the loss of bodily abilities must therefore also be regarded as means for maturing the soul, since they can change a person's thinking considerably and consequently are often used as a remedy for the soul if it is at risk of succumbing to spiritual death. Yet they don't always serve their purpose.... then a state of obstinacy ensues, a complete avoidance of all divine-spiritual issues, and despite disease and misfortune affecting his body the human being tries to live life to the full.

Nothing that is inflicted on a person is without meaning.... the body's illness often achieves the soul's recovery; then it has been a blessing because the person learned to despise the world after he had to go without and looked for and found a substitute in the spiritual world. He will receive precious possessions as compensation for the goods denied to him by the world and which he now knows to be worthless. But that involves that he humbly submits to the fate imposed on him for the sake of his soul, that he obediently endures what indeed seems arduous to him but what can also be overcome. As soon as the human being gains just a little faith he feels the hand of God above him and humbly submits himself to God's will; and then he can only win but never lose, thus he need not be pitied either because he owns infinitely **more** than someone completely healthy and full of physical vitality without contact to the kingdom which one day will also be his abode after the death of his body.

Only the degree of the soul's maturity on passing away from earth is relevant.... Everything that can contribute towards becoming more mature is used by God, even if the human being does not experience it as a benefit while he is without realisation.... One day he will recognise the blessing of suffering and illness and be grateful to God for using successful remedies without curtailing the human being's free will. A sick body is not as bad as a sick soul, and if it is to become healthy the body must endure illness until the soul has become charitable, until it looks up to heaven and has learned to regard the world merely as a temporary school of trials.... One day it will be able to soar freely and without hindrance up into high spiritual regions and be eternally grateful to its Creator for the grace bestowed upon it of letting the body suffer so that the soul can recover....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Love should be the driving force for all your deeds and failings.... then you will always do My will, you will work with love and thereby also attain the strength needed by your soul for your path of earthly life. The soul is meant to mature fully, that is, it is meant to push away all impurities it is still burdened with, it is meant to become translucent so it is able to accept My love's emanation of light which signifies strength and bliss for the soul. But My ray of love cannot penetrate it if the soul is still surrounded by dense layers, by impure longings and instincts, by all kinds of vices, by low characteristics such as pride, anger, vindictiveness.... by any kind of unkindness....

The soul has to try to free itself from all these faults and longings, and the means for this are love and suffering.... The impurities dissolve through deeds of love, but the soul will also be released from them through suffering, and it can be ever more illuminated by My love and mature until it has become completely translucent, and then it need not fear death anymore, because then it can enter the kingdom of light, because its earthly progress has not been in vain since it has reached its goal on earth: the transformation of itself into love.... And therefore you will understand that My commandments of love are of utmost importance, that they have to be fulfilled, that your life on earth has to be a life of love if it is to be successful for you. You are only on earth for the maturity of your soul which, at the start of its incarnation as a human being, is still without love.... although I have provided it with a spark of love which can ignite and change the soul's still imperfect state until it is close to perfection.... But the person also has to muster the will to live a life of love.... He has to listen to his inner voice which constantly urges him to act with love.... He has to perform deeds of love or his soul won't change but will keep its lowly attributes and is then in danger of entering the kingdom of the beyond in a completely immature state, which means, that it will still have to go through torments of purification there in order to be able to enjoy happiness one day....

Only love will release it from all impure attributes, only love will crystallise it and it will push all impurities away from itself.... or it will have to accept much suffering during its earthly life which can **also** mature the soul, because this calms it down and gradually also ignites the spark of love within itself, and then love and suffering work together and achieve the soul's maturity. And the human being should always reject his selfish love and give love to his neighbour.... Then he will change quickly, for only unselfish neighbourly love is the true, divine love which I demand, which the soul has to change into by itself during its earthly progress as a human being if it wants to attain eternal life. And therefore My divine commandments of love always have to be emphasised as the most important, for only love has the redeeming strength, only love will be able to achieve the soul's transformation.... Only through deeds of love will it mature and become bright and clear, so that My emanation of love will find no more obstacles, so that I can then make it blissfully happy as in the beginning.... because through love it will find union with Me, which is its purpose and goal of earthly progress....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Acknowledgement of the work of redemption necessary for maturity of soul....

B.D. No. 3642

December 31st 1945

The open confession of Christ and His work of redemption irrevocably belongs to the attainment of maturity of soul. The human being cannot mature without love.... but the one who has love also recognizes Him who sacrificed Himself for humanity out of love. He also knows that Christ took death upon Himself on the cross as atonement for humanity's great guilt, that He therefore wanted to redeem it from an infinitely long time of captivity. And consequently He will also acknowledge this work of great love and mercy and place Himself under Christ's cross in order to also partake of the graces of the act of salvation. But the graces of the act of salvation only bring about the maturing of the soul, for the redeemer Himself now draws the soul to Himself, upwards, He imparts strength to it to want and do what is right. Anyone who does not acknowledge Jesus Christ and His act of salvation

remains under satan's control, his will remains weak or turned away from God, the soul remains on a low level of development, for it lacks love.... But love recognizes Jesus Christ, for where love is there is also wisdom, the power of realization for pure truth, and thus Christ's act of salvation will be fully understandable to the loving person, whereas the unloving person is completely ignorant of humanity's sin and guilt, of the meaning and purpose of earthly life, of the human being's aim and task on earth. If he knows all this his way of life is already a life of love, and then the divine redeemer will only be the symbol of profoundest love for him, Whom he has to acknowledge and Whom he also confesses before the world if this is demanded of him. And then his soul will strive upwards and it will certainly reach its aim, because it will not strive of its own strength but with Jesus Christ, because its will will be strengthened by Him and the soul will constantly receive strength and grace, for His promise is: 'He who believes in Me has eternal life....' Faith in Jesus Christ and His act of salvation is absolutely necessary in order to be able to enter the kingdom itself, which signifies eternal life for the soul, which is filled with light and strength and signifies bliss, which Jesus promised to those who believe in Him, because these will endeavour to follow Him and live a life of love as Jesus exemplified to them on earth, for only love will earn them supreme beatitude in eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

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

B.D. No. 7153

June 25th 1958

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

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

Consequently, if the human being wants to become perfect he will also have to request the strength to live in accordance with God's will, that is, to accomplish deeds of love.... which then will surely be granted to him. He has to live life consciously, always aiming to perfect his still imperfect nature, and make every effort to do so. Then he will be impelled from within to act with love.... he can't help himself but do kind deeds, and thus he will also be able to progress spiritually every day.... And then he will not let himself be held back by worldly enticements either.... For once he is serious about

accomplishing his goal of achieving perfection he will always put his work of improving his soul first, and then he will also always receive help from the spiritual beings guarding his earthly life.... who time and again try to influence his thoughts such that he thinks, speaks and acts in accordance with God's will.... For the only purpose of earthly life is the maturing of his soul which, however, is rarely recognised, and therefore the soul's fate is often an unfortunate one, albeit due to its own fault, for the human being is time and again informed why he lives on earth.... if he doesn't want to believe it, his soul will have to pay for it one day by taking the darkness across into the kingdom of the beyond, with which it had come to earth as a human being....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Conscious lived life on earth

Earth life - probationary period.... spiritual riches....

B.D. No. 2068

September 12th 1941

You only stay on earth for a short time and in this short time you have to decide which life you want to lead in eternity. For your life on earth is decisive for eternity. It is only a trial existence, and it is up to you alone whether you pass the test, whether you use earth life in such a way that it earns you a life in all splendour in the spiritual kingdom or your fate there is a sad one. What you decide in favour of in earthly life will be granted to you after death. Thus every human being will then reap the reward for the work he has done on earth. Earthly labour will already find its reward on earth and will therefore not be valued for eternity. Only spiritual work will bring eternal success, for the soul will take spiritual possessions with it into the spiritual kingdom, whereas earthly work and its reward will remain on earth when the soul departs. And anyone who has nothing to show in terms of spiritual possessions has not passed the test, he has not utilized his earthly life, he has been inactive in a spiritual sense even though he was rich in worldly possessions on earth. He did not realize the purpose of his earthly life and therefore did not live consciously. The purpose of life on earth is to mature spiritually. But if earthly abilities are trained and only value is placed on how man can acquire earthly wealth, then the probationary period passes without bringing realization to man. However, the failed earthly existence can never be made up for, and what a person has failed to do on earth can hardly be made up for in the hereafter. The remorse in the hereafter is indescribable when the soul finds itself poor and meagre where it could experience a bright and radiant entry into the spiritual kingdom. Time and again the human being is informed of his task and his goal, but the words go unheard in people's ears because they are not aware of the consequences of their negligence. As long as they live, they do not think about their task, but in the hereafter they regret every minute they let pass by unused....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Earth task conscious striving.... unused time....

B.D. No. 2127

October 25th 1941

The soul needs to stay on earth in order to reduce its distance from God. This is the purpose of life on earth. It is at the furthest distance from God at the beginning of the embodiment and can be very close to Him at the end.... but it can also be at the same distance from God when it dies, and then life on earth was pointless. The walk on earth should be a service in love, then the distance from God must also inevitably be reduced, for a loving being shapes itself such as is a prerequisite in order to come close to God. If the soul now shapes itself according to divine will then it is no longer something distant from God, it has become a being which has returned to its original state.... it is only love and therefore a divine part, and then it no longer needs to stay on earth but separates itself from earth and enters the spiritual kingdom. This state is the goal of every soul and can only be reached through conscious endeavour. In other words, the human being must be aware of his deficient state, want to rectify it and do what God requires.... He must be active in love and therefore work on himself. There is no other way to reduce the distance to God than to mould himself into love. And the more seriously a person takes his task, the less time he will need for it, and he should bear this in mind if he threatens to become lukewarm and careless, for all time on earth is lost for eternity, which he uses for other than soul work. He should only think of life after death, then he will utilize earthly time in the right way,

yet if he only cares for earthly life he will remain at the same stage of development and precious time will be lost to him....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Consciously lived life on earth....

B.D. No. 2264

March 16th 1942

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

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Life on earth is but a passageway back home....

B.D. No. 6325

August 4th 1955

Just consider yourselves as passers-by on this earth, who merely live here temporarily but never permanently because your true home is the spiritual realm, which you can only reach in freedom by way of crossing this earth. That way you also experience your earthly life with different thoughts because when you are sure of a specific destination, you should also aspire to reach it. Consequently, everything you find on earth shall neither burden you nor tie you down, just think of everything on earth as transient, as if it was merely on loan to you or as if it only momentarily obstructed your way.... you should always remember that one day the hour will arrive when you have passed through this earthly vale and you must leave.... that now the return to your true home will take place....

Now make sure that you return to that realm fully laden with treasures which you can use again. Then you won't enter your home poor and miserable but radiant with light and richly blessed with spiritual possessions.... Because you can acquire all these things during your earthly life. No matter how and where you walk on earth you can always increase your spiritual wealth with deeds of love if you don't allow yourselves to be tied to worldly possessions and always keep in mind that they are transient and that you cannot take them with you into the realm on the other side. But you can acquire

many spiritual possessions during your time on earth because people are in great need and you can always ease their suffering, spiritually as well as materially.... What you give in earthly life you will regain as spiritual wealth.... and therefore you should give, help wherever your help is asked for.... And you should also ease suffering without being asked and where it is evident and you will be richly blessed after your physical death because 'as you give you will receive again....'

However, anyone who believes himself to be master of the earth, who believes to be entitled to the possessions of this earth and who is sure of his ownership without considering the poverty of his fellow human beings, will appear at the threshold of death completely destitute; he will enter a realm where he will experience bitter poverty because he has to leave everything he owns behind and has no spiritual values to offer, as he did not consider himself a passer-by but a permanent master on this earth. He didn't consider his true home and therefore will find it in very poor condition....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Man shall come to the light of knowledge on earth....

B.D. No. 8628

September 27th 1963

When My spirit teaches you, areas are opened to you, which are inaccessible to your intellect alone.... Spiritual knowledge will be presented to you, knowledge which you are not able to explore intellectually, for which no evidence whatsoever can be given to you and which nevertheless corresponds to the fullest truth, because it originates from the eternal truth Itself.... with Him Who alone knows everything, Who can also guide the truth to where the prerequisites are present for the reception and the right evaluation of truth. Then you truly need no evidence at all, and yet the firm conviction is in you that you are instructed in truth, because it is unique spiritual material into whose possession you come, and because this spiritual material gives you brightest knowledge, because it lights a light in you, which touches you charitably.... Because you win something back again, what you once possessed, but had lost through your own fault. For once you knew everything, you could see through all connections, you stood in brightest light, in fullest knowledge of that what is connected with your being and with Me, your God and creator, and you were immeasurably happy in this light of knowledge.... You lost the light through your own fault and still enter earth as man in this lightless state. But you can again come to knowledge through your will when you let yourselves be taught by Me Myself, who alone can again give back to you the lost goods when you only earnestly desire them.... With increasing maturity of soul now also your knowledge grows, for you will then be guided by My spirit.... by Myself.... when love has already flared up in you, because wisdom.... a truthful knowledge.... takes its origin from love, because the fire of love radiates the light of wisdom. Therefore you cannot reach truthful knowledge when you are still without love. And would it still be supplied to you, you would have no understanding for it; you would hear empty words without all meaning. But without love you would also not be able to hear My voice of the spirit, and you therefore remained in spiritual darkness and will also remain in it so long until you awaken the spirit spark in you through love, which then connects with the father spirit from eternity and can now be addressed by Me Myself to your soul.... that the spirit in you imparts deep knowledge to you and you now also recognize what you were, what you are and what you are to become again. This realization alone now lets you live consciously and strive for perfection, for if you possess this realization then love has also already been kindled in you, otherwise it could not have been imparted to you.... And a loving person will now also always be allowed to increase his knowledge, for with every work of love it will become brighter in him, because this is the effect of the working of love, that the person also increases in wisdom.... of truthful knowledge which can only be conveyed to him from Me. Believe it that you cannot draw this wisdom from books.... Because **without** love it can never become spiritual property; without love also error is accepted far sooner than truth, and without love therefore spiritual darkness remains, and man cannot record any progress for his soul. But you men can speak of a great favour that you have the possibility to still come to a state of light on earth, if you consciously request this light for yourselves, if you establish the connection with Me through love work and now make it

possible in free will that I can address you Myself, that I can supply you with truthful knowledge, which helps you to the change back of your being again into its original state, since it also stood in highest perfection in brightest light of knowledge.... And even if you enter earth as a human being in deepest spiritual darkness, you can still leave it in the most radiant light and enter the spiritual kingdom, where a blissful fate awaits you, where you are again what you were in the beginning: divine beings, which can work and create as children with Me and in My will. For all darkness, all imperfection, all imperfectness has been repelled by the soul, which consciously walked the path back to Me again and was able to find it easily because it was supplied with truth, which brightly illuminated the path for it, which leads back to Me, back into its father's house....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Collecting spiritual treasures on earth

Desire of the divine spirit in all simplicity.... (1 Cor. 1, 19-21)

B.D. No. 1763

January 3rd 1941

Desiring the divine spirit in all simplicity brings greater success than scientific studies without the right faith. In a time of research in every field, those who are scientifically educated and have great knowledge, which they have acquired through proper study, will be held in high esteem before the world. The more diligently he pursues his goal of absorbing the spiritual knowledge already available to him, the wiser he believes himself to be. And yet an earthly child can be far superior to him in wisdom who turns to God Himself in deep faith in order to be instructed by Him. For this child will far surpass any intellectual enquirer in wisdom. There are problems that cannot be solved with the intellect alone and yet can also be solved if God Himself is approached to solve them. And all it takes is a person's humble devotion to Him and a trusting request for clarification, for this requires the working of the spirit and the spirit from God will guide him into truth. And likewise, a believing person who tries to fathom the truth intellectually will clearly recognize when existing explanations are erroneous. Deep faith will be a better teacher than earthly teachers who lack faith. That is why the results of worldly research can also come close to the truth if they have been obtained intellectually but in deep faith. For such researchers have also been assisted by the divine spiritual power and guided them into correct thinking. However, worldly research can be completely bypassed if the human being connects himself in all simplicity, i.e. in the simplest, most unpretentious way, with God, Who is the eternal truth Himself.... His faith enables him to receive the divine word, and thus God Himself is the teacher of a believing earthly child, and He gives him more wisdom than earthly teachers can ever give him. Academic perseverance, diligence and intellectual labour do not bring about the results that faith, love and humility of heart produce.... God has all wisdom ready for the children of earth who desire it and want to serve Him.... And He imparts all knowledge to them if they willingly open their hearts in order to receive wisdom from God. Yet this process cannot be made credible to the world. It only accepts what can be explained with reason, but rejects what it cannot explain in worldly terms. And anyone who sees with worldly eyes will not find an explanation either. But the believer knows that nothing is impossible with God. And thus God destroys the understanding of the wise, and He rejects the wisdom of the wise.... Yet He gives unlimited consideration with His word to those who devotedly entrust themselves to Him, and He speaks through the mouth of those who want to hear Him....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Gathering spiritual treasures on earth.... Regret in the beyond....

B.D. No. 4455

October 9th 1948

Anyone who has not gathered spiritual treasures for himself on earth and thus enters the gates of the beyond empty handed is one of the poorest in the spiritual kingdom. I would like to spare you this fate because you will experience bitter regret when you look back and see the many missed opportunities. Poverty in the spiritual kingdom is so depressing and hopeless that it will torment you and completely paralyse your will, as a result you will hardly be able to deliver yourselves from this painful state. And yet it is so easy to acquire spiritual possessions on earth if only you thought of Me and desired to speak to Me. Merely this desire guarantees receipt of My Word in different ways.... You will always be shown where you can receive My Word if you do not accept it from Me in your thoughts, that is, if you cannot recognise My voice in your thoughts.

However, it is certain that you will feel the inner motivation to do kind deeds as soon as you contact Me in thought and thus intend to get in touch with Me. I announce Myself by prompting you to love because only then can I enter into complete union with you. Thus, first of all I inspire you to actions of love, and this directly through the inner voice or through external advice and reminders by the deliverers of My Word who only preach love. If you listen to them and follow the Word then you will also gather spiritual possessions and acquire riches which will remain with you eternally, which cannot be taken from you on earth or in the beyond and which will increase in the same way, even when you constantly share them. To enter the kingdom on the other side blessed with such possessions is truly most desirable as it assures your eternal life in the spiritual kingdom, a life of activity which can only be called enjoyable and will be felt by you as a great blessing.

But those who enter completely empty handed will find it very difficult to acquire spiritual wealth even though it is not entirely hopeless. Even there the Gospel will be taught to the soul but, like on earth, it is not forced to accept it; like on earth, acceptance depends on its will which, however, is extraordinarily weakened and cannot make the right decision without the help of additional strength. And this input of strength in turn depends on the will of the soul to use it for deeds of love.... or on the loving intercession of a human being. For that reason you cannot have enough compassion for these poor souls who urgently require your help because they neglected to gather spiritual treasures on earth to make their state in the beyond a happy one. Their poverty is great but people do not listen to My Word, they do not believe and therefore enter the kingdom on the other side poor and with darkened spirit....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The spirit gives life to the word....

B.D. No. 4514

December 16th 1948

My spirit gives life to My word.... The word alone can be empty sound to him whose ear it only touches if My spirit cannot penetrate his heart in order to make My word come alive in him. And therefore My word can be spoken and also heard and yet remain without impression, for it is dead as long as My spirit cannot have an effect. But if My word emanates from Me it is shaped and also enlivened by My spirit.... For it only comes forth from Me if a heart has made itself receptive, that is, where the spiritual spark was able to establish contact with the father-spirit through loving activity. My word will also be understood there, it will live and stimulate activity. It is enlivened by My spirit.... This is why the written word, the book of the fathers, can only be understood if My spirit blows through it.... if it is read or listened to in the state of connection of the spiritual spark in the human being with the father-spirit of eternity. Otherwise it will only remain a dead word which is received by the ear and perhaps also processed by the intellect but which has no resonance in the heart and therefore cannot have any effect on the human being. It is a dead word as long as the spirit is not awakened in the human being; it will not give the human being anything further, it will be read and put aside again for lack of understanding or discarded. But the spirit is only awakened through love.... A person without love rarely or not at all takes the book of the fathers in hand because it says nothing to him, because he finds no understanding for the written word, although it originated from Me. But loving activity enlightens his heart, he grasps the meaning and the word goes to his heart, it inspires him to obey it.... My spirit works in him and he gains spiritual knowledge, he becomes knowledgeable and stands in truth.... he has awakened to actual life, for now his upward development begins, the inner life stirs, he strives for perfection because his spirit impels him to it.... My word gains life in him. As long as the dead word only touched him it remained without impression; the word which comes alive also changes the human being's nature, for now I Myself speak to him and he also accepts My word as My expression of love, as a gift of grace which is precious to him and of which he wants to make himself worthy.... He strives towards Me and fulfils My will, which I announce to him through My word and which My spirit makes understandable to him.... He has awakened to life and will never lose this life again....

Acquiring the spiritual kingdom on earth....

B.D. No. 5854

January 15th 1954

My kingdom is not of this world, but it can only be acquired in this world.... For if you want to become children of God, if you want to be able to take up your father's inheritance, thus to rule and reign with Me in My kingdom, you have to acquire the right in this world, for at first you are My living creations who still have to gain your childship. Earth is not the kingdom which you should take possession of forever, but My kingdom is the **spiritual** world which is permeated by My light of love, which offers bliss without number and which is your true home.... The fact that you have to acquire the right on this earth to eternally inhabit this kingdom of My light is the result of the fact that you once voluntarily left this kingdom of Mine and that it can therefore only be returned to you if you prove yourselves in a test of will.... And this test of will has to be passed on earth, in the midst of temptations of all kinds, in the midst of a kingdom which is your task to overcome but which you may never make the aim of all your wishes and endeavours, otherwise you will lose your right to My kingdom again and remain bound by the lord of this world for a long time, whose creations are all bearers of the spiritual substances which still belong to him. It is his world, although he has no power over any earthly creation.... yet all creations are shells of the spiritual substance which once fell away from Me and which I want to enable to become free again and one day enter the spiritual kingdom. But you humans on earth should strive for something higher, you should certainly walk through earth as a training station but with the success of maturity for My kingdom, which will then make you unspeakably happy. As long as you are without realization of your actual earthly task, the earthly world may well be desirable to you, yet again and again you will be reminded that you have a task to fulfil on earth.... If you now pay attention then you will also certainly attain realization, and if you then want to do the right thing, if you want to fulfil the will of the one Who gave you life, then you will also strive for My kingdom and overcome the earthly world, for it costs overcoming all your earthly desires.... it is a battle you have to wage against yourselves, and My kingdom can only be seized by force, My kingdom is to be **acquired**, thus something has to be exchanged for it.... something must be given away which belongs to this world; the soul must voluntarily part with it in order to then receive something far more delicious.... spiritual goods which secure its entrance into My kingdom and signify inestimable wealth for the soul.... Nevertheless, I do not make too great demands on you, and it is possible for every individual to become an aspirant of My kingdom, which is not of this world.... For I help you as soon as you sincerely want to become My children.... I help you because I love you and want you all to become blissfully happy, and because only My kingdom can grant you these beatitudes. I help you because I want you to return to your father's house as My children and, united with Me, can now work in bliss....

Amen

Turning away from the world brings in spiritual gain....

B.D. No. 8390

January 22nd 1963

Again and again My love feeds you spiritual food, again and again questions are answered for you or problems are solved because I want that you recognize Me more and more clearly and reduce the distance from Me Myself because you are supposed to feel it that I Myself am so close to you and that I live with you as it were and all daily events are wanted or allowed by me. Only when you yourselves feel intimately connected to me, your faith will have the strength that you walk your earthly way completely calmly, because you know it that I walk next to you and you can rely on me. And you will also understand it when I demand of you to turn away from the earthly world, because although you still live in the world, it is nevertheless a difference whether you still cling to it or have

already overcome it, because as soon as nothing can cause you anymore to give up the intimate union with Me, the world has also lost its attraction and you no longer need to fear it as a temptation. You are truly far better off than your fellow human beings who are still attached to the world, although you.... earthly seen.... no joys and pleasures that can only be found in the world.... You seek your happiness and your inner peace elsewhere, and you will also find it. For is there anything more beautiful than to hear the voice of your father, Who speaks to you as a father speaks to his children.... full of love and kindness.... and who offers you treasures that are everlasting? As long as you still belong to the world, these treasures will not inspire you, because they are unreal for you, and you have little earthly use for them.... And nevertheless it is the most delicious thing which can be offered to you on earth, and your soul is touched by it, which feels it exceedingly beneficent when it receives gifts from the spiritual kingdom, which is its true home.... In earthly life the soul often cannot appreciate it, if it still clings too much to the world, which is transient, and it always only strives for what it can see and grasp.... But one day it will recognize that only spiritual treasures are valued, and it will be exceedingly happy when it possesses such treasures at its entrance into the kingdom on the other side. If I now can address My child Myself, because it has established the intimate bond with Me through prayer or unselfish works of love, then it will receive a wealth of greatest magnitude, for I do not limit My gifts of grace, I give unlimitedly, only man must also accept and utilize them voluntarily, otherwise he can also have no advantage from them.... And therefore I will also explain everything to you and give you information, what you also desire to know.... But you may only demand **spiritual** treasures from Me, therefore do not expect that My address refers to earthly questions and their answer, because I distribute **spiritual** goods unlimitedly, which however does not mean that I do not pay attention to your earthly needs.... Rather, these will be added to you if you strive for the **spiritual** gain as the most important thing. But who still wants to have earthly questions answered, he is not yet on the spiritual way, his senses are only earthly directed, and he will still need a long time until he also has overcome the world and strives to win the spiritual kingdom. Because this alone is your earth life aim, and if I Myself can address you, then I will always only give you knowledge of this kingdom and open up a knowledge for you, which alone concerns the spiritual processes, which are the basis of your being as man and are only explained to you so that you gain knowledge of the right nature of your God and creator, who wants to be loved by you because you once came out of his love. And such knowledge is not to be gained in the world, rather the world only serves the efforts of My opponent to keep that right knowledge away from you, because he does not want that you learn to recognize and love me, and that is why he works against Me wherever he can. But I will take care of your spiritual need, and I will truly provide you with everything you need.... I will also strengthen your body so that it can fulfill its spiritual task and the soul matures in it.... Again and again I will reveal Myself to you men, because alone you lack the strength to go the way up, but which has to be covered by you in free will, so that you reach Me again, and that with rich treasures, which started in the spiritual kingdom and will also help you again that you return to your father's house. For I do not rest until all My creatures have returned to Me as My children, so that I can now also make them immeasurably happy for all eternity.

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The earth is a school of spirit

School of the spirit.... earth life as a station of education....

B.D. No. 0933

May 27th 1939

Every individual creature is subject to the law to complete the school of the spirit, and it has to do this compulsorily through all periods of development in order to, however, be released from compulsion in the last stage and now be free to make use of the possibilities which serve spiritual development. The earthly child can be taught in the most exhaustive way if it only wants to be taught.... Spiritual strength is always at its disposal to initiate it into everything worth knowing for the salvation of its soul. It also constantly receives spiritual admonitions which it can hear through the inner voice, and all this is only ever a means to an end to achieve the spiritual state of maturity in order to reach that height which signifies the sphere of light for the earthly being and which differs considerably from the unfinished beings' stay outside of this sphere. As long as the human being does nothing to improve his spiritual state, as long as he is only purely earthly concerned about his well-being, the soul's state will always remain the same as when it entered earthly existence. Then the soul will have reached a dead end.... it will not strive for higher development, it will neither seek spiritual nourishment nor knowledge and thus will not change its state in the slightest.... However, time on earth will slip away and days and years will be spent useless.... For the soul has no part in all experiences but only the body. What would be the soul's share is not tangible to the human being and thus often not desirable. And yet the only important thing on earth is that the spirit be awakened and come to development. For only then is earthly life the educational station for the human being, when the soul strives towards ever higher realization and thus consciously completes the school of the spirit and the result is the state of perfection, which ensures entry into spheres of light after bodily death and is therefore the purpose and aim of embodiment as a human being....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Spiritual knowledge is the result of the right walk before God....

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October 23rd 1941

It remains incomprehensible to people that spiritual knowledge is the result of the right way of life before God.... that therefore it is not the striving for knowledge through systematic schooling which makes a person knowledgeable but that the latter can be completely eliminated and yet profound knowledge can be gained if the human being, instead of striving for scholastic wisdom, endeavours to live according to God's will.... that therefore the right wisdom is not acquired mentally but that the heart and its feelings are decisive if the human being wants to become knowledgeable. Man can certainly acquire human wisdom by way of the intellect, but this is only applicable to earthly life, thus also only useful for earthly life, but can never increase spiritual knowledge in the slightest. Spiritual knowledge is completely independent of earthly endeavour, of earthly eagerness to learn and the successes or results gained in this way. And this is why a person whose thoughts and actions are not based on his love remains spiritually ignorant, even though he fills his life exclusively with intellectual research, for he always remains outside the spiritual kingdom and his knowledge of it is inadequate; for him this kingdom is an unenlightened realm, a realm which is unrecognizable to him in its darkness and which he therefore does not try to explore as it does not exist. Consequently, he does not acquire spiritual knowledge, he does not desire it and does nothing to make himself receptive to it. He therefore does not consciously work on himself, he neither seeks to ennoble his nature nor to consciously walk according to God's will, and thus his heart will also not be receptive to spiritual

wisdom if it is imparted to him by his fellow human being. A person who feels and acts in a good and noble way is different in his whole thinking than a person who spends his life in unkindness towards his fellow human beings and in self-love. The former will pay attention to everything that brings him closer to the divine creator.... he will recognize the activity of a power in, around and above himself and come into contact with this power, and thus he will be made mentally aware of God's will, i.e. he will recognize the divine order and know that only life in the divine order will bring him closer to the eternal deity. And if he has the will to come closer to God, God will also come to meet him, and that in the form of knowledge. Thus, living according to God's will will always determine man's knowledge. Even if the human being does not consciously strive for divine wisdom but he will not be able to think other than correctly if it concerns spiritual things, things which lie outside of the earthly, which do not concern the body but its soul and spirit. And he will affirm these thoughts without reluctance, he will feel with a certain certainty that his thoughts correspond to the truth and announce them to his fellow human beings, for his spirit will tell him that he is thinking correctly. And where people who are active in love and strive for what is good come together the exchange of thoughts will result in complete agreement, and from this alone it is evident that they all live in truth, that they have mentally received the same information and that they can therefore rightly call themselves knowledgeable. And the more people endeavour to shape themselves, i.e. their soul, the deeper they penetrate spiritual knowledge. Soon there is nothing left for them that is unclear or incomprehensible. For a well-formed soul is constantly active in love.... activity of love attracts God.... and God, as the eternal truth, distributes it to the human being as proof of His love for him. And thus the human being will truly be well-informed and have great knowledge at his disposal when he concludes his earthly life.... But the one who acquires earthly wisdom through study or research, who absorbs humanly gained wisdom, will not always find himself in the truth. It can certainly also come to him if his attitude towards God is in accordance with His will, but then it can never be attributed to intellectual pondering or research, only his way of life will give him the knowledge of truth.... And the human being takes this knowledge with him into eternity, whereas earthly knowledge remains behind or rather fades into nothingness and a person who is held in high esteem on earth can enter the beyond poor in spiritual possessions as soon as he attaches too much value to his earthly knowledge and does not fulfil the preconditions which earn him spiritual knowledge on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Knowledge about the primordial beginning and final destination....

B.D. No. 2838

August 6th 1943

People lack the knowledge of the primordial beginning and the final goal of everything that exists, and therefore they do not live their earthly life consciously. But no human being can say that this knowledge was never conveyed to him, even if not in detail, at least the belief in a deity was suggested to them Whose pleasure they should gain through their way of life.... This has always been held out to them with regard to the effects in the kingdom beyond, thus it has always been the prerequisite for life after the death of the body, and the human being could now take a stand on it according to his will.... As soon as he now lets this faith become strong in himself he penetrates ever deeper into knowledge, i.e., he is mentally instructed by the knowing beings in the spiritual kingdom according to divine will, the meaning and purpose of the works of creation and therefore also of the human being is informatively presented to him, the sense of responsibility is awakened in him, and of his own free will he now tries to comply with divine will.... he transforms himself into love and thus now fulfills his actual task on earth. But people of the present time are not accessible to such knowledge, they regard their earthly life as a purely external matter which does not entail any future responsibility, and thus they will never make an effort to find an explanation for the endlessly long path of earthly life, they will only ever pay attention to purely earthly events and never think about why God has given His permission for an activity which makes countless people responsible....

Only the meaning and purpose of life on earth, i.e. a task connected with it, can justify what is happening in the world, what suffering and misery is being poured out on people and what cruelty is taking place. But people can never justify themselves if they themselves lend a hand and increase the evil. Anyone who knows about the primordial beginning and the final goal also knows that humanity is still very far from the final goal and therefore also knows that the great suffering is still a possibility to reach the goal. And yet people's behavior cannot be approved of, which causes such suffering to fellow human beings, for people's will is bad, only the effect of their bad will is directed by God in such a way that it can still spiritually benefit the human being as soon as he feels prompted to flee to Him and seeks help from Him. If people would pay attention to the thoughts arising in them about the purpose and goal of earthly life, if they would desire answers to such questions and quietly listen inwardly to what mentally comes to them as an answer, they would also recognize in every worldly event a means to reach the final goal set for them. But thus the disbelief about the soul's continuation of life after death is so widespread that people only see the purpose and goal of earthly life in earthly life in general, and as long as they only have this purely earthly view world events will be incomprehensible to them because they have a completely opposite effect, thus they completely contradict the goal they have set for themselves. And this is blindness of spirit, it is short-sightedness, because they regard that which is only a means to an end as an end in itself.... It is an ignorance which has a highly detrimental effect because the actual purpose of earthly existence is not taken into account and therefore not striven for. And again, it is difficult to guide people into this knowledge as long as they do not believe in life after death.... as long as they do not believe that earthly life is only a preliminary stage for the actual life, a school which they have to complete in order to be accepted into the kingdom where the actual life begins.... They must first gain this faith if they want to understand the suffering and misery, tribulation and distress that is currently happening on earth....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

"Knowledge" must be gained....

B.D. No. 8023

October 20th 1961

You must all complete the school of the spirit, you must all once be led through the spirit into knowledge, you must all once again be flooded by My light of love, which opens up to you again the knowledge which you had lost through your fall into the depths.... You must be taught, you must be led out of the state of ignorance, of lightlessness, into the state of knowledge.... of knowledge that corresponds to the truth and gives you bright light again about your God and creator, about your relationship to Him and in particular about your earthly task.... Through this training you all have to be led out of darkness, which is your fate as long as My spirit cannot yet work in you. By yourselves you would never make an effort to increase your spiritual knowledge, and there are only a few people who have the desire to receive enlightenment.... But these few will also have their desire satisfied, for they do not resist the spiritual spark within themselves when it wants to express itself. They allow it to influence their thoughts and will then be guided correctly, so that the human being will feel it when the truth is conveyed to him from outside, so that he may accept it.... And it begins to become light in him. Yet the majority of people do not feel the spiritual darkness as oppressive and therefore do not seek the light either. Yet I also occasionally kindle a small light for them which they may use in order to find the right path which will lead them to deeper realization. If they want to take it then they will certainly achieve spiritual gain, but if they extinguish the little light then their earthly path will remain dark and it will not lead to the aim.... For the spiritual darkness **consists** of the fact that their **purpose** of earthly life is unknown to them, that they certainly live their earthly life but don't recognize any spiritual meaning in it and therefore their thoughts are only ever worldly oriented. If their hearts are willing to love then their thoughts will also occasionally concern themselves with the actual purpose of earthly life; they will feel that **earthly** life alone cannot be significant but that a **spiritual** purpose must also be connected with it.... Then, therefore, he enters the school of the spirit, he does not hinder the spirit within himself when it seeks to influence him and kindles a light in him.... And now it is

possible to send teachings to the human being which come from within and are described by the human being himself as his own thinking but which now has a claim to be regarded as truth. You can only be introduced to the truth by your spirit, or also: I Myself bring you the truth by addressing you through My spirit, regardless of the form in which you hear this address. This usually has to happen mentally, because not every person has prepared himself in such a way that he can hear My voice within himself.... Nevertheless, everything is My spirit's working if only the human being desires to penetrate spiritual knowledge and then allows himself to be taught. Then My spirit will always be active and impart profound knowledge to him, and then the spiritual darkness which oppresses a person willing to love will also disappear, because it is the state of souls which are still in the adversary's control.... but the person, through his **willingness to love**, has already detached himself from him will-wise and who, in his desire for knowledge, turns his will towards Me. A person's love also guarantees right thinking, it guarantees a certain degree of maturity which then also results in the granting of profound spiritual knowledge.... or also: love awakens the spirit in the human being to life, which now becomes active and works by instructing the person from within.... But knowledge can never be gained in any other way, for whatever is supplied to the human being from outside he will not recognize as truth, as light, as long as the spirit from Me cannot work in him, which introduces you to all truth.... but which is only awakened again through a life of love, but then it comes into action and imparts wonderful knowledge to the human being.... which he originally possessed but had lost due to his apostasy from Me. He must irrevocably regain them if he wants to reach the final perfection and be and remain immeasurably blissful again in My kingdom....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The earth is school of the spirit....

B.D. No. 7645

July 11th 1960

The earth has ceased to be a place of education for the spirit.... It must first be brought back into the right order, i.e., everything that is bound on it, from hard matter up to the human being, must first be brought back into the right order. from hard matter up to the human being, must first be brought back into the right order, all spiritual substances still bound in matter must be helped to serve, and the human being.... who is to serve in free will.... must likewise integrate himself into this order of eternity. must likewise integrate himself into this order of eternity, otherwise he will lead his earthly life in vain and thus the grace of embodiment will be withdrawn from him in favour of the spiritual substance which is ready for service and has already reached the degree of maturity which allows its embodiment as a human being. Yet the work of God's adversary is so strong that he, too, must first be put in chains so that people can fulfil their task of earthly life without being constantly influenced by him. Although the human being has free will and need not subject himself to the adversary's influence, his will is weakened because he does not acknowledge Jesus Christ.... because he is without faith and without love. And on this earth only a few people still change by acknowledging Jesus Christ as God's Son and redeemer from sin and death and hand themselves over to Him. The majority have already fallen prey to God's adversary and therefore no further upward development can be expected on this earth.... For this reason God will create a new earth where the spiritual's ascent development is guaranteed again, where people recognize their earthly task and live in accordance with God's will and where the spiritual still bound in the creations will also experience a faster development than is still possible on this earth. Endless long times always pass until a new period of development begins again, because people in the old earth period no longer strive for this development and are far more of an obstacle that the still bound spiritual can also ascend. For people act contrary to divine order in everything, they no longer know their purpose of existence, they don't believe in God and in the survival of the soul, they are inaccessible to all teachings and go open-eyed towards the abyss.... the renewed banishment in solid matter.... And therefore God, on the other hand, liberates that which was previously bound in this hard matter and lets it go on its upward course of development through the creations of the new earth, and all spiritual substances will now achieve faster development again

because they are also surrounded by people who have developed the spirit of love within themselves and therefore also have an extremely favourable effect on the still bound spiritual substances in the plant and animal world. As soon as divine order, which is no longer respected on the old earth, is restored, all spiritual substances will reach maturity more quickly, which is necessary again for the next deformation. And people will also mature in their souls, for they live in love and thus with God and consequently also have to unite with God again more quickly, which is the purpose and aim of earthly life. For earth is only a transit station to the kingdom of light, but earthly life as a human being must also be evaluated accordingly, the soul must pass through the school of the spirit on earth in order to mature and be able to enter the spiritual kingdom as a soul of light. And this divine order is no longer adhered to on the old earth, and therefore it will experience a total change in that everything that is bound will be set free and be begotten into other forms again.... but just as the human being who has failed will lose his external form and sink back into the abyss.... in order to once again take the path through the creations of the earth.... Yet God's love and wisdom directs everything correctly, and He will truly let everything happen in such a way that it will serve the still bound spiritual being for the best....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

God as teacher

"You must be taught by God...."

B.D. No. 4480

November 7th 1948

And you shall all be taught by God.... My spirit has to work in you so that you can meet spiritual instruction with understanding, no matter in which way it comes to you. If you are taught directly by Me it is only a result or sign of My spiritual working in you; if you receive instructions from outside, through My servants on earth, through fellow human beings who are instructed in truth or through the written word, you will only understand it when you receive enlightenment through the spirit within you, when the one who is My part can work in you.... when you have a divine teacher. And you should all commend yourselves to him, otherwise every external instruction is useless for you. Divinity wants to be grasped with the spirit and human intellect alone cannot comprehend it, and if he tries to assimilate it without the spirit's support then it will emerge as human work, deformed and incomprehensible, in a form which no longer has anything in common with pure truth, and then people will not know but be in error. You must therefore let yourselves be taught by God.... you must not oppose Me if I am to instruct you, and thus you must first seek contact with Me through heartfelt prayer and then, if you present questions to Me, listen within and wait for the answer. And most people don't pay attention to this process and don't wait until the answer clearly and distinctly arises in them, their thoughts wander and thereby make an instruction impossible which, however, will certainly be granted to them if they devote themselves to Me and listen inwards. Heartfelt prayer and the desire for the right answer will also let them think clearly and truthfully, for I enlighten the spirit of the one who calls for Me and asks Me for it. Then he can also consider himself taught by Me, and I will truly not instruct him differently than the recipient of My direct word, for what My spirit imparts to people is always and everywhere the same, because truth can never change. And thus you all have the opportunity to acquire the pure truth if you come to Me and approach Me for it; I will always be a true teacher for you and introduce you to the truth as soon as you request it....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

God as Mentor.... He allows Himself to be found....

B.D. No. 3987

February 28th 1947

I draw close to anyone who looks for Me and participate in his thinking, that is, the strength of My spirit makes contact with the spiritual spark in the human being and thus the association with Me is established for the duration of his mental activity regarding Me. And then people's thinking will be correct because My spirit will put it into order and guide it. And thus all kinds of questions can be raised mentally, whether the person desires an answer for himself or for conversations with other people.... he will receive the right answer because I Myself stay as a Mentor with those who are looking for Me. But I truly know best to what extent people strive towards Me and therefore I consider every person differently, depending on his desire and the compliance with the conditions which enable the working of My spirit.... And it will often seem as if I treat people unfairly if the effort of one person is not outwardly noticeable to his fellow human beings.... Yet someone who withdraws into solitude need not display his striving, however, it will be easier for him to make contact with Me and he can therefore be a diligent student of Mine, whereas his fellow human being is incapable of looking inwards due to lack of practice and is therefore not able to hear My gentle voice. In that case his connection with the world is still too strong and this obstacle has to be removed first if someone wants to find Me and hear My voice. The spirit within the person is not interested in the world, it only seeks

contact with the Father-Spirit. For this reason I draw close to anyone whose heart desires Me, and I allow Myself to be found by anyone who looks for Me.... for love is in everyone who seeks Me, and therefore he longs for Me, the primary source of love.... He will indeed reach his goal of being eternally united with Me, for anyone who lives in love is in Me and I Am in him. And he will feel My presence because I allow Myself to be found by someone who looks for Me. Thus he will also be aware of My presence and therefore already be happy on earth....

From this time on the world has nothing to offer him anymore because he desires different goods, gifts offered to him by My love in the form of Words which he either perceives mentally or audibly and which are the most precious gift he can receive on earth because they originate from the spiritual kingdom, because it is My voice he hears, the voice of the Father Who speaks to His child. Anyone who lives a life of love on earth is indeed a most blessed creature since he will never ever need to miss Me again for I will permeate him with My strength of love and he will receive knowledge in abundance. Then the spirit in him will be able to express itself and indeed be listened to and understood, his soul will merge with the spirit and subordinate the body so that its substances can also spiritualise themselves as long as it is the soul's shell on earth. But I draw everything to Me which adapts itself to Me by shaping itself into love. There will be no more separation, no gulf between the person and Me once he lives a life of love. Then I will be close to him and accessible to him at all times, then he will always and forever be able to hear My Word, he can communicate with Me by withdrawing into his closet.... by looking inwards and listening to My voice.... He will no longer need to look for Me for he has found Me and will not distance himself from Me again because My proximity makes him happy, because My Word is the greatest bliss for him and because an abundance of strength and light pour into him and testify to My presence. Seek, and ye shall find.... knock, and it shall be opened unto you.... Communicate with Me mentally and you will hear My answer, you will mature and safely reach the goal of blissful union with Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Right teacher.... God as teacher.... school of the spirit....

B.D. No. 4446

September 30th 1948

I have taken you into My school in order to train you to become capable teachers who are in possession of the pure truth and thus can teach for the benefit of humanity. This teaching ministry is extremely important in the last days before the end, for only a few people are able to hear the voice of the spirit within themselves and thus also to be taught directly by Me about their earthly task, about their creator and father of eternity, about their actual relationship with Him and about the effects of right and wrongly used will. This knowledge has to be conveyed to them in utmost truth so that they will not fall prey to misguided teachings, for many will presume to teach and each one of them will consider himself called without, however, having been called by Me for an office which requires bearers of truth in order to be provided properly. Pure truth alone signifies brightness, pure truth alone leads to Me, as it also originates from Me, and therefore I Myself take My servants to school for this teaching ministry and instruct them in everything they need for their mission. And I truly instruct them right.... I will never tolerate that anything other than pure truth is imparted to those who want to be active for Me as serving forces on earth, and I will always provide clarification where there is doubt or ignorance, so that the teachers will be able to see completely clearly, to refute objections or contradictions and to answer questions truthfully at all times....

(1.10.1948) The truth has to be received by Me directly if it is to be pure and unadulterated, and again and again I therefore train suitable teachers who receive this truth for the first time through the voice of the spirit and also deal with it intellectually so that they can then teach with complete conviction, as is My will. If a person on earth expresses his will to work for Me he is a welcome pupil to Me, to whom I impart profound knowledge and prepare him for his pedagogical work. Thus he will first be instructed himself in the same way as he shall then instruct his fellow human beings who are

outside of contact with Me. For they shall find their way to Me, they shall learn to recognize Me as a loving teacher, as a God of grace and justice, of love and wisdom; I also want to impart My gospel to them and therefore have to avail Myself of those who let Me speak through them. Thus, if I instruct you I am also active in you Myself, it is My mouth which speaks words of love to you, it is My spirit which sounds to you from it, it is My love which expresses itself in you through the word. You are merely the form which I use.... Thus I instruct people Myself through you, but My strength is always at work when you humans hear the gospel through those who receive the word from Me. Therefore, if you listen to them you listen to Me, and if you don't believe them you don't believe in Me either, otherwise you would immediately recognize My voice as the voice of your creator, the father of eternity. Therefore pay attention to those I send to you and take their words seriously, then you will also soon learn to recognize the teacher and join His school, for truly, I say to you, you are constantly surrounded by teachers who are all active on My behalf in the spiritual kingdom. And they make sure that you are instructed correctly, that you learn to recognize the truth and never ever lose it, so that you, as teachers on earth, can help them to educate people to think correctly, for only the truth helps you humans to unite with Me, to attain eternal beatitude....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Instruction for teaching ministry by God Himself.... Mission....

B.D. No. 5374

April 24th 1952

I place each of My servants into a position in which he can work most effectively for Me, and that means that I determined every person's destiny in accordance with this activity for Me and My kingdom. It means that I also determine the nature of his activity, depending on his suitability, his degree of maturity and his willingness. Working for Me requires a certain amount of knowledge where it concerns the spreading of the truth, thus anyone who is chosen to carry out the vineyard work of proclaiming the pure Gospel must also be intellectually capable of recognising errors and take action against them. He himself must have the kind of knowledge which stands up to intellectual scrutiny. I can only use servants for a teaching ministry on earth who acquire this knowledge themselves, that is, who voluntarily desire and accept it from Me.... I Myself must be able to teach them, and this in a way that they will completely understand it and can also support it rationally, although the information will at first be received in the heart.... However, most people with good intellectual thought are not devout enough as to hand themselves over to a higher power in order to let themselves be instructed by it.... And therefore it is difficult for the truth to be accepted amongst people, since those who receive it from Me Myself are not accepted by their fellow human beings because their power of judgment is not being trusted, in fact it is more likely to be denied to them. But anyone who receives the pure truth by hearing My Word in his heart will also be granted realisation and strength of judgment by Me together with the pure truth. Nevertheless, being instructed by Me is not possible without the person's free will.... on account of which I can only impart My Word when this free will requests it from Me. Hence you will understand that only a few people can be initiated into My plan of eternity, who can pass the pure Gospel on to their fellow human beings so that everything is understandable to them.

However, once I have found a recipient of My Word who unconditionally hands himself over to Me in order to be of service to Me, then I will also watch over him with much love, for I consider him a capable instrument for Me which is able to accomplish a great mission. And thus I will also give him additional skills which can facilitate his ministry, which protect him from falling prey to error himself and thus could endanger his mission. I give him a stronger sense for truth and error. I watch over him because I watch over the truth which on My instruction shall be passed on to humanity. The truth is clear and pure, without embellishment, without additions, the truth can also be accepted by every person who wants to know the truth.... But if a seeker of truth hesitates to accept something then he does not understand that which he is offered, then he feels an inner resistance to that which does not correspond to the truth. And this feeling is placed by Me Myself, the eternal Truth, into the heart of a person who wants to be of service to Me, who is willing to work as a bearer of truth on earth and

spread the pure Gospel throughout the world.... I instruct him Myself, and this truly in a way that he will understand and accept **everything** he receives from Me. If subsequently something comes to him from outside then his heart will tell him what he should accept or reject.... For then I will also speak through the heart Myself. Everything that comes from Me will appeal to him and make him happy, and that which leaves him indifferent does not come from Me.... even if it also endorses Me and My kingdom it nevertheless has not originated from Me directly and cannot lay claim to absolute truth.... Nevertheless it need not be directed against Me but it can be surrounded by many additions which therefore no longer reveal the pure truth. The pure truth will meet far more often with opposition than acceptance, even so, I instruct bearers of truth for Me, especially during the last days before the end, and anyone who listens to them also listens to Me.... anyone who rejects them also rejects Me.... And therefore it is I Myself Who places the sense of rejection into the heart of the recipient of truth when a cloudy light approaches him, and then he shall listen to Me and only endorse that which he has received from Me Myself.... Then he will never spread anything wrong and faithfully carry out the work which he himself has offered to do for Me....

Amen

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"Taught by God...." good teachers....

B.D. No. 6188

February 13th 1955

I want to take you into My school, I want you to learn from Me, I want you to become wise and be able to teach your fellow human beings again in My name.... And I have good teachers who instruct you, who work according to My will and supply you with the knowledge you need in order to likewise be able to teach, for it depends on this that the knowledge you are to impart to your fellow human beings corresponds to the truth. Whatever you receive from Me directly or through My representatives must also correspond to the truth, because it originates from the eternal truth.... And therefore you, who receive the knowledge through the spirit, can also be convinced of its truth, even if I don't speak to you Myself but let My messengers of love and light speak to you, for they, too, cannot give you anything but truth because they are entirely permeated by My light of love. Such a word is by no means less valuable, and you are **always taught by God**, because I watch over My disciples that no foreign or wrong teaching material is conveyed to them. And thus you can also safely and with full conviction represent everything to your fellow human beings, you need not fear spreading misguided ideas if you pass on My word.... For as soon as you make yourselves available for spiritual work, as soon as you are thus active in the work for Me and My kingdom, all your thoughts will be directed in the right direction, for then you will be in My school where all My teachers can influence you and truly prevent other forces from intervening which mislead you.... Just always want to be taught **by Me**, then error will never ever be able to be presented to you.... And this certainty should also accompany you in all conversations you have in the spiritual realm.... For then I Myself will be with you, and then you will be able to speak nothing but the truth, because it is your will to be active **for Me** and because you yourselves are already so permeated by truth that error will no longer find room in your thinking. Your will has led you into My school.... And therefore I will now also ensure that you receive the training which will enable you to become teachers for your fellow human beings again. For it is My will that light be brought into your world of thought.... My will is that the truth shines brightly and displaces error.... I Myself can only let the light shine through you earthly children, if people's free will is not to be coerced.... And where this free will lets My light of love and wisdom shine in, there it can work for the blessing of fellow human beings, for there I Myself work through those people.... and I protect them from wrong thinking for the sake of truth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Beings of light as teachers

Efforts of the teachers beyond....

B.D. No. 0757

January 25th 1939

How deplorable are those people who do not want to recognize. And what favours will they lose, but in times of adversity they lack firm support, which is why all thoughts are only directed towards securing earthly life in order to be relieved of all adversity. Yet their hour will also come, for the test of life can only be passed by overcoming the resistance which has to be offered to an earthly child if its earthly life is to be of benefit to it and its soul. Therefore try to remain silent if the understanding for spiritual truths is not yet present, and now receive:

The pure spirits teach people in various forms. Where a direct connection from the beyond to earth is possible, a regulated instruction can also be carried out and the wisdom can be offered in such a way that it touches every area. A planned training can begin, which introduces the earth child to all knowledge according to its receptivity. A person longing for truth will be able to be taught the fullest truth, since the spiritual teachers will endeavour to impart spiritual knowledge in all its fullness. However, spiritual beings who are in the know also dwell in the vicinity of every earthly human being and try to influence his thoughts and in this way promote his inner life. Whoever feels the urge to give his thoughts a certain direction or is concerned with the actual purpose of life, his thoughts are guided or influenced by such active spirit beings who take care of the searching or erring souls. Not one person remains completely uninfluenced from the spiritual side, only the success of these beings is not always the same and not always satisfying, for they often meet with quite stiff resistance, namely where matter still holds the human being too tightly in its grip and he does not want to know anything about a spiritual world lying outside the material world. There, every emerging thought of a spiritual destiny on earth will be rejected immediately, because it does not appeal to people with a completely materialistic attitude. And it is precisely such people who are in urgent need of enlightenment, and the spiritual beings who want to teach often achieve nothing and have to try again and again with the greatest patience to teach people to think differently and thus make their whispers accessible. It is the heavenly father's will that all help shall be sent to the earthly children from above in order to put a stop to people's spiritual shallowness, and therefore means will be used in view of the spiritual backwardness, which becomes more noticeable from day to day, which shall bring about great success and meet with the divine creator's approval. Whoever pays attention to the coming time will notice extraordinary phenomena which will repeat themselves more and more often in order to involuntarily direct people's thoughts to supernatural things. Such phenomena always occur when a tremendous emotional upheaval has preceded them, thus people will concern themselves with things which are inexplicable to them and then look for the explanation in the supernatural and, even with good will, find it.... For the lord seeks to bring salvation to everyone, and this in different ways. Therefore pay attention to everything that can lead to knowledge.... these are only ever the endeavours of your friends in the beyond who are concerned about your salvation and would like to help you during the time you are still misguided and ignorant.... Anyone who does not stubbornly resist the help from above will recognize and benefit greatly from every event if it is his will to attain the truth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Establishing spiritual contacts on earth.... Help from the beings in the beyond....

B.D. No. 1750
December 25th 1940

The inhabitants of the spiritual world are inconceivably active and accomplish their task with such dedication and perseverance that it will lead to success. Time and again they approach the people entrusted to their care and try to induce them into asking questions in order to subsequently be able to convey the answer mentally, and therefore it is of great importance that people use every opportunity to exchange their opinions. For only then will it be possible for the spiritual beings to move into action by inspiring people with questions and answers, that is, by whispering these mentally to them, so that ever deeper problems will be raised and thus enable the friends in the beyond to start with their instructions. Such exchange of thoughts can be incredibly successful, for it also stimulates a reflection on them afterwards, and the mental instructions can then be continued according to the desire for clarification. For this reason it will be extraordinarily gladly welcomed by these spiritual beings if a person's will always keeps making new spiritual contact, for all efforts on this side will be recognised in the world of the beyond and made instant use of, and then it will only depend on people's will to what extent they will then be open to instructions.

Threads from the beyond to earth are being constantly woven, and if an earthly child helps to establish such connections it makes the task of the beings in the beyond substantially easier, for the door to the heart needs to be slightly open, and this happens when a person has a question on his mind and expects an answer. Then the heart will carefully listen to the voice within itself, then the being in the beyond will be able to express itself and can expect to be heard as well. And if therefore the person takes advantage of every opportunity to discuss spiritual problems with his fellow human beings he helps at the same time to open the door of his heart and clears the way for these spiritual beings to the innermost part of the heart. This assistance is exceptionally significant since it can, after all, be the first incentive towards a complete transformation of thought.... From that time on the person can remain in heartfelt contact with the benevolent beings of the beyond and extensive information can be imparted to him by them if it is the person's will to know the truth and therefore listens to the whisperings of these beings, which now comply with their task with the most devoted dedication....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Teaching activity of the otherworldly beings through thought transmission....

B.D. No. 2180
December 9th 1941

Every spiritual thought finds its echo in the beyond, for it is immediately seized by the beings who are bearers of light and strength and whose task it is to mentally instruct people. They can only have an effect on them when their thoughts rise into spiritual regions, i.e. when people mentally occupy themselves with such things which lie beyond the earthly. The human being must therefore first have the will to receive enlightenment about these things.... He must let his thoughts wander into areas that are still foreign to him and the desire must awaken in him to be truthfully informed about them. Only then can the beings of light fulfil their desire, they can force themselves into the human being's train of thought and convey the truth to him in a flash. No thought that arises in a person will ever remain unanswered by those beings, they are always ready to give and instruct, they take up every thought and never tire of their teaching ministry. But they must also immediately give up their teaching activity if the earthly child turns its thoughts to earthly things again or the desire for truth, for enlightenment, becomes weaker, for then the preconditions which God has attached to the reception of truth have not been fulfilled. God's requirements must absolutely be fulfilled before God gives His forces the task of teaching. If humanity has now reached a certain spiritual low, then every effort of the spiritual beings is unsuccessful and it is painful for these beings, for their flow of strength is not heeded; it is not recognized and therefore not desired either. But no instructions can be offered to them uninvited and the desire cannot be forcibly awakened in them. And thus the beings who are in knowledge cannot spread their knowledge, for the direct connection from earth to the beyond is only

very rare and is therefore exhaustively utilized by the teachers in the beyond as soon as a willing earthly child places itself at their disposal. And that is why this one will never wait in vain for the proclamations. The beings in the beyond are always ready to give because the giving of their knowledge makes them unspeakably happy. The divine powers work so obviously and yet they are not heeded. Again, the light bearers in the beyond have an easy job with people if they have already been made aware of them on earth and they can now tie in with the person's train of thought. Despite apparent rejection, the human being can then become thoughtful and the reflection can be the beginning of instructions that are now given to the human being himself. For thinking about it is already enough that the spirit beings can now carry out their activity.... mentally influence him. Increased thinking will begin as soon as the human being's desire for earthly pleasures begins to subside, for the latter prevent the human being from seriously thinking about extraterrestrial things. If, however, he begins to detach himself from it, then he is also receptive to mental instructions.... i.e. he indulges in his thoughts and now receives constant nourishment from the spiritual kingdom.... He asks questions and is instructed; he does this unconsciously, because he regards the results as his own until he is enlightened from the knowing side. The forces in the beyond remind people again and again by directing the individual's train of thought to things that stimulate reflection, and then they fulfil their task with joy. Every person is surrounded by teaching beings who only ever pay attention to when the person asks questions in order to be able to answer them immediately. However, it is easier if they can communicate with a directly receiving earthly child in this way, because then they can introduce the human being to all areas, thus they can convey very extensive knowledge to earth and spread so much light. As soon as the human being endeavours to let this light shine, as soon as he also wants to impart his knowledge to other people, he is now always used as a receptacle for divine wisdom and thus he already becomes a bearer of light on earth.... He receives truth and passes it on and is welcome as a mediator for the beings of light in the afterlife. Because sometimes access to people's hearts is blocked and extraordinary phenomena are necessary to lead people back to faith....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

No partial knowledge.... light beings as teachers.... only truth....

B.D. No. 4621

April 23rd 1949

I tell you that you need have no doubts about the truth of the proclamations offered to you from above, because I Myself watch over what spiritual knowledge is imparted to you and because I will never ever tolerate erring or untrue forces making use of you in order to impart their spiritual knowledge to people. Many beings of light are certainly willing to participate in people's instructions, and these beings of light are so knowledgeable themselves that they can be unhesitatingly recognized as teachers and the value of divine revelations can be attributed to their impartations. For as soon as a being is receptive to light it dwells in the kingdom of light and, since it always receives light, can also constantly emit light. These will only impart purest truth to people, moreover, they always act in My will, which is also their will. They are commissioned by Me for their teaching activity, thus it is not possible to speak of partial knowledge, for the knowledge they possess far exceeds that which they impart to people. Thus they can very well provide a teacher for people, they will never impart worldly or (wrong) spiritual teachings which do not correspond to the truth. At the same time they will also be able to give people the ability of realization, which they are equipped and also entitled to do by Me, because pure truth is to be imparted to people and this can only happen in such a way that beings which have spiritual knowledge also transfer it to people.

(24.4.1949) As soon as a person has prepared himself to receive spiritual gifts, as soon as he is in contact with the spiritual kingdom and receives mental knowledge in a fully conscious state, beings of light are his teachers, for this spiritual state completely corresponds to My will, it is a degree of ascent development which all people should strive for, thus such people will not allow themselves to fall into the power of beings which want to impart misguided mental knowledge to them and harm the souls instead of leading them towards perfection. Consider seriously what you expect of Me if you assume

that a person who wants to serve Me is influenced by evil forces. You then either deny Me love or wisdom or power if I could not or would not prevent such. I want My living creations to recognize and learn to love Me, thus I will not want or know how to prevent a person striving towards Me from being offered untruth if I endow countless beings of light with the ability or the power to convey the truth to those who desire it. I want people to turn to Me and can only achieve this if people learn to recognize Me. For this purpose the truth has to be offered to them without fail, and therefore I, as the eternal truth, will do everything in My power to impart it to people and to push back the beings of darkness, which can therefore certainly also exert their influence on people but only if they abandon themselves to them through a way of life which contradicts My will. For these people will have no desire for the truth and therefore it will not be offered to them, especially since they do not consciously establish a spiritual connection either but only gather purely intellectual thoughts and those ignorant forces try to influence these thoughts in order to obscure the truth and spread lies and error. But you can easily check this, for what points to Me is good, what leads away from Me is the adversary's influence, who fights against Me and wants to defeat Me but will never achieve victory over Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Light bearers on earth organs of spiritual light beings.... their activity....

B.D. No. 3953

January 7th 1947

The beings of light always dwell close to earth in expectation that a soul will open itself for the ray of light from above. But people rarely turn their thoughts to the spiritual kingdom, and therefore only a few can be mentally influenced as it is helpful for their souls. People's will is far more turned towards the earthly world, and this drowns out the voice from the spiritual world. And that is why voices must also sound on earth, voices must become loud in the midst of the worldly hustle and bustle which announce the same thing the beings of light would like to convey to people. People must convey to their fellow human beings what they have received from the kingdom of light, and thus they are, as it were, the organs through which the beings of light announce themselves, through which they make themselves heard for the spiritual gifts, for their mental emanation, which is intended to touch all people through them who open their hearts to the spiritual influx. The beings of light are constantly active because their help is urgently needed in the last time before the end. And thus they try to direct people's thoughts into the spiritual realm, they try to introduce them to the truth by guiding the ignorant to the knowledgeable or by initiating spiritual conversations in order to mentally influence the teachers and listeners and then exert their own influence on all those whose thoughts dwell on the questions raised. Then the right answer can reach them, it can be conveyed to them by the beings of light, then the beings of light can work according to their task, they can express their love for people by conveying the pure truth, they can be active and continuously distribute what they themselves receive from God.... spiritual knowledge which corresponds to the truth.... Every spiritual conversation on earth is the work of these beings of light which diligently endeavour to guide the earthly children into right thinking and thus try to achieve this through mental transmission if people do not offer resistance through too worldly an attitude, through worldly desire or conscious defence of spiritual thoughts. As soon as light bearers on earth work for the kingdom of God, the spiritual beings of light can work more successfully by also influencing the light bearers such that they express the right thoughts to their fellow human beings and have a stimulating effect on them through instruction. And thus spiritual work is continuously carried out on earth as well as in the spiritual kingdom in order to reduce people's hardship, in order to mentally guide them onto the right path, for it has become urgently necessary in the last days before the end that people are instructed from above, that a light is kindled for them, that the truth is brought to them so that their souls can seek and also find the kingdom of God.... For the time is approaching its end and the spiritual hardship on earth is so great that all spiritual beings full of light are ready to help on earth as well as in the spiritual kingdom....

Amen

Incarnated beings of light.... The working of the spirit - Channeled communications....

B.D. No. 8207

July 6th 1962

Even the incarnated beings of light on earth in the last days are only working according to My will as soon as they live their earthly life in heartfelt contact with Me and thus offer no resistance to Me.... that is, that they consciously submit to My will which also necessitates their voluntarily established bond with Me. Hence no being of light having embodied itself on earth as a human being for the purpose of a mission was forced into this mission by Me, but it has to be prompted by love to dedicate itself to Me, then the human being will also truly accomplish his mission in keeping with My will. And you humans can believe it that they then will also work for your benefit.... but always as a human being without knowing his origin, for such knowledge would neither be a blessing for the being of light.... the human being.... nor for the people it wants to help. They are certainly in close contact with Me and fulfil their earthly task with dedication and joy, but I don't use the people working on My behalf on earth as involuntary shells having to bear witness of Me.... but such a human being.... the embodied being of light.... will completely voluntarily let My spirit work in him, and he will proclaim the truth, since his spiritual spark unites itself with the eternal Father-Spirit and thus he will speak according to My instructions, i.e., he will inform people of the spiritual knowledge which he is constantly receiving from Me.

But don't let yourselves be misled by false prophets, for My adversary will also present himself as a representative of Christ.... in order to lead people astray, especially in the end time. However, he will hide himself behind a mask and not shy away from using divine Words either, which he knows and then tries to interpret in his spirit.... Don't let false Christs and prophets deceive you, for My adversary conceals himself under a cover in order to gain access to people who follow Me and genuinely strive towards Me.... and he is frequently very successful.... And he often uses My name because people's own will allows for it, which accepts everything as truth which gullible people with mediumistic tendencies claim they allegedly have received from Me. Make a distinction between 'the working of the spirit in the human being' and 'channeled communications'.... in which a person's own will is excluded and My adversary is offered the opportunity to work, which he is truly using well....

However, anyone who has already kindled the light of realisation within himself will also see through his disgraceful activity and not allow himself to be bothered, for I will impart the truth to anyone who wants to know it, and I will also give him the power of judgment to recognise that the Word I convey to earth is originating from Me, and he will not believe My adversary no matter how cleverly he proceeds to deceive people. For the human being's thinking will be guided correctly and he will receive enlightenment just as soon as he seriously desires to know the truth....

Amen

Right teachers on earth

Word recipient first suitable to teach....

B.D. No. 5251

November 6th 1951

The gift I have bestowed upon you humans to be able to receive My word through My spirit is always the product of your own will to love, thus it belongs to each one of you if he puts this will to love into practice. Each one of you can make contact with Me Myself as soon as you practice love, since I am present in every work of love and truly do not make My presence dependent on the person's nature, for only love determines the person's relationship with Me. And therefore the man as well as the woman can shape themselves through love for My child. And likewise My spirit can work in every person if love makes it possible for him to hear Me within himself. Thus you have, so to speak, an ability which you first have to develop yourselves but which I have not withheld from **anyone**. This is why you humans all have the same task to educate yourselves on earth to become My children, and depending on your will to love and the development of your ability you are chosen for redemptive activity on earth. For you receive if you train yourselves to be the receiving vessel of My spirit, and every recipient shall also distribute again to those who are in need of the bread from heaven. But since only those who possess spiritual possessions themselves can give to their fellow human beings, and possession again depends on My spirit being able to work in a person, it is understandable that not many are able to do proper vineyard work for Me and My kingdom; it is understandable that the proclaimers of My word have not always been instructed by Me Myself and therefore cannot represent My word with the power of persuasion as someone who has received it from Me Myself can. But the power of persuasion also ensures success, which is why a word recipient, a person who has gained extensive knowledge through spiritual activity, is the **first** to be suitable to teach, to proclaim the gospel to his fellow human beings, for he has not only mechanically received the knowledge but at the same time accepted the power of realization with truth, which need not be the case with intellectually acquired knowledge which only becomes realization when its spirit instructs the person. My spirit blows where it wills.... It makes itself known without regard to person, class or gender.... he only requires a heart willing to love which opens itself to him in order to let the flow of grace flow into it. But then he also impels the human being to speak, and it is obvious that it is then not the human being himself who speaks but that the spirit expresses itself in him.... Consequently, he is also chosen to spread the gospel, and he should always give in to the inner urge and speak without inhibition wherever the opportunity presents itself. In the last days the spiritual hardship is so great that I truly do not have enough labourers for My vineyard and therefore keep recruiting and calling for the service of suffering humanity. And I will bless everyone who follows My call, I will place everyone in the place where his work is successful.... I will instruct him Myself and put the words into his mouth if only a person approaches him who desires to hear them. Then he will desire **My** word, and truly, I will send it to everyone who desires it, and through you, My servants on earth, he will likewise be taught by God and come to believe, because My word is blessed with My strength....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Spiritual seers.... teacher and adviser oft he fellow human beings....

B.D. No. 4763

October 22nd 1949

Anyone whose spiritual eye is opened can see through all matter, there is no impenetrable form for him, just as there is no distance for him and he can therefore willingly place himself everywhere in order to observe the spiritual working, which is only visible to someone who has reached a certain

degree of maturity. He who is able to see spiritually can now also teach his fellow human beings truthfully about the essence of creation, about the activity of everything that is visible to people as a divine work of creation. He can perceive the life of seemingly dead matter as well as that of the plant and animal world, which is otherwise hidden from people and therefore it is not believable to them how tremendously active the spiritual is in every form. But the spiritually observant person transcends the limits which God has set for the mortal human being, the spiritually observant person sees the spiritual kingdom just as clearly as he sees this earth, he can put himself into a state at any time where all things become apparent to him, and thus his knowledge is increased and his love increases immeasurably. However, he is unable to communicate everything he sees to his fellow human beings because there are no possibilities of understanding many things, because the spiritually observant person sees something in his maturity of soul which would be incomprehensible to his fellow human being if he wanted to explain it, because there is no possibility of comparison for it on earth. Thus the spiritually seeing person has reached a maturity of soul which allows him to see more than is comprehensible to the human intellect, which is why he finds no faith in his fellow human beings but gains immeasurably much for his soul. For every act of spiritual vision is a profound and intimate connection with the spiritual kingdom which never remains unsuccessful for the soul, for it absorbs even more than the eye of the spiritually seeing person, it can communicate with the beings of light and receives great wisdom from them which remains hidden to the human being's intellect. And therefore it is already a state of maturity of the soul which announces a person's near end, for once a person is able to see spiritually his soul can leave the body and carefree enter the spiritual kingdom, he has already reached this maturity on earth and no longer needs further maturing, only a time on earth can still be granted to him for the sake of his fellow human beings, for a spiritually seeing person is a teacher and advisor for his fellow human beings, and his experiences can be believed, for he sees and hears more than any other mortal, because his soul can leave the body at any time in order to receive ever new impressions in the spiritual kingdom....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Gift of teaching.... Teaching ministry....

B.D. No. 3730

March 30th 1946

You will be granted the gift of teaching once your mission starts.... You will feel imbued by My spirit and consequently also be able to speak with conviction, because I will express Myself through you. I will place the Words in your mouth and yet your intellect will grasp what you say, what you, impelled by My spirit, are conveying to your fellow human beings, because you receive the meaning of My Word from above, from the kingdom of light where the truth originates from. And therefore you will only spread pure truth if you teach in My name. Thoughts will flow to you which your heart and mind will grasp and it will fill you with inner joy that you are allowed to spread exceedingly valuable spiritual knowledge. And thus, impelled by the love of your heart, you will distribute that which makes you happy yourself. For the teacher has an abundance of knowledge and is therefore called by Me for his teaching ministry. Yet he must confront the wrong teachers and prophets in all seriousness and seek to invalidate their doctrine insofar as they do not correspond to the truth. He should not fear that he is not up to the challenge; for once again it is not he himself but My spirit which speaks through him. And My spirit is superior to all human reasoning, it can solve the most difficult problems, expose and refute the greatest error and no opponent on earth can surpass its wisdom. But the opportunity of its working must be given by your willingness to adopt the teaching ministry even with those people, that is, you must not shirk or allow yourselves to be intimidated if you are confronted by the wisdom of human intellect in order to disarm you or to undermine your teachings. Then you need only enter into heartfelt unity with Me and you will be able to defeat even the greatest speakers, because I Myself will speak through you and, truly, no-one is a match for Me.... Let your spirit carry you along, it will guide you correctly, it will let you act and speak in the right way, it will put your thoughts in order, for anyone who receives a teaching ministry from Me will also

receive My help to administer it correctly. For it is My will that the truth shall be spread, that untruth and error shall be denounced and that people's thoughts shall take the right direction, because only through truth can people become blissfully happy. This is why you, My disciples on earth, shall place yourselves at My disposal as bearers of truth wherever and whenever I need you, and My spirit in you will be informed of this, so that you will be absolved from all responsibility of acting wrongly, for I Myself will guide and direct anyone who has offered himself to Me, so that he can fulfil My will....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Conditions for teaching activities: willingness

Teaching activity....

B.D. No. 2334

May 13th 1942

The gift of teaching must be sincerely prayed for, for the will to carry out this teaching activity is the first condition and must be manifested through heartfelt prayer to God. The teacher must be specially trained for his task, i.e. a person cannot carry out this activity arbitrarily.... Every person can certainly preach love to his fellow human being and urge him to lead a right way of life, but in order to be able to teach his fellow human being, the person himself must first have been introduced to a knowledge which he can now pass on. And this knowledge encompasses many areas which are again closely connected with each other but which people do not recognize. It also requires a well-developed intellectual thinking in order to find any connection and to be able to utilize the knowledge accordingly. For the world will only ever want to accept what is a worldly product, i.e. what has been gained through research and pondering. However, this does not always correspond to the truth, and if the truth is to be spread, then well-trained forces must be able to refute what is not the truth. They must be able to explain the connection between all things logically and clearly, and in order to be able to do this, they must be in contact with the giver of truth himself, because otherwise they cannot prove the correctness of their teachings.... They must not build on existing spiritual knowledge, as this can also be doubted, but must have their knowledge from the ground up from a source that remains inviolable even for doubters and mockers. However, they must not be forcibly guided into knowledge either, instead they must have acquired it entirely of their own free will so that people shall recognize what they are capable of through the correct use of their free will.... And therefore heartfelt prayer must also precede it and God must be assured of the willingness to be active for the spiritual well-being of fellow human beings.... Such a will and the prayer for strength now also results in a planned teaching. Knowledge is made accessible to the human being which he must first acquire himself, i.e. which he must incorporate into his thoughts in order to be able to apply it at any time when he needs it. The gift of teaching is also a gift of grace from God, for it requires a sharp memory, lightning-fast comprehension and logical thinking.... But where the will is expressed for this teaching activity out of love for fellow human beings, God bestows this gift and the human being will now be able to carry out this activity, he will be enabled by God to carry out an extraordinarily important task, for the truth shall thereby be spread on earth.... the meaning and purpose of creation shall become clear to those who cannot blindly believe, the human being's task on earth shall be understandable to them and they shall have the opportunity **to can** believe if they want to, as soon as they study the teachings in depth which are now offered to them through an instrument of God. The intellect should also be allowed to be active, and therefore the truth has to be offered to people in such a way that the thinking person can also become convinced that what is offered is the truth. And this is only possible if the context of all things can be explained to him, which again is only possible through a person who has been instructed by God himself for the very purpose of being able to have an enlightening effect. And all prior knowledge must be eliminated, for even where truth is advocated, error is also currently being taught, since God's adversary found fertile ground everywhere for the seed he wanted to sow amongst humanity.... And people are unable to separate truth from error without the help of the divine spirit.... Consequently, they should surrender what they possess and receive the pure truth in an unbiased way, which God sends to humanity once again....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The gift to teach as a servant of God must be consciously requested, by which the human being declares his willingness to be active for God and on His behalf. For in order to be able to carry out the teaching ministry he has to be pre-educated, he first has to have absorbed what he is to teach himself; he has to be imparted a body of thought which enables him to teach, he has to be able to think skilfully and logically, and this requires a training which can only be carried out by God Himself or by His spiritual messengers. And the human being must declare himself willing to do so, he must let his will become active and constantly accept instructions until he has attained a degree of knowledge which is now also sufficient to instruct his fellow human beings again, to refute objections, to correct errors and thus to spread the pure truth from God. Anyone who offers himself to God for this office, who is willing to serve Him and his fellow human beings, will also be accepted by God, because it is extremely necessary that people are guided into truth, and because only a few people are able to muster the will to accept mental instructions until they can call clear knowledge their own. For they must have strong faith, they must unconditionally accept what is offered to them, above all they must consider direct instruction from God possible, otherwise they would not listen to the inner voice which announces itself to them.... They must believe in the working of the spirit in the human being, otherwise it cannot be effective. And they must work tirelessly on themselves in order to increase their ability to hear the inner voice; they must do everything that requires a strong will so that they will now also be able to utilize what is offered to them, for the gift of being able to teach is now the result of their strong will, which God blesses and rewards by training the human being so that he can carry out his ministry as a teacher when it concerns proclaiming the gospel to fellow human beings. For God wants to convey His word to the world through His faithful servants on earth, He wants to give knowledge to all people through people who have received the knowledge from Himself and thus can now carry out their mission correctly for the blessing of humanity, which is seeking and willingly allows itself to be taught by them without resistance. For by the way a gift of grace is offered people will recognize where it originated from, and their willingness to accept or reject what is offered to them will be correspondingly. And therefore God needs servants on earth who offer themselves for it, and He imparts strength and grace to them, He instructs them and conveys His word to earth, He enlightens their spirit so that they understand what is offered to them and can transfer it to their fellow human beings in the same way and thus the truth is spread on earth, as it is God's will....

Amen

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Desire for truth and spiritual knowledge

‘I Am the way, the truth, and the life....’

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Only truth can lead to eternal life for you, for I Am the truth Myself and only through Me can you enter the eternal kingdom.... I Am the way, the truth and the life.... if you know the truth you will also take the right path which aims towards eternal life. Pure truth is the result of activity of love and this is the only way of changing the soul's state of death into a state of life. Therefore, since I Am the eternal Love, I Am the way to Myself for My living creations, they must enter this path without fail in order to reach Me, Who alone gives them the eternal life. And in order to follow Me, in order to live a life of love on earth, they must be guided into truth, that is, they must first be taught how to shape their earthly life in order to then, through their compliance with My teaching, also be able to recognise the pure truth from Me, since without love all knowledge remains dead knowledge, it remains intellectual knowledge but not the knowledge of the heart, which alone gives life. I Am the way, the truth and the life.... I you seek Me you will enter the right path and find the truth and thus also acquire eternal life. I will come close to anyone who desires the truth for the sake of truth and guide him on the path of love, and if he does not resist his spirit will awaken to life and instruct him according to truth.... Then he will have found Me and will never lose Me again, he will be alive and can never die again.... Yet only true love can accomplish this, which is the result of unselfish loving actions.... No misguided teaching will lead to unity with Me, every misguided teaching extends the path of ascent, it feigns another goal to people and only a firm will to reach the right goal averts the great danger of going completely astray. However, without Me you will not find the right way, you must call upon Me, you must accept My instructions, you must take the path which I exemplified on earth, the path of love, in order to attain the truth, the recognition of Me Myself and eternal life. You must live in love because you cannot unite yourselves with Me without love, because I, the eternal Love, Am also the ultimate goal of the path of love and because you are still spiritually dead, that is, entirely without realisation, with no knowledge of divine wisdom, as long as your nature is totally alien to My fundamental nature, and therefore you cannot live as long as you don't unite with Me, which can only take place through love....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

"Hear My word...." life force - spiritual power....

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August 6th 1963

You all need power supply and constant help from My side for your earth course, because the life power, which you have as man, is not enough to perfect you on earth, if you do not increase it yourselves through supply of spiritual power, which you can acquire yourselves through love work or which you have to request from Me in prayer as gift of grace.... And you will therefore always have to be in connection with the source of power from eternity, which you therefore establish through prayer and loving activity.... Then there is no danger that you do not reach your earth life aim, because every spiritual power has an effect again in love work, and then the transformation of the being to love takes place, which is purpose and aim of earth life.... And you can increase this supply of power at any time when you consciously let yourselves be addressed by Me, when you desire to hear My word and accept it when and where this is only possible. Because My word is blessed with My power, My word is the direct love radiation for My part on My creatures, which need power and are constantly made happy by the supply of power to an extent that this contributes to increased bliss for the beings, which

already stand in the light.... Because My word is the proof of most intimate connection of those beings with Me, to hear My word is also the proof that the being has entered its original state in which it stood before its falling away from Me when it heard My word and was exceedingly happy. You must constantly maintain the connection with Me, My power must constantly be able to flow through you, because in the kingdom of light this means unimagined bliss, but on earth.... as long as you are not yet perfected.... you constantly receive strength which you need to reach perfection. The life force is indeed available to every human being, but it can be used completely uselessly if the human being uses it only in the earthly-material sense.... But if you make use of the life power to work in love, then a measure of spiritual power flows to you, which lets you go the way to the kingdom of light quite safely, because you connect yourselves intimately with Me Myself through love work, I Who am eternal love, and now My divine love power can radiate through you continuously and form your being that you come closer and closer to Me, that you unite with Me again as before you turned away from Me. But every bond with Me will also earn you My address.... Because I want to prove My presence to you, My presence will also result in My address, because the father speaks with His child, because love connects both and it now also wants to express itself.... So you now have to hear Me, and what I now want to say to you, that will make you happy, because it is rich knowledge for you, because you enter into a state of brightest knowledge, as soon as I Myself can address you. And this address can also happen in a transferred way that I announce Myself to you through a person whose soul ear can clearly hear Me, and I now speak to those who show themselves worthy of My address, who live according to My will, who work in love and thereby put themselves in contact with Me.... who could also hear My address directly if they would only prepare themselves as a receiving vessel for My spirit itself.... But it is unimportant whether they hear My word directly or indirectly, because it is always the same word, which I have blessed with My power and which has an effect on the soul of a person that it must irrevocably reach perfection.... Listen to My word and know that you need it for perfection.... Always give Me the opportunity to address you so that you may receive what you still lack.... And you all still lack much until you can return to Me fully matured and be blessed.... Because the earth is not yet a kingdom of light and bliss, and as long as a soul still walks over the earth as man, it has the possibility to increase its degree of maturity, because it can also work in love unlimitedly and is again and again stimulated by My word to this love work.... Therefore I direct My word down to earth to teach man the first and most important thing: to be unselfishly active in love and to kindle a bright light in oneself through love activity, which will shine brighter and brighter and spread out so that brightest knowledge.... deepest truthful knowledge.... is the result of a right love life which leads to the final union with Me and also earns the being the bliss it once voluntarily gave up but will also irrevocably regain, even if eternities pass over it.... But what has gone out from Me is love in its original substance and will eternally not be able to pass away.... It will once again take on its original nature and then also, as in the beginning, be able to hear My word, it will be unspeakably happy, because it is then again closely connected with Me and will remain so until all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Spiritual knowledge.... study.... work on the soul....

B.D. No. 2249

March 3rd 1942

It is by no means divine will that people should be content with the knowledge offered to them by human beings. Rather, they should endeavour to enrich themselves with spiritual knowledge and receive this spiritual knowledge directly from the realm of the spiritual, from where it is offered to them unadulterated, as soon as they desire the pure truth. For only this knowledge signifies spiritual wealth for them, whereas all earthly knowledge is worthless when the human being concludes his earthly life. Consequently, he should not believe that spiritual knowledge is unattainable for him and yet be satisfied with what he is taught in school, for then he can never mature spiritually. The purpose of earthly life, however, is to mature spiritually, and God also gives him enough opportunities for this which he only needs to utilize. One such possibility is the reception of spiritual truths by way of a

purely spiritual exchange of thoughts with the world beyond. This grace is available to every human being, but it is rarely desired and can therefore only rarely be given out. However, there is no other way which leads to the same spiritual success, and this is truly the most merciful possibility when God Himself imparts the truth to the earthly child through His messengers, through His spirit beings full of light, who are of the same will as Him and therefore only carry out His will. These therefore instruct the human being and teach him everything that is useful for his higher spiritual development, they make him knowledgeable and therefore also able to pass on this received knowledge. And spiritual knowledge will fill in all gaps, for the teachers in the beyond truly possess supreme wisdom and are therefore also able to impart it to earthly people, whereas the worldly wise can only impart inadequate knowledge since they only possess such knowledge themselves. For worldly wisdom will remain inadequate even if people deem themselves superior and want to reject spiritual knowledge as unimportant and unproven. Spiritual knowledge can only be received and understood by people who mould their souls accordingly. If this work on the soul does not precede it, then they will lack all understanding for it, and no matter how diligently they study they will not be able to replace the work on the soul. However, the human being should not be content with earthly or worldly knowledge but strive for spiritual knowledge, because this alone is of value for eternity. For only spiritual knowledge will bring him spiritual wealth, without which the soul cannot exist in eternity, i.e. cannot enter eternal life....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Spiritual knowledge imparts knowledge of the divine will....

B.D. No. 4098

August 5th 1947

Much is still hidden to you, yet My love does not set any limits to your knowledge if you try to transcend them of your own free will. Yet I must demand one thing of you that you believe My words, that you recognise the teachings as divine and use them accordingly. For you must tell yourselves that I do not speak to you arbitrarily but that My wisdom and love see the necessity.... that I know about your helplessness and want to remedy it. And what I now proclaim to you from above has unconditional educational value.... it shall shape your soul into perfection. Consequently, I will not burden you with knowledge the possession of which does not particularly contribute to increase your souls' maturity, for you receive this knowledge in the spiritual kingdom as soon as you have become receivers of light and strength and as such are also able to utilise it for yourselves and for the needy souls handed over to you for care. But what you lack is the knowledge of My will. And therefore I convey this to you as the first and most important thing for your earthly task. I familiarise you with My will, which merely concerns the fulfilment of divine order, and I constantly present to you the blessing of unselfish neighbourly love as well as, conversely, the hardship of the soul if you do not observe this commandment. Through increased love for Me you can now extend your knowledge, yet you also have to possess a certain spiritual maturity in order to derive the right benefit from it. Without this state of maturity the knowledge is completely useless to you, and therefore I only ever give according to the human being's state of soul, yet every word is the purest truth which is conveyed to you from above through My love. And the more faithfully you receive it the deeper you penetrate, and the greater peace and tranquillity will come over you if you recognise My love and wisdom and, as it were, entrust yourselves completely to Me in order to receive further knowledge and let yourselves be made happy by Me. You can still mature a lot and receive divine truth, but then your striving for it must never stop, you must always think of your aim and make use of every opportunity to assimilate the content of the announcements so that you will also receive the undivided blessing of those, so that you will learn to love Me and diligently work on shaping your souls....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

The all-encompassing worldly wisdom cannot replace the knowledge that can be called heavenly wisdom, that is, knowledge of what lies outside the world, but which cannot be proven either, precisely because it concerns truths lying outside the world. Anyone who is considered exceedingly wise in the world, on earth, can nevertheless be ignorant to the highest degree in matters concerning those regions, and his wisdom is gone at the moment of death, he has, so to speak, only participated in the exploration of a limited region, but over which the soul passes in its bodiless state, which is no longer worth fathoming for it, which it therefore leaves behind, no matter whether it has explored it completely or only partially. It now enters a kingdom where completely different explorations are of value, and its wealth or poverty now obviously comes to light and it determines the state of its new sphere of activity, which can be agonizing or also blissful. Anyone who has acquired spiritual knowledge on earth will be able to make use of it and thereby create a fate for himself which will make him happy, because he will be absorbed in the happiness of other souls which vegetate in complete spiritual poverty and are dependent on help. This spiritual knowledge is rarely striven for on earth because people do not yet recognize it as valuable and forget it above worldly knowledge. Worldly wisdom is not wisdom, for man only specializes in existing things, things which he can observe and, according to the acuteness of his intellect, also calculate and teach people about as established fact. He calls this 'knowledge', but it is only the knowledge of the divine order in which the whole of creation moves, and he procures this knowledge through intellectual research and brooding. As soon as his soul leaves the physical shell this knowledge is of no importance to it, it can do nothing with it in the kingdom of the spirits, where only that knowledge is of value which touches that spiritual kingdom; then the most minimal spiritual wealth, thus knowledge about the divine plan of salvation, about the creator's relationship with His living creations, can be beneficially used by the soul, it will constantly increase the wealth. Then the intellect will no longer be decisive but the heart, i.e. the soul's life of feeling, how far it penetrates spiritual knowledge. The area which is now accessible to its research is unlimited, it will therefore eternally bring new things and therefore also constantly make it happy, it will be a constant progress, an increase of spiritual knowledge and consequently also an ever more assiduous activity and a constantly increasing sphere of activity; whereas the worldly researcher is limited, if only by the recall from earthly life, which breaks off all research and makes it worthless for him. Worldly knowledge only serves the human being on earth but cannot be used in any way by the souls in the beyond for their activity. Worldly knowledge only concerns purely concrete things and leaves every spiritual question open. Nevertheless, worldly knowledge can also be of value to fellow human beings if spiritual striving is recognizable at the same time, then worldly knowledge will contribute towards the human being also seeking knowledge of areas which he cannot penetrate by virtue of his intellect.... if, for example, it is proven to him on the basis of worldly science that an offence is not possible after death and he then also intellectually recognizes another area which he then strives for and thus strives towards. Then worldly knowledge can be called the first stage which leads to spiritual knowledge, but it may also only be used as a stepping stone to spiritual knowledge, because this alone is decisive, because this alone is unlimited and therefore worth striving for and **must** be gained by everyone who wants to be admitted to happy activity in the spiritual kingdom....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Obligation to pass on spiritual knowledge....

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January 3rd 1945

You are constantly instructed to increase your knowledge, and strength is also constantly conveyed to you which you ought to use for spiritual work as well. Therefore you should make use of this strength by distributing what is conveyed to you through the spiritual instruction, use it by passing on what you have received yourselves. Spiritual strength should never rest, that is, a person

with strength at his disposal should never remain inactive, and thus spiritual strength should also continuously be used or it will be taken away from the person who leaves it lying idle. Spiritual work, however, is everything which contributes towards another person's knowledge.... It is irrelevant in which way this knowledge is imparted to him, only the fact that it is imparted is important. And this task is given to you who receive the spiritual knowledge from God either directly or through His instruments. Everyone who is offered spiritual knowledge, who accepts it and, after deliberating on it, accepts it as his spiritual possession, will only benefit from it if he passes it on with love. For once it has become valuable to him he shall also share it with his fellow human being, otherwise he is still gripped by powerful selfish love and the blessing of God's grace will barely be felt by him. Spiritual knowledge should never lie fallow if a person does not want to risk having it entirely withdrawn from him. For it is divine law that he who gives will receive, because unselfish neighbourly love is a prerequisite that the human being can receive. The spiritually striving aspirant should pay attention to his feelings.... his desires will be granted but it also obliges him to give the truth to the one who, like him, desires to know it. Furthermore, it also commits him to convey the truth to wherever error still exists, for the truth shall displace the error.

And therefore a bearer of truth must make an active effort to bring light to all places where darkness still exists. This is spiritual work which may never be excluded again if the human being is blessed to be educated by the spiritual kingdom. For the human being is only ever the organ of being's of light which want to bestow truth upon all people, especially those who are entrusted into their care to be spiritually guided by them. People themselves can only rarely hear the light beings' gentle voice; therefore they cultivate instruments for themselves which shall speak on their behalf.... This activity should never be ignored by a recipient of light, he should speak wherever the opportunity presents itself, he should communicate verbally and in writing, he should make use of every day and every hour and thus carry out the work he himself had offered to do for God, and constant achievement will be granted to him. He will be able to advance himself spiritually and likewise the people who are spiritually endowed by him. This admonition applies to all who are being refreshed by the font of eternal life and draw strength and fortitude from the divine Word. Everyone moves within a field of duty where he can be very industrious, and he should not neglect this, otherwise he makes himself unworthy of receiving the truth that is offered to him from above. For it is precious knowledge and shall be passed on for the benefit of people, so that it will remedy the immense spiritual adversity which is the cause of humanity's spiritual decline and which also results in earthly adversity and suffering....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Condition for right representatives of God: working of the spirit and truthful knowledge....

B.D. No. 4515

December 17th 1948

Anyone who wants to call himself My representative on earth must also instruct his fellow human beings in accordance with the fullest truth. Thus he must possess it himself and therefore be introduced to the pure truth by My spirit through My word. He cannot teach if he has not grasped the meaning himself, if it is not fully comprehensible to him how My word is to be understood, which can only be understood in a deeply spiritual way. Hence he must be so inwardly devoted to Me that I Myself can work in him through My spirit, only then will he be a true representative of My name, then he can be active for Me and My kingdom and work for the blessing of his fellow human beings on earth. But it is not enough for a person to say to Me: "Lord, lord...." if he confesses Me with his mouth and wants to express his bond with Me through words.... I only look at the heart, but My eyes penetrate it and not the smallest corner remains hidden from Me. I know every thought of the human being and therefore also know the innermost life of the soul of every person who calls himself My representative on earth.... And in accordance with My eternal order I cannot deviate from the conditions I have attached to the working of My spirit in the human being. I cannot enlighten a person's thinking who has not shaped himself to receive My spirit; he will always walk in ignorance,

My word will be and remain incomprehensible to him, and consequently he will not be suitable as a teacher for his fellow human beings as long as he has not established the heartfelt bond with Me through loving activity, which then also results in the working of the spirit. And since I am therefore well able to see through people's hearts, I Myself choose the suitable hearts which are suitable as receptacles for My spirit and pour the truth into them.... I Myself train them as teachers because it is urgently necessary that people are enlightened, that My word is conveyed to them in its purest form, that they find the truth if they look for it. And I will also always support these My right representatives on earth with My strength so that they can teach without hesitation and are always active in My will. The truth shall be spread and I bless everyone who contributes to it, who shapes himself such that I Myself can work through him.... that he is truly My representative, who can proclaim My word and make My will known to people and thereby bring light to all people who walk in darkness and desire light....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Teaching.... protection against erroneous teachings.... spirit of God....

B.D. No. 1357

March 27th 1940

The regulated exchange of thoughts from spirit to spirit is a continuous teaching of man, whose knowledge still shows gaps and who one day is to be enabled to likewise appear teaching in earthly circles. The world beyond is still unexplored by people because only a few have been able to impart the purest truth. Man has indeed always endeavoured to lift the veil which is spread over it by God's wisdom and to fathom things which were of interest to him, however, these efforts are rarely based on the pure desire for truth, the urge to know about divine activity, it was rather a certain earthly thirst for knowledge which drove such research and therefore the results were not always free of error. For the human being, whose thirst for knowledge is based on earthly impulses, very easily runs the risk of being used by the opposing side to spread errors; for everything that is dear to the human being to hear is put into his mind by the opposing forces. Thus the conclusions or results will always correspond to what the human being has imagined.... and these ideas in turn correspond more or less to the truth, depending on whether the desire for truth about spiritual things is predominant or only minimally present in the human being. If, however, a constant communication with spiritual power is initiated.... if a person has succeeded in awakening the divine spirit within himself through his way of life so that it now instructs the person, then this awakening of God's spirit in the person already presupposes the deepest desire for truth, and the invocation of good spiritual strength, the prayer for God's blessing and grace, protects the now receiving earthly child from every error, and thus the results of such regular instruction correspond to the truth, and these can now be confidently built upon and every train of thought can take its starting point in them. It is true that the human being is very easily in danger of stumbling, i.e., to take account of his wishes, and these wishes can also take on an earthly colour at times, but then the spirit of God in the human being will not express itself or will do so with great difficulty and thereby immediately lead the receiving earthly child back onto the right path, but the spirit from God can never consciously lose itself in error, and a person who is concerned with serving the lord God will never give up his desire for truth for reasons of self-love and give himself over to accepting untruths and writing them down.... For a person who is given such a task is well aware of it; his endeavours are only for the spiritual benefit of his fellow human beings, and thus the spirit of God in man refuses to bring error into the world. Thus a pure spiritual connection from earth to the beyond will be the safest protection against misguided teachings, for the one in this connection seeks the truth and the giver is likewise the bearer of truth, since the seeker of truth only ever attracts such as spiritual teachers. Consequently, nothing untrue finds entry into this circle, for the desire for truth itself creates the boundaries that an untrue being cannot cross. Therefore, as long as the endeavour of the person being taught is only to serve God and the truth, as long as the human being only strives to receive divine grace and thereby mature in body and soul, as long as no success whatsoever causes him to utilize his received gifts earthly, but only the motive of love for God and his

neighbour determines him to establish this connection with the beyond, then the giver of what the human being receives will also be God Himself and every result will therefore be purest truth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Teaching ministry – teacher – truthful knowledge....

B.D. No. 4122

September 13th 1947

A teaching post can only be administered by people who are prepared to acquire the necessary knowledge, otherwise they can never work as teachers. It is extremely important that these teachers are instructed by people who are really knowledgeable, i.e., the teacher must know the truth himself, he must have knowledge at his disposal which enables him to pass it on, and therefore it is understandable that the highest knowledge, divine truth, must first have divine origin, that the recipient of this knowledge is therefore truthfully instructed, because the origin, God, is the eternal truth Himself, that God Himself is therefore to be regarded as the teacher and therefore those who spread the divine truth must also be taught by God if they want to teach again on earth amongst people. He will also always choose the people Himself who are active on His behalf and spread the gospel throughout the world, and He will know how to prevent His disciples from receiving wrong knowledge or the pure truth from being presented to them in an incomprehensible way. Furthermore, He will also protect the teachers chosen by Him from erroneous thinking or erroneous whisperings of bad forces, but conversely, He will also instruct the beings of light, i.e. knowing forces, to spiritually influence the people who are to preside over the teaching ministry one day. And these beings of light can again only distribute the pure truth from God because they only fulfil God's will and, as beings of light, constantly receive knowledge and can utilise it. But once a person has been appointed to the teaching ministry God will never ever let him go, after all, the appointment by God only took place after the human being's voluntary surrender to Him, after subordinating his will to divine will, and thus the striving towards God was shown so obviously that God will never ever let him sink back into the state of separation from Him. He seizes the voluntarily returning to Him and now takes it into His constant care as His own. And He entrusts it with a task.... to work for Him on earth and to be active in spreading the divine truth. So the first thing He does is to instruct the human being according to his task.... He trains him as a teacher, He gives him the knowledge which he should then pass on to his fellow human beings so that they will become free from error and acquire the pure truth from God. But anyone who is taught by God must inevitably also be recognised as a teacher, even though he lacks worldly studies and has never been taught by people. The right knowledge must come from God Himself. But it can be passed on and then conveyed to fellow human beings, who can certainly also deform the pure truth if their will strives for such. God does not prevent this, but He will always convey the pure truth directly to earth again, and this in an obvious way as soon as a person is willing to let himself be instructed by Him. For His will is always and constantly that the truth shall be spread, and thus He chooses His servants on earth who shall spread the gospel throughout the world....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

Teacher responsibility.... truth....

B.D. No. 3175

June 30th 1944

The person who offers to impart spiritual knowledge to his fellow human being takes upon himself an immense responsibility, for he is then not responsible for his fellow human being's earthly life but for that of the soul, which is immortal, which can attain eternal life through its will if the right knowledge is imparted but can also fall prey to spiritual death if error is imparted. And therefore the one who wants to teach must first stand in the truth in order to be able to spread it.... he himself must know about the great danger that spreading false teachings means for the soul. And he must know and also fulfill all preconditions which guarantee him the pure truth. God Himself imparts this knowledge

to him if he is of serious will. He instructs him in the most comprehensible way as soon as it is His will to bring the truth to his fellow human beings for the salvation of their souls. But he must also be aware of the responsible task he has taken on so that he constantly strives for the pure truth in order to be able to receive it. Thus the human being must carry out his ministry fully consciously, he must be so moved by the truth himself that he is urged to pass it on to his fellow human beings, he must not become lukewarm and lethargic because this would weaken his desire for truth and thus signify danger. The person who wants to teach has, so to speak, the spiritual fate of those who receive knowledge from him in his hands, and he must remain mindful of this during his teaching activity. That is why the conviction must first take root in his heart, he must himself penetrate so deeply into the truth that he can also represent it fully and completely to his fellow human beings. And only this state enables him to work for God, and it is the result of a will fully turned towards God. Through unconditional devotion to God he will now change himself such that he can become the bearer of light, of pure truth from God. The will must emanate from the human being himself, then he will also receive the strength from God to put the will into action. Thus the human being who has the salvation of his fellow human beings' souls at heart will also be able to help them, he will be able to teach them by imparting the spiritual knowledge to himself which he can then pass on. The teaching activity should not be understood as a profession in the earthly sense, but in complete unselfishness fellow human beings should be offered what God has previously offered to the teacher himself, he should only be driven by love for God and for his neighbor, for the unredeemed human being, and this will only be the case if he himself knows about the human being's task on earth, that is, if he has been qualified to receive the truth from God through his own God-pleasing way of life and a will completely subordinate to God. Then he will take his teaching ministry seriously and only strive to expand his knowledge in order to pass it on to his fellow human beings unchanged. Then he will also be aware of his responsibility and seriously strive for truth of his own accord, and then he can also safely impart the spiritual knowledge he has received to those who desire it, he can teach love to those who are still ignorant and thereby guide them onto the right path which leads to God, to eternal life. And therefore only the human being who knows no other goal than to serve God and who reveals this to Him through his constant will to receive spiritual possessions, who therefore constantly and permanently maintains the connection with God and is now introduced by Him into the right knowledge, into the truth from God....

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Mind and heart thinking

Mind and heart thinking.... teaching activity.... hypnosis....

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October 28th 1939

The erroneous view is held that only the highly developed human intellect is able to penetrate the knowledge of things that are still unexplored, and that therefore only those who have knowledge of the world can make experiences their own that reach into the realm of the unexplored and provide the key to knowledge about it. Man should certainly use his intellect, he should also consider and scrutinize everything and not thoughtlessly accept as truth everything that is presented to him.... however, relying solely on the world's understanding is more foolish than accepting without scrutiny something that a believer imparts to him. Faith in God is a greater guarantee of the truth of a teaching than the most perfect training by worldly teachers. In order to arrive at the truth, faith in God is indispensable.... However, due to the sharpness of his intellect, the earthly child can be far superior to those with worldly knowledge if he also desires what is spiritually imparted to him for his fellow human beings.... if he would like to pass on what is offered willingly and gladly and thus, in addition to his own knowledge of hidden things, also requires the gift of being able to act as a teacher. What a person recognizes within himself is not always enough to offer to his fellow human beings. Thought can enlighten the earthly child in a flash, it can be received and willingly assimilated, but what is received in thought is often not sufficient for reproduction, for the mind must first assimilate and process what the heart has received.... This also requires correct intellectual thinking.... Divine truth can certainly be offered to all, but the fact that it is to be passed on requires not only the receptivity of the heart but also a well-developed intellectual thinking. The gift of teaching must likewise be imparted to the earthly child, and thus it must also request strength for this if it wants to comply with divine will and be active in teaching. For here again free will is decisive. Placing an earthly being in a forced state to teach at certain times does not correspond to divine will.... again, this would be too obvious an act of God towards people, which could curtail their freedom of faith. Therefore it is also not God's will that people teach in an unconscious state, since this state is a weakness of will in the human being which can be exploited by forces turned away from God.... as well as by strong-willed earthly people and the results.... which are imparted to people through these teachings.... need not be unconditional truth. Making use of a weak-willed human being in order to be able to express himself through him does not correspond to God's will, whereas an earthly child fully devoted to Him is fully capable of carrying out the divine will, for God Himself can work through this.... He gives him utmost strength and fullest understanding, yet he must also ask for these and thus manifest his full will to be active for God. Nothing is impossible for such an earthly child to accomplish if everything is aimed at conveying divine truth. And thus the human knowledge of an unbeliever can certainly far surpass that of a believer, but the latter will be victorious in every matter of dispute which reaches into the realm of divine truth, for God enlightens a child which consciously places itself at His disposal and gives it the ability to use its intellectual thinking such that it grasps it in a flash and can refute every objection according to divine will. And thus even the wisest worldly wise man falls far short of the knowledge of such an instrument of God if he wants to provide evidence about profound problems which extend into the spiritual realm without any faith in God. But the earthly child serving God must likewise use his intellectual thinking, for only when heart and intellect work together can the knowledge received from God also be conveyed to fellow human beings, and this is why the teachers in the beyond tirelessly endeavour to stimulate thinking activity so that a mission will be fulfilled which is extremely important in times of spiritual hardship....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

It will never be possible to enter the spiritual kingdom through research, nor will it be possible to receive knowledge about spiritual things in a scholastic way. And the reason for this is that the heart must be active in order to fathom knowledge and truth, otherwise neither can be imparted to it. spiritual knowledge has nothing to do with worldly knowledge, indeed, even a person with little worldly knowledge will be far more receptive to spiritual knowledge because it is made known to him through the voice of the spirit, which only resounds in the heart and is heard the easier the less resistance is put up to it by intellectual knowledge, which mostly rebels against spiritual knowledge. The mind is exposed to all influences; both good and bad forces try to assert themselves, and that is why it is full of wisdom, which, however, does not always have to be truth. It is human wisdom that fills the thinking of a person who has only gained it intellectually. However, only the working of the spirit in the human being offers a guarantee of pure truth. Consequently, divine wisdom does not come from outside but from within, from the heart, and can therefore only be heard if the human being is introspective. But the truth never comes to him from the outside unless the bearer of the truth has been taught by God Himself, i.e. the spirit of God has come alive in him. It would now be wrong to want to deny knowledge of the truth to every worldly researcher, just as, conversely, a person taught by the spirit of God can also have great worldly knowledge, provided that spiritual knowledge was sought first and therefore God provides him with spiritual and earthly knowledge.... He then only grants access to the knowing beings, and they also consider him according to the truth, both spiritually and earthly. But he must also utilize the spiritual knowledge towards his fellow human beings, otherwise it cannot expand if the spiritual knowledge is the result of unselfish loving activity towards his neighbour. Thus every intellectual researcher must at the same time fulfil the commandment of neighbourly love in order to penetrate knowledge that cannot be gained purely intellectually. People do not want to accept this because it is incomprehensible to them that thoughts are born in the heart, i.e. that thinking, feeling and willing are decisive as long as thoughts move in spiritual areas. Only a person whose feelings and will are good and noble, who is therefore able and willing to love, can think rightly, i.e. think truthfully. For his thoughts are guided by the spirit in him, which, however, can only work in a loving person. But the spirit in the human being receives the truth from the spirit outside himself, which is God's emanation of love, which therefore knows everything because it is divine, whereas the human being, who lives without love, cannot partake of this emanation of God's love and his thoughts are merely the transmissions of ignorant forces as soon as they touch upon spiritual areas or the function of the thinking organs, where earthly questions are merely solved. And such results can and will always be disputed because the human being as such can always err. Love and truth cannot be separated from each other, because both are divine and therefore cannot be thought of without each other. But love is part of the heart, consequently truth can only be born in the heart, it must be felt and also recognized as truth by the heart, then received and thought through by the intellect and thus remain with man as intellectual property. The intellectual man, however, ponders and researches and tries to dissect everything, his heart remains mute and unfeeling as long as he is not active in love, and then he comes to conclusions that are completely erroneous; but he tries to prove them again with false intellectual results. He is convinced of the correctness of his conclusions only to doubt them again when another intellectual researcher has arrived at different results and again supports them as the only correct ones. The spirit from God, however, gives simple and clearly understandable explanations which are so plausible to the human being if he is in love. He knows no doubts because his heart, his being capable of love, also gives him the power of realization and the explanations of the divine spirit are understandable and therefore credible to him. He knows that he walks in truth, he also knows that this truth can never be refuted, that it always and constantly remains the same, because the truth from God is eternally unchanging, just as God, as the giver of truth, remains unchanging for eternity....

amen

A teaching activity also requires one's own intellectual thinking, it requires being completely permeated by knowledge which the human being is now to pass on. Only the person whose will is first willing to increase his knowledge in order to be able to fulfil his task, who therefore first allows himself to be taught by Me before he can carry out his task, receives the assignment to be active as a teacher from Me. Hence he has to let his intellect and heart participate, he cannot **only** accept spiritual knowledge with his heart and switch off his intellect, thus be a mediumistic tool of the beings of the kingdom of light, but as an earthly human being he has to utilize the spiritual gift, thus submit it to his intellect so that he, too, professes it and can now represent it to his fellow human beings as logical and claiming faith. The intellect must not be switched off, because the eternal truth, which is the content of the teaching, is again first received by the intellect before it touches the heart of the listener. For humanity itself is not yet able to directly receive truthful spiritual knowledge, which is then first conveyed through the heart.... It still has to be brought to people from outside and thus first presented to the intellect, and therefore the spiritual knowledge has to be able to withstand every intellectual examination. Hence it is also to be understood that people are suitable for spreading My gospel if they possess a clear faculty of judgment themselves, if their intellect is awakened, although the awakened **spirit** is first required in order to be able to receive the truth from Me directly, in order to be instructed in higher wisdom as My pupil. Only then can a teaching ministry be administered correctly on which countless people's salvation depends, because only truth leads to the aim. Thus I prepare the disciples of the last days for Myself, I know how urgently necessary it is to spread the pure truth amongst people and I also know who is suitable for spreading it, both in terms of their soul and their physical constitution. Soul and body are in harmony with those who are to serve Me, yet their serving tasks are also different. I do not assign all of them to teaching activities because their abilities are different. Nevertheless, all who belong to Me can exert their influence on their fellow human beings by setting an example through their way of life, which is often more successful than speeches and teachings. Therefore everyone shall serve according to his ability, and everyone will be placed by Me in the place where he can work if love for Me and his fellow human beings impels him to do so. But anyone who is destined for teaching activity will be introduced to his office by Me Myself, and his will and his love for Me will also guarantee him the right success....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Listening to the inner voice

'Enter into thy closet....'

B.D. No. 6050

September 13th 1954

Withdraw into your closet if you want to pray, for only in solitude can you find the connection with Me, only in solitude can you unite with Me so intimately that I can hear your voice, that your prayer is sent to Me in spirit and in truth. And even if you are in dire trouble while you are amongst people or are put under pressure from outside you must detach yourselves for a few moments from your surroundings and send a short but heartfelt call to Me, and I will hear you and help you.... I just want to hear your heart speak and not merely your mouth.... And therefore you must enter the closet of your heart, you must withdraw from the world and from everything that might disrupt your silent prayer. You must avoid everything that attracts your eyes, that makes such an impression on you that it will take your mind off Me.... you must completely disregard all outside impressions. You must withdraw into solitude and turn your thoughts to Me.... only then will you be able to pray in spirit and in truth, only then will you come to Me like children come to the Father and confide all your problems to Me.

And then your Father will always be willing to help you. Then you yourselves will apply strength to your prayer, you yourselves will determine the fulfilment of your requests, for if you speak to Me like a child speaks to its Father I cannot deny you any wish and My help is assured to you. But if the words are only shaped by your mouth, and if this happens for hours on end, they will not reach My ear, they will fade away unheeded, for this kind of prayer has no strength, such a prayer is abhorrent to Me.... And therefore it is up to yourselves whether your prayers will be granted, for I promised you that I will give you what you ask of Me.... And My Word will indeed come to pass. Nevertheless, I only pay attention to the words of your heart but you often believe that you have done enough by prattling with your mouth and are disappointed if your prayers are not then granted.... Withdraw into the closet of your heart and then speak to Me freely, with complete confidence, and your wishes will indeed be granted....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Consciously listening within.... The voice of the spirit....

B.D. No. 3612

November 24th 1945

To consciously listen within oneself furthers spiritual development to a great extent, for this enables the direct acceptance of strength from the spiritual kingdom. It demonstrates the will to make contact with the spiritual sphere, that is, with God, and where this will exists there is also the guarantee that God will draw close to a person, that He will reveal Himself, mentally or through the voice of the spirit which, however, can only be heard by a person who has prepared himself for receiving spiritual gifts. But he will be greatly blessed.... A source will be opened up to him from which he can constantly draw a delectably refreshing drink, God Himself will offer him a gift which is bound to advance his higher development because it originates from God and acts as a means to totally unite the person with God. An incredible wealth of grace will be made accessible to him, everlasting treasures which come from the spiritual kingdom and which the person will be able to take across into the spiritual kingdom in order to work with them there for his own happiness and for the salvation of innumerable souls in need. The spiritual wealth accepted by a person through the inner voice is often so extensive that he is unable to fully understand and use it, nevertheless, he will be inconceivably happy in the spiritual kingdom, for the extent of his wealth also determines his activity

and the degree of his bliss. He accepted the divine gift of his own free will, he has voluntarily worked at shaping himself into a receiving terminal for the strength of the spirit, and this will is blessed by God.... He lets His spirit take effect in the person, He imbues him with strength and grace, He grants him unlimited knowledge and guides him into eternal truth.... But He can never ever offer this delectable gift to a human being who does nothing in order to make himself receptive, who neglects to work at improving himself or who refrains from consciously listening within.... For imparting spiritual wealth to him would signify compulsory faith and the soul's maturing against his will, but this would contradict the divine law of order.

To someone who remains in private communication with God, who asks Him and waits for the answer and thus also consciously listens within, He will speak mentally, He will steer the person's train of thought in the right direction, He will instruct him according to his faith and his spiritual maturity. For every connection with God through prayer or thoughts inclined towards Him opens the heart to the influx of strength from the spiritual kingdom, and the person can always be endowed with strength and grace, he becomes a receiving vessel for the divine spirit as soon as he believes in the working of the spirit, in God's working within the human being. This faith is the prerequisite in order to become receptive; otherwise, the human being will not consciously listen to that which the voice of the spirit proclaims. And this faith is only rarely to be found, consequently, the working of the spirit manifests itself only rarely too. This is also the reason for humanity's spiritual hardship, because it ignores the source of life from which it would always be able to refresh and fortify itself. The human being cannot mature without a spiritual flow of strength, he cannot advance but instead remains at the same stage of development. However, spiritual strength can only be conveyed to earth from the spiritual kingdom and therefore requires a connection between the spiritual kingdom and earth, which needs to be voluntarily established. Where this will is absent humanity is weak, the souls suffer spiritual hardship and cannot receive help.... For this reason God avails Himself of a human being who fully consciously makes himself available as a mediator between the spiritual kingdom and Earth.... who, with profound faith in God's working through the spirit, attunes himself as a receiving terminal, who prepares himself as a receiving vessel for the divine spirit due to his will to help his fellow human beings and to be of service to God. And thus divine gifts of grace flow to him without measure.... the spring of divine wisdom pours into this vessel for the benefit of all who drink from it, who do not bypass the source of eternal life but refresh and strengthen themselves on their journey through life. Their path of ascent will be an easy one, they will travel it by holding on to God's hand and thus safely reach the goal, for His gift is delectable and guarantees spiritual success for everyone who accepts it from His hand....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Exercise to hear the voice of the spirit....

B.D. No. 3732

April 1st 1946

You can distinctly hear the voice of the spirit in you providing you want to hear it and mentally make it known to God yourselves, since this mental expression of will enables you to receive thought transmissions from the spiritual kingdom. You cannot receive information unless you yourselves desire to receive it, but God responds to every heartfelt desire and gives to you in accordance with your degree of maturity and will. However, you have to observe the thoughts which approach you in a variety of ways when you ponder spiritual problems. They will affect you differently, appear to be acceptable or unacceptable to you and, providing you had prayed for enlightenment of spirit first, you can safely accept or ignore what you feel is right. Then you can follow your feelings and you will accept what is right but dismiss what is wrong. Thoughts from the spiritual world affect you in proportion to the strength of your desire for truth, so that a person who genuinely desires truth remains unaffected by wrong thought currents. In that case the influence of misguided forces is no longer sufficient to captivate a person, since the beings of light have free reign and the human being readily opens himself to their thought transmissions.

You have to practise this process of spiritual activity, i.e. you have to pay more attention to your inner life, withdraw into solitude more often, and if you would like clarification about a problem, spend a longer period of time in thought. However, this exercise always needs to be preceded by heartfelt prayer in order to establish a connection with God and thus also with the spiritual forces, who work in accordance with his will and whose actions consist of transmitting utmost truthful spiritual knowledge. This sincere connection protects you from contact with misguided forces who, understandably, endeavour to cloud and confuse your thoughts, because the battle of darkness against light and vice versa forms the basis of everything and will still continue for eternity. But anyone who acknowledges God as the most loving, wise and omnipotent being, who consciously enters into contact with this supremely perfect Being, who constantly strives to fulfil His will and then, having fulfilled these conditions, desires to know the pure truth, will not be left by God to fall prey to the forces of darkness....

God Himself will instruct him and the human being need only open his heart, listen inwardly and consider his thoughts, and he will truly be on the right track and receive clarification when he desires it. Because God, the eternal truth, also wants to convey the truth to his living creations, but God, the eternal love, also requires the human beings' will to shape themselves into love too, and anyone who endeavours to do so also aspires after truth, since God, love and truth are unthinkable without each other. And thus every human being who is willing to love and desires the truth is also able to hear the voice of God, Who expresses himself through the spirit in a person.... mentally or, in a state of advanced maturity, also vocally. And a person always receives the same truth, which is totally synonymous with the Word, which is directly transmitted by God's great love to people on earth through awakened servants and prophets, who have voluntarily offered their service to Him in order to help erring souls in utmost spiritual hardship. For there is immense spiritual darkness and people urgently need help if they want to become perfect....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Inner life.... Withdrawing into seclusion....

B.D. No. 4343

June 20th 1948

Go into seclusion and allow Me to speak to you, and you will hear an abundance of wonderful things, a world of ideas will be revealed to you which otherwise would remain unknown to you, for I Myself will guide you into regions which are new to you and yet seem appealing to you once you have entered them. Spiritual instruction is extremely valuable because you will keep it forever; it is truly far more beneficial for you than any increase of earthly knowledge, for all this will fall away or be forgotten the moment you physically die, spiritual knowledge, however, shines like a bright light and casts a gentle gleam which attracts entirely uninformed souls because it affects them beneficially. Thus you may accept spiritual knowledge from My hand if you withdraw into seclusion, if you enter into silent communication with Me in your closet. You should seek seclusion, that is, leave the world behind you, live an inner life in frequent union with Me.... And I will always be a willing Teacher for you Who will convey the knowledge you need, which you are missing and which makes you happy. As long as you are attracted to the world, you will find it difficult to make spiritual contact with Me, for I stand outside the world, yet I Am at all times within reach for you if you turn away from the world. I Am always available, but whether you have time for Me remains up to you, nevertheless, every minute you think of Me is a blessing for you.

Therefore gather spiritual wealth, it is extremely precious, and make good use of your time, be aware of the fact that it will never be wasted if you enter into contact with Me, if you withdraw from the world, and remember that you merely acquire illusive possessions with every service the world demands of you. Only love for other people has the same value, because it equally results in a connection with Me and enables My working in you.... So you should often talk to Me if you want to gather eternal treasures for yourselves. I will always assign the right task for you, I will guide you to

where you can be lovingly active, I will send people to you whom you can inspire into discussions which direct their thoughts to Me again, as your Teacher I will provide you with the knowledge which you should pass on to them, and I will always be with you, because every connection from earth to Me is beneficial and will help you to ascend. For this is My promise to you 'I remain with you until the end....' Understand these Words and realise that you yourselves have to enable Me to be present with you through your will, that you must withdraw into solitude and lift your thoughts up to Me.... Then I will be and remain with you for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

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

B.D. No. 5760

September 3rd 1953

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

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

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Everyone can hear God's speech.... in form of thoughts....

B.D. No. 5469

August 23rd 1952

Impart to you the Word of love, of comfort and of encouragement, and wherever you lack knowledge I will always enlighten you, but you must establish a connection with Me yourselves otherwise I cannot speak to you.... However, My speech will not always be heard by you, rather, your thoughts will noticeably shape themselves in such a way as I want to speak to you, providing you pay

attention to it and wait until My communication has been received by you. For this much I want to say to you: As soon as you merely think of Me, speak to Me in prayer or call upon Me for help My love will already be with you.... You will not speak in vain, but I hear all your thoughts and will also answer you. However, only few people wait for My answer, only few people are so profoundly devout that they are convinced of My reply, therefore I can only seldom make Myself known to a person so that he can recognise My clear answer in his feelings and thoughts.... Not a single word you speak to Me in deep devotion goes astray, and not a single word will be left unanswered by Me....

Even so, your soul very often disregards something which would make it extremely happy. You have not developed your spiritual ear as yet and therefore don't perceive the response of My love.... All those of you who make contact with Me in heartfelt prayer can consider yourselves addressed by Me.... but if you also want to understand My speech, which you all yearn to hear, then you must train your spiritual ear, for you all should strive to achieve this task, because it would make your earthly life considerably easier since it is truly blissful to be able to hear My speech which, without exception, applies to all those of you who enter into heartfelt communication with Me. You would all draw much strength and comfort from My speech, which will only ever be perceived by you in the form of feelings and thoughts, which could provide you with inner serenity and the feeling of security, hence you would truly be comforted and strengthened by My Fatherly love which constantly applies to all of His children. Consequently you should, after you have prayed to Me in spirit and in truth, wait and remain in thought of Me and you will sense My presence, and your soul will receive the gift of My Fatherly love.... For I draw all those towards Me who call upon Me, who enter into heartfelt conversation with Me, and I want to give to them whatever makes them happy....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Working of the spirit

'I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh....'

B.D. No. 7501

January 17th 1960

If you are being addressed by Me, My spirit will descend upon you, My eternal Father-Spirit will make contact with the spiritual spark in you, which remains inseparably as one with Me and is merely an emanated spark which shall return to Me, which shall repeatedly unite itself with the Father-Spirit again. If you are being addressed by Me you will be imbued by the fire of My love, the spiritual spark in you will ignite and spring into action.... It comes alive in you according to its fundamental element. And then a spiritual exchange can take place, that is, spiritual insights can be conveyed to the person, for My spirit is all-knowing, there is nothing it does not know, nothing is unclear to it, it is as knowledgeable as I am and also emanates its knowledge as I do.... It is My spirit which is speaking to you, it is not a second part of Me, it is I Myself Who speaks Words of love and wisdom to you. For you are My once emanated strength of love, you are spirit of My spirit and therefore also always in contact with Me because the strength of love cannot separate itself from Me, only you, as created beings, can keep yourselves distant from Me.... but it is only a distance which exists in **your** consciousness which, however, on My part cannot remain like this forever, because your fundamental element is the same as I Am: strength of love will forever be in contact with the source of strength. And this contact becomes a reality when you hear Me, when My spirit descends into an open vessel and thus permeates the human being so that he will be able to hear My voice. Then the distance between the human being and Me will be repealed, he will have moved near to his God and Father again, he will let the spiritual spark in him become a flame and this will leap back again to the fire of the Eternal Love.... The tiny spark in the human being finds its path to Me, and the connection is also established by the **human being's** will, it exists forever and can never be broken. But it concerns the **conscious** contact.... This should be aspired to by the human being so that the distance will be repealed, a person should want to be in contact with Me which then enables the working of My spirit, then My spirit will be able to 'pour out upon all flesh....' And that will very evidently happen during the last days before the end: 'My spirit will pour upon all flesh, servants and handmaidens shall prophesy....' For people only rarely establish the connection with Me now, so that I must evidently manifest Myself through the spirit by choosing people for Myself who are not opposed to Me, who prepare themselves as a receiving vessel for My spirit so that I can pour My spirit into them and then speak through them to humanity for their benefit and spiritual advantage. It is necessary that I speak to you humans....

You should all listen to My voice, and you should all take stock of yourselves, consider My Words, live accordingly and thus prepare yourselves for the end which you cannot avoid because the time has come to an end. I pour out My spirit upon all flesh.... This has been announced to humanity in advance, hence you should not find it difficult to believe in My working of this nature.... You should realise that the time I referred to is upon you, that I will speak to you through servants and handmaidens who, on My instructions, shall inform you through their prophetic spirit. For they will predict future events, they will remind you of My predictions and you will be unable to deny that My spirit will pour itself out again, that these proclaimers do not speak their own words but voice that which is revealed to them by My spirit. I need them as mediators who are to bring My Word to you humans in all purity and clarity again, I need them to speak on My behalf, because My Words are necessary to warn you of the dangers you are facing if you don't take stock of yourselves and change. For all you humans go on existing without love and thereby become slaves to My adversary.... You must change yourselves into love, then you will take the path to Me and be saved from the downfall. But you don't have much time left, consequently My voice sounds ever louder, and I speak to you ever

more frequently through the mouth of My servants and prophets; I only ask of you to believe those who keep receiving the flow of My spirit because they shall speak on My instructions.... And you will not regret having complied with their admonitions by listening to them and by merely making an effort to live according to the Word which sounds to you from above through My servants, which is your Father's voice of eternity and shall also guide you back again to Me, from Whom you once came forth and distanced yourselves of your own free will.... Heed My Word from above and know that it is the working of My spirit, that I want to help you and therefore avail Myself of these servants and handmaidens by pouring out My spirit so that I can speak through them to all of you.... so that you will not approach your ruin when the time has been fulfilled....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Prerequisite for the 'outpouring of the spirit'....

B.D. No. 7822

February 10th 1961

The outpouring of the spirit requires certain conditions to be fulfilled, because My spirit can only pour into an open receptacle which has been prepared such that My spirit will be able to flow into it. This preparation, in turn, requires psychological work which the person must have carried out on himself, with other words: The human being must have prepared an abode for Me, because My presence is absolutely necessary in order to be able to express Myself through My spirit. Although the spiritual spark rests dormant in every person it must first be awakened to life, the relationship with the eternal Father-Spirit must be established first, before it can express itself. And this bond will be established, the spiritual spark will come alive, when the human being lives a life of love, when he, through loving actions, draws Me Myself to himself, Who is Love Itself.... Through love, the human being has to purify his soul from all layers which cannot be penetrated by light, then he prepares himself, he shapes himself into a receiving vessel for the divine spirit, he fulfils the conditions which result in an outpouring of the spirit. And he must believe that My spirit flows into him, that the Father wants and is able to speak to His child.... And again, he will only **believe** this if he shapes himself into love.... for only when he believes in a working of My spirit within himself will he also attentively listen within to what this spirit communicates to him. As long as this belief is missing, he will never be able to speak of a 'gift of the spirit', he will simply not awaken the dormant forces within him and, thus, they will not be able to express themselves either, although they are present in him. Love will, however, soon enlighten his thinking, this is why a loving person will also soon be able to believe if his striving is spiritually-orientated, and he tries to live in accordance with My will.

Yet My spirit will not push itself to the fore.... no human being will ever hear the voice of My spirit who has not consciously established a bond with Me in order to hear Me.... For it requires him to listen inwards if he wants to hear Me and receive instructions full of wisdom, which only My spirit can impart to him. And precisely this belief in the working of My spirit has been lost by people so that they look at a completely natural process, which was only intended to demonstrate My great love for people, with utter incredulity, even though I Myself gave them a promise to stay with people and to guide them into all truth.... They don't understand this promise or they would believe in it and grant greater significance to My Word which sounds to them from above or is passed on to them through My messengers.... My spirit merely requires a prepared vessel so that it can pour into it.... Then, however, He will also give evidence of Himself, It will speak to you like a Father speaks to His children, and He will enlighten you whenever you desire to be taught by Him. But He cannot express Himself where love and faith are missing, where the human being has not carried out the work of improving his soul by shaping himself into love and having already discarded all impurities of his soul. For I can only take abode in a pure heart full of love which can bear My presence.... However, wherever these prerequisites are present that is where I dwell and testify to My presence.... I pour out My spirit over all flesh.... I teach and comfort, I guide people into truth, I remain with them until the end of the world....

Various spiritual activities: wisdom, seeing, prophecy.... (Konnersreuth)

B.D. No. 4470

October 26th 1948

My spirit can only become effective where people have aligned themselves with My fundamental nature, where they have shaped themselves into love. The individual's life, which denomination he belongs to and which origin he has, is irrelevant, and therefore everyone can cultivate different habits, everyone can practice different customs and traditions, everyone can have been educated in different religious doctrines.... as soon as he lives a life of love according to My will he can also be filled by My spirit and achieve supernatural things. However, the working of the spirit is of a different kind insofar as one person is imparted profound **wisdom**, profound spiritual **knowledge**, while the other is able to **see** spiritually, thus he can see and experience things which are most closely related to the spiritual kingdom, to Me Myself and the host of pure spirits. Thus he can look into the spiritual kingdom, which is the last aim of all human beings. With others again the **gift of prophecy** is the working of the spirit, so that they are able to look into the future and see the coming events taking place before their eyes. These, too, are filled with My Spirit, so that they must speak to their fellow men about their visions and about their prophetic gift. To see past, present and future things is the sign of an already **high** degree of maturity of the human being who is deprived of every concept of time as soon as he directs his gaze spiritually and thus now dwells spiritually in spheres far away from earth, his present sphere of activity. Such people are to be believed as long as their life is an exemplary life of love. Then no other than beings of light can make themselves known through them, then My spirit works in these people, for they are united with Me through love and can never stand apart from My will and act and think according to their own will. Love is therefore the surest sign of My presence, love is the guarantee for My working, no matter in which form the working of the spirit is expressed.

Thus My spirit can and will also work where a person was educated in the wrong direction of faith, where his thinking was steered into the wrong path by incompetent teachers in whom My spirit could not work and impart the pure truth to them. However, a person who thus thinks wrongly can nevertheless experience the working of My spirit through a right life of love, yet in a different form than through the transmission of truthful knowledge, for this would sometimes contradict the teachings of faith imparted to him and be of little use to the recipient. Thus My spirit works first by allowing the human being to gain insight into spiritual spheres which visually convey the truth to him, so that spiritual events are presented to him which correspond to the teachings of each individual denomination, which correspond to the truth, so that the working of the spirit will therefore only ever result in truth, even though the form is different....

(27.10.1948) People shall be given evidence of the truth of what is taught but can no longer be proven by documents, then the working of the spirit will extend to past results and it will make them visible to the person in whom it can work so that he will bear witness to things which can no longer be proven otherwise. Such people will see the past and the future with spiritual eyes, and they must always be granted the working of My spirit, which necessitates a profound, strong faith which can be found where love is present. Truthful knowledge cannot be conveyed from above to earth everywhere, because the acceptance of it requires a completely neutral heart which is free from a specific teaching, which, as it were, offers no resistance through its own spiritual knowledge which contradicts the truth. It must unconditionally accept what is offered to it from above. And therefore the human being may not be bound by knowledge which was given to him from outside and which does not correspond to the truth.... And therefore spiritual working in this form is rarely possible, because mostly the seekers have already joined a school of thought, whereas people outside of every school of thought are rarely seeking, rather they have no faith at all, but faith in Me and My working is the first prerequisite for My spirit to become effective in a person. A person who lives in love but is weak in faith likewise opposes My direct working in him through the spirit, otherwise I could express Myself far more through the human mouth; yet they don't want to acknowledge a direct working, a transfer of My word

to a person, because they lack this faith. And thus I can certainly arrange their thoughts and give them understanding for the only truth, I can also mentally introduce them to knowledge which they cannot accept from outside, yet they will always regard their thoughts as their own and not want to see My working in them. But where My spirit can work in an obvious way, where love and faith enable a direct transfer of My word to a person, there the power of the spirit clearly appears, and there all people should seek clarification, because then they can be certain of the fullest truth, because it is I Myself Who gives them this clarification through a person's mouth and hand. And I will always make sure that a source of truth gives living water to those who are thirsty; I will always make sure that bearers of truth walk the earth who can be true guides for their fellow human beings, who only impart to them what they have received from Me, who have prepared themselves to be the receiving vessel of the spirit and are therefore constantly instructed by My spirit in the truth, so that they will pass it on and be active in teaching according to My will....

Amen

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Work of the spirit in man....

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My spirit shall work in you, My strength shall become powerful in you.... for then I will work with you and you will work with Me.... And no matter how weak you feel as a human being, My spirit gives you strength and power which has a spiritual effect, My spirit fills your soul and guides it to perfection. And once you are filled by My spirit your physical weakness will also disappear, then you will receive strength from Me and you will be able to master everything and also meet earthly requirements. For then you will be closely united with Me and have unlimited strength at your disposal. But you must believe and in this convinced faith seek My bond, then no limits will be set for you, you can accomplish whatever you set your mind to, you will succeed in everything, for you will no longer undertake anything without Me. But which of you humans possesses this strong faith that he unconditionally hands himself over to Me in order to be able to work united with Me according to his will? You all do not yet have this faith which can move mountains. And therefore you are fainthearted and despondent.... But you should make an effort to allow My spirit to work in you, you should request My strength and make use of it, because it will be given to you without restriction as soon as you request it to work with love. And then you will also learn to believe when My strength visibly proves itself to you.... My spirit will guide you and you will think and want correctly and then also request strength from Me where you need it. I want you to be filled with My spirit, but you must also want the same or the working of My spirit will be impossible.... You only have to approach Me with convinced faith that I Myself will make you happy with My presence, then My spirit will also have to become active in you, for wherever I am I express Myself through the spirit. Just believe and want Me to be with you, and I will truly comply with this will and never leave you again. And then My spirit will work in you and My strength will flow through you and your soul will mature as long as it still lives on earth. But if My spirit is working in you then it will also instruct you from within, it will make you feel what you should or should not do, it will convey right thoughts to you, it will reveal knowledge to you, and it will also kindle love in you for your God and father of eternity, for My spirit in you is My share which draws you into love for Me Myself because it remains eternally inseparably united with Me. And thus it also has to impart strength to the person who allows it to work, for he has to live in love or the working of the spirit would be impossible. And a life of love irrevocably earns him a supply of strength from Me, Who is eternal love Itself. This is why the working of the spirit is always connected with the supply of strength, or also: My spirit is strength which gives itself to everyone who lives in love.... This person will be brightly enlightened and his soul will also be able to do the work on itself full of strength.... And the human being will become aware of this supply of strength as soon as he establishes the heartfelt bond with Me, and then he will also consciously use it to work in love.... And then I will be in him and he will be in Me.... And then he will work united with Me with My strength....

God's rightful representatives on earth....

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Living 'representatives of God' on earth must be filled by My spirit otherwise they cannot serve Me in the right way. For they shall speak in My stead if they want to be My true representatives, and therefore they must speak as My spirit announces to them.... they must allow Me Myself to speak through them and thus address people directly.... They have to fulfil the conditions which allow the working of the spirit in them: they have to live in love themselves and lively believe that I reveal Myself to those who prepare themselves, and they have to constantly seek intimate contact with Me in order to be able to hear Me Myself within themselves. My true representatives on earth are driven by My spirit, for as soon as they are in living contact with Me My will is theirs and they cannot help but speak what **I** want to say to people. My true representatives must be filled by My spirit.... then they will also be able to give to their listeners what touches their hearts, because then I will speak to them Myself and My word will truly penetrate the heart when the human being longs for 'God's word'.... This is why **My** word can be heard everywhere on condition that the proclaimer first makes such heartfelt contact with Me that I Myself speak through him. And such intimate contact also includes love, otherwise the preacher does not desire to establish the bond with Me but speaks to his listeners out of his intellect and these words do not find an echo in their hearts.... unless the longing for My word is so strong in a person that I Myself want to address this person and then he also withdraws the strength from the word of God. However, the knowledge of the working of the spirit has been lost to people and even the proclaimers of the divine word lack the understanding for it. They don't believe that I speak to people Myself, that I only use the right instrument to address people directly.... They don't believe that God always reveals Himself in every way, that He speaks directly to a person who fulfils the conditions I attach to a direct reception of the word.... And because they don't believe in it themselves, they don't make themselves a receptacle for My spirit either.... And then they are also not suitable to work as My 'representatives' on earth, for a **true** representative has to serve Me as a mouthpiece, he has to let Me speak through himself so that people will receive 'God's word' in truth, for the proclaimers shall speak in My stead, they shall not submit their own intellectual work to people, they shall only ever hear what I Myself speak to them.... they shall let My spirit work in them.... But where faith in My working of the spirit is lacking, a person cannot claim to be 'My representative on earth' either, for only the working of My spirit in him stamps him as such. And this office can never be transferred from one person to another, no person can ever feel called to elevate a fellow human being to a 'representative of God' on earth, for this office belongs to Me alone. I choose My servants for Myself, I send the disciples into the world, I Myself speak through those who have prepared themselves to be a receiving vessel of My spirit.... I choose the right representatives for Myself on earth, for I know who is suitable for such an office, I know who serves Me as a mouthpiece, who completely enters into My will, who unites with Me so intimately that I can speak to people through him. And people will also recognize for themselves if and when they feel addressed by a sermon, for the right representative will find the right words which touch their hearts. Yet there are only a few of them, and yet I cannot deviate from My condition that the working of the spirit is necessary if proper vineyard work is to be done. Anyone who wants to work for Me and in My stead must have an awakened spirit or he will not be able to pass on the truth to his fellow human beings which originates from Me Myself. But without truth the path to Me is blocked, for no human being will be able to reach Me by the path of error.... But the truth is conveyed to you humans by the spirit from Me, which is why only such one in whom My spirit can work can be a **true** representative of Me on earth....

Amen

No further explanation is required for the transmission of My word from above other than that I Myself want to bestow the **truth** upon you because you walk in error, because you have perverted many doctrines of faith and because in the course of time the gospel I taught on earth has been contaminated in such a way that your spirit has become darkened instead of enlightened. You have made assertions which completely deviate from the truth and it is no longer possible for you to recognize Me and My nature correctly.... You interpret the written word, the scriptures, in a wrong way, you go by the letters and don't know the spiritual meaning of the words which I have put into them.... You are no longer able to distinguish 'God's word' from additional human work.... You argue with each other because everyone represents **different** doctrines, and you are far away from the pure truth.... And I want to give it to you again and therefore convey My word to earth, I bring you a light in whose glow you can recognize error if you yourselves desire the pure truth.... again and again the human being's intellect has intervened and suppressed the truth, because the intellect can be influenced by My adversary who fights against the truth because he wants to prevent you from **recognizing Me correctly** and then also striving towards Me.... Yet if you want to live in the light of truth you must also do your part: You must **live in love** and **desire the truth**.... Then it will also be your share. Yet **without** love you will not grasp the truth either, and you will distort its meaning **again** and continue to remain in error. The fact that I therefore manifestly appear by giving you evidence of My presence when I address you should not seem strange to you, for I am the **eternal truth** and will again and again seek access to you because I want to grant you eternal life which, however, can only be found through truth. But only the person who possesses the truth himself will be able to approach his fellow human beings as a teacher, and this person must have received it from Me himself.... But many people 'teach' who do not yet know the truth themselves, and error is spread instead of proclaiming the truth. The teacher must be so intimately united with Me that he receives the truth directly from Me when he teaches his fellow human beings.... Thus a 'teacher' must be filled by **My spirit**, then he will only represent the pure truth, because then he will be a true labourer for Me in My vineyard who scatters good seed in people's hearts which shall sprout and bear fruit. Therefore, everyone should first shape himself such that I Myself can speak through him if he wants to instruct his fellow human beings as a preacher, if he wants to bring them the gospel which guarantees pure truth.... which I Myself taught when I lived on earth. If My spirit cannot work in a 'teacher' then someone else will speak from him, for then it will not be his **heart** which impels him to proclaim the gospel but only his **intellect**, which My adversary can then also use by trying to obscure the light which, however, the pure truth signifies for the human being. You, who proclaim My gospel, you should be serious about shaping yourselves so that I can pour out My spirit upon you.... You shall not speak out of your intellect, but you shall let Me Myself speak through the heart.... And truly, you will distance yourselves from teachings which are untrue, you will inwardly resist advocating something which does not correspond to the truth, for My spirit will then warn you against it.... And you should check how far your thinking is in accordance with My word, which I Myself convey to you from above.... For I am the eternal truth, and what is from Me must be truth.... And you will also recognize the origin of it at any time if you yourselves are serious about standing in the pure truth.... Only I Myself can convey it to you, and I am truly always willing to shine a light into the darkness on earth, for only in the light will you find the right path, only through the light of truth will you attain eternal life....

Amen

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Testing the spirit

'Test the spirits whether they are of God....' 1 John 4:1-3....

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The human being's will must remain free, it can neither be forced to accept nor to reject something, for this is the law of divine order. However, it will always be possible to recognise what you are offered through My great love and grace, therefore you should not rashly renounce something just because it exposes existing errors and provides you with a truthful explanation.... Consider that you are only offered something **better**, that you ought to let go of negative thoughts which give you a wrong image of Me.... consider that something is merely being corrected that cannot be reconciled with My perfection.... Furthermore, consider that it **cannot** be the work of an evil spirit which provides you with clarification about Jesus and His act of Salvation.... Also remember that nothing remains as unchanged as it once originated from Me, because no human being exists who is already perfect and that therefore every person can also err.... but that I, if an error has occurred, must always correct it again in order to guide you into the pure truth once more. If the explanations about Jesus Christ and His act of Salvation therefore make you humans realise that it can only be the working of a good spirit.... and if you are repeatedly informed of the fact that in the very beginning I externalised you in all perfection.... if I only ever describe the act of creation to you in a way that you need not doubt My perfection, then I also have had My reason for this, which consists of the great error far too many people have accepted by now.... Hence I had to refute it and choose a vessel for Myself, whose credibility can always be verified by you through the clarification about Jesus Christ and His act of Salvation, about the reason and significance of the same.

And truly, only **I Myself** could have addressed you, only I Myself could have explained all correlations to you and provided you with the evidence that you are addressed by Me.... So why don't you want to accept the explanation about the error which, after all, is clearly self-evident? **I** do not contradict Myself, yet anyone can clearly recognise an obvious contradiction if he seriously thinks about My nature....

But the offer of the pure truth also resolves other questions which necessarily had to follow an erroneous thought, such as these: Why did I make such an effort to lead the spirits, whose 'fall into sin' was (supposedly) caused by 'Me Myself', out of this wretched condition again?.... And why would I want to lead **you** into perfection if I Am **not** perfect Myself, which is indicated by the fact that you look upon Me as being afflicted with human weaknesses.... a statement which never came forth from Me and must therefore be regarded as satanic influence. I cannot often enough oppose this misguided teaching.... that all opposites are inherent in Me.... but you have accepted it as a matter of fact precisely because, as human beings, you cannot conceive anything of perfection. The whole act of creation would have proceeded without love and wisdom, and yet, love and wisdom were the decisive factors.... However, it cannot be reconciled with My love and wisdom that I created My living creations with evil instincts, because in that case one cannot speak of a 'sin against Me', but this has occurred and consisted of the 'rejection of My strength of love'.... **This** sin is the reason why the being has to take the appalling process through the creations, and this sin will only be removed when the human being once again voluntarily **desires** My illumination. This sin of resisting My strength of love also resulted in spiritual darkness, during which the being was receptive for the evil characteristics My adversary had brought into being. Hence it reversed its nature into the opposite and must dispel all these evil characteristics during its earthly progress, and I will help it do so in every possible way. Yet the redemption of the immense sin of rejecting My strength of love necessitated Jesus Christ's act of Salvation.... It cannot be removed by the being itself because it took place in a state of brightest

realisation, in a state of perfection, which should have stopped the being, but the sin had already been the adversary's influence who was the first to reject My love and, in this state, brought forth all evil and transferred it onto **those** beings which voluntarily surrendered to him and thus plunged into the abyss with him.... Of what use is it to you if I constantly speak of My infinite love for you, **had it caused** your fall in the past in the first place? This boundless love can only be possessed by a profoundly perfect Being, and this Being also endeavours to bestow upon you your former perfection again, which you had willingly given up. Consequently, I will repeatedly counteract misguided teachings in order to return your faith in My perfection so that I will gain all of your love as well, which shall restore the original state again in which you once emerged from Me....

Amen

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'Test all things and keep what is good....'

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Test all things and keep what is good.... I say this to those who are inclined to doubt, who don't possess the ability to make correct judgments and are apprehensive about accepting spiritual knowledge which is offered to them in an unusual way. Accept it with a completely open mind, and then ask Me for enlightenment of spirit and reflect on what you have received.... And, for the time being, ignore what seems unacceptable to you because you are at present unable to understand it, and enjoy what, after serious examination, is credible to you.... I don't expect you to have **blind** faith, I expect you to test the spiritual knowledge which is made accessible to you; you are meant to think about it, and it is better you reject what seems incomprehensible to you than accept everything unreservedly, for if you have not formed an opinion about such mental concepts they will not be of benefit to you.... But if you are serious and want the pure truth, then you will also clearly recognise the truth if My messengers offer you spiritual knowledge which has originated from Me. For this Word contains the strength to give life.... providing, however, that life is being aspired to.

Test all things and keep what is good.... Do these Words not contradict the imposition of believing something **without** thinking about it? After all, I Myself leave it up to you what to believe when I ask you to keep 'what is good'.... I leave it up to you because I don't demand blind faith from you humans. But why do **you**, who demand that 'thinking about religious doctrines' must be avoided, stop people from examining.... Are **you** not acting against My will? And are you also aware of the consequences such compulsion of faith will have on people? Time and again I emphasise freedom of will, time and again I bring the individual person's responsibility for his decision of will to the fore, time and again I caution against spiritual compulsion and explain to you what really matters in earthly life....

And the Scripture, too, provides you with the evidence with these Words 'Test all things and keep what is good....', which should make every person, who genuinely wants to fulfil My will, suspicious that they don't coincide with the ecclesiastical laws and make him think.... After all, whose Word, whose teachings, are more credible? And you cannot imply any other meaning to these My Words but that you should form an opinion about every religious dogma. You are supposed to form an opinion of it, regardless of who presents spiritual knowledge to you, for even the pure truth coming from Me, which is conveyed to you directly from above, may be scrutinised by you, and I will not condemn you if you think that you **cannot** accept everything without hesitation.... You should only always seek advice from Me and I will give you the understanding of what you need for the maturity of your souls.... And if you still have a low degree of maturity, you will not be able to understand **everything**, but you yourselves determine what you are prepared to accept.... Test all things and keep what is good.... For by doing so you prove the sincerity of your attitude and your desire for truth. But anyone who accepts something without checking it demonstrates his indifference, and he will never move within the truth either, **because** it is irrelevant to him. Yet this kind of attitude should never be promoted by a responsible person, people should be encouraged and not stopped to reflect on spiritual

knowledge, for only then will it be beneficial and help the human being attain maturity of soul, since free will is being employed and its decision alone is important....

Amen

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Test the spirits.... Act of Salvation.... Criterion Jesus Christ....

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By the contents of the proclamations it is easily established whose spirit reveals itself, and attention must always be paid as to whether and in what way the divine Redeemer is mentioned, because this is of greatest importance in the scrutiny of mystic proclamations. If Jesus Christ is acknowledged as Redeemer of the world then it is the most certain guarantee that the proclamation has come from above, that the spirit of God speaks through a person who is receptive to Him, hears His voice and passes it on as His Word. In that case the human being need not have the slightest qualms anymore and he can be certain that purest truth touches his ear and that he fulfils God's will by distributing the Word from above. Then he will have reached a particular degree of maturity which allows for a direct transfer of truth, for the act of Salvation is a mystery which can only be unveiled when the necessary understanding for it exists in a human being. Only when a person is in contact with the spiritual kingdom himself, which enables a direct communication, will he understand Christ's act of Salvation, that is, he will be able to comprehend and explain the problem of 'Jesus Christ - God', because the miracle which turned Jesus Christ into a divine man is paralleled by this person's spiritual activity, even though to an incomparably lesser extent. Nevertheless, Jesus' divinity is no longer a question for him, and he can also explain it to his fellow human beings with conviction, because the act of God's spiritual working is taking place in him which is evidenced by the received spiritual knowledge from above. Anyone who therefore conducts an examination in order to establish which forces are at work during such a transmission will soon become convinced of the truth providing he is not impervious to the Book of the Fathers or rejects it. God will not leave His Own in doubt, and He will never leave a person who desires the truth in ignorance. And so He Himself advised people to test the spirits whether they are of God, and at the same time specified the criterion of truth and that of error.

For this reason people can unhesitatingly advocate the truth of the received proclamations from above, not even the slightest doubt need trouble their heart, for Jesus Christ offers Himself as a touchstone, because His adversary will never acknowledge Him and His human manifestation or inform people of Christ's act of Salvation. Jesus Himself says 'I Am the way, the truth, and the life....' Thus anyone who walks with Him, who speaks on His behalf, who professes Him, must also know the truth without fail and cannot go astray. Consequently, proclamations pertaining to Him and His act of Salvation can never be inspired by the adversary, who will not mention His name. They must absolutely be acknowledged and judged as divine working, otherwise faith in God's Word as well as the process of the working of the spirit would be invalid which, however, gives evidence of itself through the reception of spiritual proclamations. Anyone who hears the voice of the spirit within himself will also be able to refute all objections yet only find credence where the spirit can likewise be at work, albeit not as obviously as with the recipient of spiritual proclamations. Someone who is influenced by negative forces will seek to portray everything of a divine nature as implausible, for it is the sign that God's adversary is at work by trying to plunge people into confusion, because he fights the truth and would like to extinguish the light from the heavens. Therefore you were given an indication which you need only pay attention to in order to be able to judge clearly and to reject the evil influence, so that you can endorse the truth within yourselves as well as towards your fellow human beings. And you can rest assured that God Himself will support those who are working for Him, because it is His will that the pure truth shall be spread and continue to exist, but that He will also separate the chaff from the wheat....

Amen

Spiritual reception or mental work?.... Serious scrutiny....

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An endless abundance of spiritual knowledge can be conveyed to Earth without it being recognised by people for what it is.... For spirits are working in all spheres which want to communicate with people, and depending on people's degree of maturity are either received or rejected. No spiritual being is prevented from expressing itself if people are willing to listen. Yet people will likewise be granted protection if they don't want to be approached by evil forces. For force cannot be applied by the spiritual world, neither from below nor from above, and therefore it is always a matter of an individual person's own free will what **kind** of spiritual information he receives. However, you should know that spiritually awakened people, thus those who are in conscious contact with Me and appeal to Me for the pure truth, can never ever be deceived or wrongly instructed again.... For these people are surrounded by a protective wall of spiritual beings of light which only ever endeavour to deny entry to all impure spirits, because a spiritually awakened person belongs to the redemptive community once he has offered his services to Me and his redemptive work shall not be endangered by the darkness. But then it is a question as to what kind of mission the person intending to serve Me has and how far he has already penetrated the truth. A less informed person will be unable to grasp exalted wisdom, consequently he will not be able to judge its value either, to judge a truth which is as yet incomprehensible to him. In that case, however, his mission is not the same as that of a person who was instructed in the most profound knowledge should fulfil.... Furthermore, strict attention has to be paid as to whether 'spiritual **receptions**' or mental brain work are under discussion....

You do well to remember that **spiritual recipients**, if they work on My instructions, will be spiritually protected from interference by impure spirits.... but that a person's own thinking cannot be prohibited when he uses his intellect in order to formulate his **will** and therefore 'spiritual reception' does not take place. This person can also have good intentions but he does not allow himself to be led, instead he takes the lead himself.... You humans should strictly criticise yourselves, you should remain profoundly humble and let **Me** work in you, so that you don't offer the adversary any reason to affect you negatively. You are being educated by My spirit of love if your thoughts aim towards higher spheres. But then everything that still relates to earthly matters will have to be left behind, that is, you must completely exclude yourselves if you pose questions you want answered. Only then will **those** spiritual forces which impart absolute truth to you be able to step into action. Then pure spiritual thoughts will flow to you and you will be certain that you are being truthfully instructed. But if you take earthly impressions along the soul will still be influenced by the intellect, in which case the intellect can gain the upper hand, and according to its wishes you can be affected by thought currents which are not emanations from the kingdom of light and yet are considered such, this is why contradictory contents should always be critically scrutinised, as not to confuse you. You should learn to move within purely spiritual thought currents, you should only desire purest truth and only want to be spiritually instructed.... you should in profound humility desire to hear My Word.... then all earthly thoughts will step into the background, the beings of light will be able to take effect on you and educate you on My instructions. Then you will receive purest spiritual information whose content is consistent, and every one of you will think the same, because only one truth is sent from above to those who love Me and want to be redemptively active, who want to allow My working in them....

Amen

Anthing you receive in the form of spiritual information needs to be scrutinised by you first, otherwise you won't know whether you receive truth or error, in which case the spiritual knowledge will be of little use to you. And you can only ever make this test after heartfelt prayer for spiritual enlightenment and by comparing it with the divine Word which is conveyed to you from above. Only when they recognisably correspond to each other can you unhesitatingly accept and dwell on it. But this correspondence must be recognisable, otherwise it is not of divine origin and you may reject it. Anyone who thus turns to God Himself for support by appealing to Him for enlightenment of thinking need not fear being deceived, for his thinking will be guided such that he will notice every contradiction and recognise it as error. But the adversary works with much cunning and trickery and does not shy away from shrouding himself in the garment of an angel in order to delude people, for he is an enemy of truth. He knows that the truth shows a correct image of God and motivates people to love Him. And that is what he aims to prevent and therefore provides a distorted image of God, Who can only be feared but not loved. And the first thing you should watch out for is whether God's love is clearly recognisable or whether God as a merciless judge merely awakens fear in people. In that case, such teaching can be safely rejected as not coming 'from God'.... Then the adversary's activity manifests itself so clearly, that it is not difficult to clarify it. God is a God of love and of mercy.... He wants to be recognised as a Father, thus love must also be plainly evident, and he may not be portrayed as an avenging or punishing God. If, however, God's love is doubtful, then the spiritual information, which portrays God such that love cannot be recognised, should also be doubted. Yet you should not accept any spiritual knowledge without scrutinising it, for God's adversary exerts his influence wherever he can, and often he especially tries to deceive the bearers of truth, so that they themselves begin to doubt the truth, which is exactly what he intends. He hates the truth because it reveals him and his activity and because the truth invariably leads back to God, which he tries to prevent by using every available means. And it will always be and remain a battle between truth and lie, between light and darkness.... God's adversary will always try to influence a person such that it can be difficult for him to differentiate between truth and lie, but a sincere prayer to God for spiritual enlightenment will always protect him from accepting or supporting error. For if the strength from God is desired it will also be effective, it grants the human being a brightly shining light.... for God is love and love does not deny itself.... God Himself protects His living creations from the darkness if they desire to be enlightened....

Amen

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A teacher's duty: to examine teaching material....

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It is a great responsibility to offer people spiritual information as long as it is doubtful whether it corresponds to the truth. Hence anyone, who believes that he is called to educate his fellow human beings, first has to arrive at the inner conviction that his teaching material is the pure truth. But he can only gain this inner conviction if he forms his own opinion first, if he seriously examines his acquired knowledge.... And, again, these examinations have to be conducted with My support, he must sincerely ask Me to enlighten his spirit, to guide his thoughts correctly, to protect him from misguided reasoning.... Only then will he be able to differentiate between truth and error, and only then is he a true servant to Me, a true messenger of My Word, who will now be able to work for the benefit of people on earth.

But anyone who unhesitatingly passes on spiritual knowledge which he has equally unhesitatingly accepted, is not in the right position. He is no messenger of My Word because he is not in My service but serves someone else, and his activity on earth cannot be blessed, for he acts irresponsibly towards his fellow human beings by leading them into error but asking them to believe him.

Everyone will now raise the objection that he believes to be true what he is teaching or spreading.... But it did not even occur to him that he, too, could have been given the wrong information.... And that in itself is blatant carelessness, it is a sin of omission, because he did not think about his spiritual information seriously enough.... When someone wants to work for Me then it is not unknown to him that I have an opponent.... It is not unknown to him that light and darkness oppose each other.... Thus he knows that the opponent's work intends to darken the light, he knows, that he spreads error in order to refute the truth.... Consequently he has to guard himself from being taken in by error and to request My protection from My adversary's activity, from accepting misconceptions.... And if he is serious, then I will draw his thoughts' attention to misguided knowledge and he can be certain that his thinking will clarify itself. For I will leave no human being's thoughts in error who prays to Me for truth.

But anyone who refrains from the latter and yet believes to dwell in truth, is mistaken.... Then he has to come to terms with his wrong information himself, but it is irresponsible to pass this information on, and therefore such a person burdens himself with much guilt, even though his listeners, too, have to do the same when they are instructed: to first ask Me Myself for truth and for enlightenment of thought in order to recognise it as truth....

You humans examine every commodity for its value.... and thus you should also examine spiritual information and not accept it thoughtlessly and without hesitation. Something that does not correspond to truth will only be detrimental to you, it will never benefit your soul because it can only reach its goal through truth. Anyone who wants to be a teacher to his fellow human beings, first has to acquaint himself with what he wants to offer them, and he may and should only pass it on when he is sure of his teaching material, when he himself is convinced that it is the truth. And this conviction cannot be imparted to him academically, but he has to acquire it himself.... He has to desire the pure truth and turn to the Eternal Truth himself so that it can be bestowed on him.... Heartfelt contact with Me needs to be established in advance, but then he can confidently act as My representative, for he will only ever teach the truth when he wants to bring Me closer to his fellow human beings, and his work will be blessed....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The right kind of teacher.... Truth - Error....

B.D. No. 4534

January 7th 1949

People must hand themselves over to a good teacher if they want to be taught correctly, so long as they don't come to Me Myself for schooling. They could be instructed by Me directly at all times, yet they would lack the knowledge of this as well as faith. Consequently, they will have to receive the knowledge from somewhere else and need only make sure that the instructor knows the truth and is able to teach them correctly. Being instructed in the truth must be very important to them, therefore they must investigate the origin of the teacher's knowledge; they should first clarify the relationship the teacher has with Me. Hence, they must first believe in Me as Creator and Father of eternity, they must inwardly acknowledge a Deity and make an effort to get to know this Deity. This is the first condition or hardly anyone would try to penetrate spiritual knowledge. A distinction must be made between people who allow themselves to be instructed and those who want to be instructed.... The first let themselves be pushed into a school without resistance, they let themselves be seized by teachers looking for subjects to whom they want to impart their points of view. The latter look for their own school in order to receive knowledge, and they are serious about attaining the truth. I will come to meet these seekers and guide them to the right teacher. However, since My adversary also wants to gain your soul he will not miss the opportunity to let representatives of error cross your path. Anyone who seeks the truth will also come across incompetent teachers, and therefore indications are given to you that you should conduct an examination in order to entrust yourselves to the right teachers and how you should do this. And again it should be said that your attention must first be drawn to the teacher's attitude towards Me, whether he spiritedly advocates My Word or whether his lips merely

pass My Words on, which is very quickly recognisable for the serious seeker, since the repeat of the living Word ignites the listener's heart, whereas the lifeless Word is tiring and puts people off listening. Although someone with a hunger for truth can also derive some benefit from this dead Word, he will nevertheless feel dissatisfied with such teachings so that he will expect more, then he should give in to this longing and look for a different teacher. But teachers who inspire people's keen debates, who repeat My Word animatedly and cause a positive response in people's heart, whose bond with God can be recognised by their kind and loving nature, are true representatives of My Word and in possession of truth. You can trustingly hand yourselves over to them, they will teach you correctly and contribute to the fact that you will soon establish heartfelt contact with Me and thus can be instructed by My spirit directly, either mentally or through the inner Word. The origin of their knowledge might well be the same with both teachers, both might have gained the knowledge through study, and yet their teaching ability will differ and therefore their knowledge will also be either of purest truth or interspersed with errors, depending on their maturity of soul. For this reason you must always pay attention to the teacher's way of life, to what extent the human being follows Christ, that is, to what extent he is permeated by love for his neighbour, which will characterise his entire nature and will always be recognisable, because love does not hide itself. Truth can always be found where love is present because it cannot be gained academically; instead, it can only be gained, recognised and taken possession of through the working of the spirit, which is the result of a life of love. And thus it can always be noticed whether a teacher expresses his own thoughts or merely words which have not yet found the right response in his heart and therefore cannot be repeated spiritedly. Test the teachers and choose a suitable teacher for yourselves, for you will come into contact with both. The right ones will lead you to Me, yet the others will not be prevented from approaching you because you can and should decide for yourselves if you seriously want to be taught the truth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Exemplary life of love

The condition to attain perfection on earth....

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Consider, you humans, that you are weak as long as your soul still lives on earth in the flesh, and that you therefore always have to request strength from Me if you want to reach your goal.... your perfection.... while you are still on earth. For only the strength from Me will strengthen your will, which is weak as long as the adversary can still influence a person because he is not perfect yet. Your determination especially will always be undermined by him, and I died on the cross for the sake of reinforcing your will, hence you must avail yourselves of the graces acquired on your behalf: strength and reinforcement of your will. And your weakness will always manifest itself **such** that you are not yet able to completely detach yourselves from the world.... Admittedly, you still live in the midst of the world and therefore have to do justice to all demands.... But there is a difference whether you just fulfil your duties or still want to enjoy earthly pleasures yourselves, whether your heart has already freed itself from worldly wishes or still has earthly longings.... For then your will to achieve spiritual perfection is still weak, its aim for Me and desire to unite with Me is not undivided.... You still make concessions and thus have to 'apply force'.... you must seriously try to accomplish detaching yourselves from the world and this requires strength which you have to request time and again, and which you will also always receive....

Hence it is crucial as to which direction your sincere will turns to.... towards Me and My kingdom or towards My adversary.... And again it is your degree of love which determines the choice of your will's direction, for a heart full of love will always find Me and My kingdom more desirable than the earthly world.... Therefore you should first examine yourselves as to how far you have overcome selfish love.... to what extent you are filled by **selfless neighbourly love**, for this is the **same** as love for **Me**, and only this love establishes union with Me.... not the mere longing for Me, which can be selfish love as well in order to gain the highest delights of blissful unison with Me.... However, the right love for Me is only demonstrated by unselfish neighbourly love. And only this raises the degree of love. As long as you still desire small pleasures for yourselves you should also try to give a little pleasure to your neighbour, yet without calculating earthly or spiritual advantages, but urged from within by the desire to give happiness and joy. Such selfless demonstrations of love will refine your nature, you will find your own happiness in giving pleasure because your love will grow increasingly stronger and at the same rate diminish your love for the world. And this is why you should seriously call yourselves to account as to whether you **love your neighbour as yourselves**....

Your perfection depends entirely on the degree of love you attain on earth, and you can only be called 'children of God' if you acknowledge that your fellow human beings likewise originated from the Father and you therefore also love them like one brother loves another and do everything for him that you would like to have done to yourselves. Always subject your neighbourly love to serious criticism and work at improving yourselves.... request the strength from Me and you will reach your goal, yet you won't be able to achieve anything by your own efforts.... But I **want** you to perfect yourselves on earth, consequently I will also help you in every way as long as you seriously want it.... Yet you will always have to apply force as long as this world still keeps you captivated.... If, however, you can detach yourselves from the world then the attainment of the goal will also become steadily easier, and then you can rightly say 'My yoke is easy, and My burden is light....' Then you will no longer need to use force, then you will be full of strength, and then you will only strive towards Me.... for the love in you is the strength which indeed achieves anything. And you can also understand that a loving human being is full of humility.... which expresses itself in his conduct towards his neighbour

to whom he gives his love.... Never forget that neighbourly love is the indicator.... and that you will have to prove your love for Me through selfless neighbourly love....'for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?' And thus your will can indeed be inclined towards Me and this also guarantees that I will take hold of you and not let you fall again.... Yet the degree of your perfection is determined by yourselves and only ever by the degree of love for your fellow human being.... But you can attain it if you sincerely subordinate your will to Mine, and then you will always think, act and want like I do Myself, and you will surely reach your goal on earth.... to unite with Me in order to be eternally happy....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Representative of christian doctrine must live in love....

B.D. No. 3201

July 26th 1944

Every representative of the christian doctrine must live according to it himself, otherwise he will have little success with his fellow human beings. Christian doctrine preaches love, therefore its representative must also live in love in order to first find followers, because a good example encourages imitation. But then he must also teach the truth, and he can only receive this truth through love, i.e. he himself must be active in love in order to be instructed by God in the truth. Only then can he pass it on and proclaim His teaching in the world as a true representative of Christ. The christian teaching of love thus contains the truth within itself, it is the only path that leads to truth and thus to knowledge, for man will never ever reach wisdom, the spiritual knowledge that corresponds to truth, by any other path than through love. Only love leads him into this knowledge, and therefore love has to be taught first; and therefore the teaching of Christ is the teaching proclaimed to people by God, and therefore it can never be portrayed as man's work, for it contains divine wisdom which no human teaching can exhibit. It is very simple and understandable for every human being, it is also acceptable and not difficult to follow for the one who is of good will. And he will also soon become knowledgeable as soon as he lives in love, as christian teaching demands. And this is how you recognize Christ's teaching, that love is only ever preached, that the human being is admonished to be gentle, peaceful, patient and merciful, that love for his neighbour must therefore always prevail if the human being wants to lead a God-pleasing way of life. And as soon as he makes this effort, he stands in the light, i.e. in the knowledge of the pure truth. Therefore, if a representative of Christ on earth wants to stand up for His teaching he first has to live a life of love in order to provide his fellow human beings with the evidence that only love leads to wisdom and that then the human being will have fullest knowledge and everything that happens in the world will be understandable to him, because he will be able to recognize cause and effect and because he knows that a life without love has a destructive effect but that love sustains everything and therefore cannot be eliminated. Christ's representative on earth will always provide the evidence that he is wise as soon as he lives His teaching himself, and then he will also be able to present it to his fellow human beings such that it appears acceptable to them, and then it will meet with approval and spread, for then it will speak for itself. Therefore, only people who live a life of love themselves can be considered as Christ's representatives on earth, otherwise they are just dead words which don't go to the fellow human being's heart and therefore don't inspire activity of love either. In that case, however, no knowledge can be attained, people are far removed from the truth, they may well be christians in word but not in deed, and then those people will also lack the profound knowledge which can only be born from love alone....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

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

Who has the right to 'teach'?....

B.D. No. 8758

February 20th 1964

Extensive knowledge can be conveyed to you humans indirectly, yet you will only be able to comprehend this information according to your degree of love, for to be able to comprehend what you receive your spirit must be awakened. This requires a life of love.... in which you will be more or less lovingly active and appropriately receptive, thus learn to understand the knowledge accordingly. This is why spiritual knowledge can never be academically conveyed to people but the degree of realisation depends on each individual person's willingness to love, for the ability to love is inherent in everyone. If spiritual knowledge is therefore directly imparted to a person he will have reached the required degree which enables him to understand what he receives, for this is the prerequisite so that he can work as a teacher, for which I educate him Myself through My direct Word....

For this reason you humans can accept his explanations without hesitation, for as My vessel.... as a recipient of the divine ray of light and love.... he also has to be illuminated by this ray himself, no error can establish itself in such a vessel as it will be revealed and rejected by a person who just wants

to serve by passing on the truth from Me.... Bear in mind that I always choose a vessel for the reception of the spiritual flow Myself, because I know who is capable of receiving the pure truth and defending it. And his intellect will certainly be able to recognise what is harmful to the pure truth and what he can advocate as a human being.... His task is and will remain to be a link between Me and those people who live their earthly lives without knowledge and yet would like to know the truth.... Mind you.... only people who sincerely desire it can be guided into truth....

But not all can receive the truth from Me directly, for I make demands on the direct recipient of My Word which not everyone fulfils. If, however, a person desires the truth then it will be imparted to him by a mediator to whom I can convey it directly. The latter will always be able to give the right explanation.... since he.... as soon as he works for Me and My kingdom.... will at all times be taught by the spirit within him which is in constant contact with Me, even if he debates or teaches as 'just a human being' subjects concerning spiritual knowledge. For it would result in terrible confusion if he did not have this assurance that I protect him from error, because as a human being he would otherwise be defeated in debates with those who possess sharp reasoning power and a great oratorical gift.... but who support adverse opinions....

A person whom I can instruct directly through the spirit is sanctioned as My servant and representative on earth and need not fear any argument, for his thinking will be guided by Me if he defends Me and My Word against his fellow human beings. This could not be otherwise either, for in a vessel chosen by Me there is no more room for error, hence he will resist accepting it from his fellow human beings, instead he will try to prove to them the error of their thinking and truly.... he has such extensive knowledge at his disposal that he will always emerge victorious from every such debate, always providing people genuinely want to know the truth.... This is why the direct transmission of My Word is a slow process of education for My servant.... I 'guide him' into knowledge which he will understand because it is offered to him in infinite wisdom and keeps deepening the extent of his realisation.... so that through the reception of My Word he gradually gains most profound knowledge and thereby develops into a teacher who is well suited to guide his fellow human beings into truth again. And, again, only those who desire truth themselves and endeavour to live a life of love will understand this knowledge, whilst unloving people will reject everything and solely rely on their intellect, which, however, is not eligible for spiritual knowledge. If only you humans would believe that I would like to speak to all of you Myself and indeed do so when you listen to My servants who bring you My Word conveyed to earth directly.... Then you would accept it without qualms and yet gain much, even if your way of life still leaves a lot to be desired, but time and again you would hear about the strength of love and also feel it when you do works of love....

And then your understanding of spiritual knowledge would grow, it would make you very joyful and in due course become the purpose of your life, and then I would be able to speak to you Myself because you would consciously open your heart to Me and invite Me in.... Then I could take Communion with you and you with Me.... I could offer you the bread of life directly and give to your soul food and drink, and you would be fulfilling the purpose of your life on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Decision in earthly life

"My kingdom is not of this world...."

B.D. No. 6397

November 10th 1955

My kingdom is not of this world.... What you seek to attain in this world will be lost to you in My kingdom, for you cannot possess both the joys and bliss of this world **and** that world.... Both are opposing in their requirements and opposing in what they offer you.... But only the **spiritual kingdom**, in which I Myself am, can give you eternal blisses. And you humans should always bear in mind that your time on earth is only limited and that you also have to leave behind the little you have acquired here.... that you therefore cannot gain anything which will make you **eternally** happy, and in the knowledge of this.... which you all possess after all.... it would truly be more advisable to take care of wealth which will not lose its value with your physical death. My kingdom is not of this world.... Again and again you have heard it from My mouth, and again and again you have been urged to put earthly striving aside and instead attain spiritual possessions which are everlasting. But as long as you stay on earth only that which creates earthly comfort is of value to you. And your degree of realization is accordingly, which will always be and remain lower as long as My adversary can influence you through the temptations of the world, which is his kingdom, and whom you acknowledge as your lord as soon as you strive for earthly goods. There is no compromise between the two lords.... you must decide, but your eternal life depends on the decision.... You yourselves determine your fate after the death of the body through your decision. And you must make this decision in all freedom, which is why you are indeed assured of the spiritual kingdom in all its glory as absolute truth, but you may not be forced into this decision by their **evidence**. But the **earthly** world is visible and tangible to you and therefore you strive towards it with all your senses.... But you are certain of your body's death, and you should reckon with this.... through reflection you should come to the conclusion that your soul cannot cease to be.... because you can evaluate yourselves as a work of creation which, due to its nature, has to serve a higher purpose than just to live a miserable earthly life with only earthly aims.... The **thinking** human being is **not** satisfied with this purpose of life, and he **looks** for an explanation of the actual purpose of existence.... and he will also receive it.... according to his will and his attitude towards truth. But these explanations can never come to him from the world which is My adversary's kingdom.... but they will come from a kingdom which is not of this world, and these enlightenments will prove to him that every person's aim shall be **the** kingdom in which I reign from eternity to eternity.... Every person can create this proof for himself, yet his will determines whether he reflects and strives for truth or is content with the goods of this world.... But again and again people are reminded of My words: "My kingdom is not of this world...." And anyone who once tries to fathom the meaning of these words already takes a step into this kingdom from which I Myself will come to meet him in order to lead him over into My kingdom.... But he has to leave the world behind, he has to voluntarily separate himself from My adversary's kingdom, then he will always find a gate which leads across into My kingdom.... then he will also make the right decision himself which will determine his fate one day in eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Spiritual task prefixed before earthly activity....

B.D. No. 4337

June 16th 1948

The human being's spiritual task shall take precedence over earthly activity. This not only applies to My servants on earth but to every human being, for earthly life was given to him in order that

he should develop spiritually. And he will also be able to combine both, if his aim is spiritual ascent he will always find support in his earthly activity from spiritual beings which will support him in every way. It is a wrong assumption to be unable to spend time on spiritual striving due to earthly overload, instead, he will also be able to achieve elevated earthly things if he puts spiritual work first. The only condition for a person who does not have to accomplish a special spiritual mission is that he has the firm will to mature his soul and appeals to Me for grace and help. He will always be able to send a silent thought to Me, even in a responsible activity; he must be inwardly united with Me, he must feel at one with Me and strive to fulfil My will. Then I will also support him and increase his strength. But if the human being places earthly things above his spiritual development then he will increasingly depart from the latter, he will regard the spiritual as something unreal and not seek a bond with Me, and then he will inevitably come to a standstill on the level of his development, or he will go back and end up where he stood endless times ago.... in solid matter.... But I demand complete commitment from My servants on earth for their task and then also bless every earthly activity. It is up to every person himself whether he takes his task seriously, his will has to become active himself, although he can expect all support from Me; but spiritual work is not allowed to go alongside but it has to constantly move the human being's thinking, after all, he should provide the earthly creators with the evidence that both can be reconciled, a serious spiritual striving and also the fulfilment of earthly activity, that I do not demand anything impossible from people but only your will has to agree to accomplish both. I only demand a constant life with Me. Your thoughts must not turn away from Me and towards the world, I want to be your constant guide and companion and never be eliminated from your thoughts. In addition, every person also has time for a short inner reflection, every person has an hour of contemplation where he can achieve great progress again through intimate contact with Me, through mental discussion and silent prayer. At any time you are to be replaced on earth in your earthly activity, but only that remains for you which you have acquired spiritually, which no-one could achieve for you and which cannot be replaced by anything else.... Don't become lukewarm and indifferent in your spiritual striving, let yourselves be inspired by My word, hold spiritual conversations and constantly progress, then you will also succeed in every earthly work, I will bless it, and you will fulfil your earthly task and reach the aim....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Decision between spiritual and earthly world....

B.D. No. 4526

December 28th 1948

Choose between Me and My adversary.... Choose between the spiritual kingdom and the earthly world.... Know that the spiritual kingdom will be lost to you if you lose the earthly world, and know that you will also lose Me and that the adversary will draw you into his nets if you strive for earthly possessions and pay no attention to Me. To surrender the world is to gain Me, to possess the world is to lose Me. But the desire of the heart is always decisive as to how far you desire the world or Me. For even on earth you can call goods your own, yet how you relate to them in your heart also determines your spiritual development and the possession of spiritual goods; anyone who is only filled with desire for earthly possessions has no sense for spiritual things, he is so distant from Me, the spiritual kingdom is so improbable to him, he is without faith and also without neighbourly love, for he only has his physical well-being in mind and only creates and works for himself, for the physical shell which will soon pass away. You have to make a decision, for depending on your attitude you will be considered to be spiritually rich if you desire Me and ignore earthly goods, or you will gain worldly advantages if you strive for them and walk your earthly path with My adversary's support. But then you will distance yourselves from Me and go to the kingdom of darkness.... And I would like to protect you from this. The children of the world cannot be called happy, even though they seem to live happily and freely. For nothing that falls to them, that they possess or strive for, is permanent. Everything passes away and they themselves likewise, and what remains for them is misery and darkness.... But those who strive for Me and My kingdom can certainly be called poor on earth, they

will also often go through suffering and affliction, yet beatitude is certain for them when they are rid of their physical shell. Then they will be repaid a thousand fold for what they had to do without on earth and what they now possess will last forever and will make you happier than you could ever be on earth. Yet you have to make a free decision, you have to choose between Me and My adversary without coercion, and your fate on earth and in the beyond will be the same....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

God-inclined will is the passed test on earth....

B.D. No. 5460

August 12th 1952

Those of you who looked for and found Me will never ever lose Me again. Admittedly, as long as you live on earth you are exposed to My adversary's influence, yet once a person's will has turned to Me I will have taken hold of him and prevent his relapse into the abyss. However, I Am talking about a serious person's will who strives to Me in a fully conscious state.... Where this seriousness is not yet present My adversary can certainly still succeed in pushing him away from Me, for there are people who, through upbringing or discussions with others, have more or less become followers, who thus join their fellow human beings but not because of the inner desire to hasten towards the Father they recognised in Me. But where this inner desire has awoken in a person My Fatherly love becomes active.... I constantly coax and call this person, I take hold of him and never let go of him again. He is already released from Satan's chain even though the latter will not stop in his efforts to win him back until I recall the person into My kingdom. A will which is seriously inclined towards Me is the most certain guarantee that a person will gain Me and My kingdom.... For I give him strength because I long for My child Myself and his will has already passed the test on earth. It is merely a matter of decision for Me or for My adversary.... The serious will **is** the decision, precisely because this will had turned away from Me in the past and the return to Me must therefore be accomplished willingly.... I judge the will and not mere words which are not serious but most certainly recognisable by Me as **mere** words, which are voiced by the mouth or are thought but which the heart is unaware of.... Nevertheless, once the will for Me has awakened the human being will incessantly strive towards higher spheres. For as soon as he receives My strength as a result of his change of will he will use it for spiritual striving. He will have effectively joined Me already, I will be walking next to him, I will just not be recognised by him as long as he is still weak in love.... But once the love in him grows stronger My image will become increasingly clearer until he has accepted Me Myself through the love in him and then he will also recognise that he can no longer descend into the abyss, because I do not relinquish what belongs to Me and voluntarily has become My Own. You will never ever be able to separate yourselves from Me again if you passed the test of earthly life, insofar as that your will has chosen Me. Then earthly life can only contribute towards a higher maturity of soul, you will be consciously of service to Me and faithful to Me until I recall you into My kingdom when your hour has come....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Help of Jesus Christ to walk the earth....

B.D. No. 7497

January 10th 1960

Every human being needs the help of Jesus Christ if he wants to reach his aim in earthly life: to establish union with the God and creator of eternity, with his father. He is still far away from God when he begins earthly life as a human being.... For he has to establish unity with Him of his own free will, and this will therefore first has to decide in favour of Him, which requires a certain struggle which can also have a negative outcome. The human being must learn to recognize that there are two masters who want to possess him and that his own will is decisive as to which master should now take possession.... One master already has a certain right to him but cannot force him to remain with him,

instead he must release the human being if he himself wants it and turns to the other master.... But a long battle can precede this final decision, because the former does not relinquish the soul without a fight but still struggles throughout earthly life for it to remain attached to him. Yet God Himself also fights for every soul, albeit in a different way than His adversary.... He knows that the human being has to be helped in this decision of will because he himself is too weak to direct and use his will correctly. And so that the human being's will can be strengthened, the divine redeemer Jesus Christ Himself died on the cross under dreadful torment and suffering in order to thereby acquire a strengthened will for people. But he has to ask Jesus Christ for the benefit of this strengthening of will.... He absolutely has to take the path to Him and obtain the necessary strength from Him for right will and right action. Thus he must first want to use his earthly life according to God's will. In this way he already confesses the **right** lord, and then he will also be helped in every way.... Only through Jesus Christ is the path to the father.... And therefore the human being on earth first has to gain knowledge of Jesus Christ and His act of salvation. And this knowledge is conveyed to him by the gospel, the good news about the path, the truth and the life.... the divine teaching of love, which is a clear guide to first attain right thinking and then also to muster the will to travel this path with the help of Jesus Christ.... For the good news teaches love, love recognizes Jesus Christ and also knows Him.... love establishes the union with Him, the supply of strength is assured, and the path to the father has been taken and also safely leads to the aim, to the final union with God, Who embodied Himself on earth in Jesus Christ in order to prepare people's path to Him, their God and father of eternity. But if the human being wants to reach the aim on earth, this also means a fight against the lord, who also has a right to him and does not want to release him.... The battle requires strength, and strength can only be obtained from Jesus Christ, the divine redeemer.... Without Him the human being is unable to fight the battle victoriously, he will always be defeated and his will will also be so weak that he will not be able to resist the adversary, he will be defeated by him, he will not be able to rise because he lacks strength.... And therefore he must call upon Jesus Christ and appeal to Him for strength and the supply of strength.... and he will not call in vain, for as soon as he is serious about escaping the adversary's power Jesus Christ stands beside him as a fighter, and he will truly be and remain victorious, for for this He died the bitter death on the cross, and He paid the purchase price for all souls which desire to come to Him.... Thus only the **will** is necessary, and in order for this to become strong the human being must also appeal to Jesus Christ and he will truly experience the strengthening of his will. The human being comes into the world without knowledge, then he will be offered all kinds of knowledge and then he must inwardly decide for what is right.... And as soon as only his will is good he will also want what is right and turn to a higher power to help him to always recognize and do what is right.... And then he will receive the right knowledge about Jesus Christ, about His divine teaching of love and about the path he has to take in order to attain his aim in life: the union with God in Jesus Christ.... which will re-establish the relationship which existed in the beginning.... that true images of God surround Him and create and work according to His will, which is now also the will of all His children....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

God's mission to those who know: spreading the word

"Forerunners you shall be to Me on earth...."

B.D. No. 4491

November 20th 1948

You shall be forerunners for Me on earth, I have hired you for this purpose, because people have to speak to people so that they open the door of their heart to Me and grant Me entrance. For they cannot hear Me Myself as long as they have not removed everything from the chambers of their hearts which prevents My entry. Until then they will not hear My voice either. Yet they have to experience what I have to say to them, otherwise they will not make any effort to prepare their heart for My dwelling. Therefore I need you to enter them before Me, to call out to them: The lord comes and wants to enter you.... They can hear your call but whether they heed it is up to them. But if they have listened to you, they also know that I follow and knock at their door, and blessed are those who let Me in.... blessed are those who have prepared themselves for My coming, to whom your words gave cause to work on themselves. I speak to all who have heard the announcement through your mouth, and your work opens many a door of the heart to Me that would otherwise remain closed. You shall be forerunners for Me on earth.... you shall go before Me and listen to what I Myself say to you, so that you will then proclaim My word and speak in My name. And the more eagerly you are active in My name the more urgently My word will affect people, the doors will open of their own accord and hearts will wait for the coming of the lord, Whom His servant has announced, for a good speaker is capable of much.... But in order for you to be good speakers I will take possession of you Myself and speak through you, unrecognized by those whom you should make receptive for My coming, yet recognized by you because you serve Me with love, because I can already work in your hearts through your voluntary devotion to Me. And thus your ministry will not be too difficult, you will be guided by Me and led to all gates where I want to enter, and you will always speak in a way which is appropriate for the individual.... Only you must not tire and become lukewarm in your work for Me.... And therefore you yourselves must often grant Me entrance into your hearts by also letting Me speak to you, by desiring to hear Me Myself and thus longing to be fed by Me, to take supper with Me as I have promised you.... "behold, I stand at the door and knock; whoever opens to Me, I will come in and take supper with him...." Open the door to Me, all of you, and let Me enter in, pave the way for Me, whoever you want to work for Me, and thus invite all guests to the supper, so that they may be strengthened and receive nourishment for their souls from My hand, for only then can they become blessed when I Myself feed them with the bread of life....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

"In the name of Jesus Christ...." teachings....

B.D. No. 4939

July 20th 1950

Whenever you teach in My name you teach correctly.... Yet it is not enough to merely mention My name, which can also be pronounced by anyone who does not have living faith in Me, but in spirit and in truth you must call Me to you, then you will also speak in My name, and your words will be right, your thinking will correspond to the truth, and you yourselves will be fully convinced of what you speak, thus you will also be able to successfully instruct your fellow human beings. But you must never exclude me.... Hence you should bring the gospel to people in the name of Jesus Christ, you should act as My messengers and try to make your mission credible to people by conveying the word which you receive directly from Me. You should speak in My name and glorify My name again by reporting My extraordinary working in and on you, so that fellow human beings will also learn to

believe with conviction. You shall carry My gospel out into the world.... as true messengers of Me you shall preach love and also practice it yourselves in order to give evidence of the strength of love to all who are of good will. For the teaching of love has to be proclaimed again, just as I Myself taught it on earth. And therefore My spirit must be able to be active in you, I Myself must be able to dwell with you through your will. As soon as you devoutly speak My name I will be with you, and then everything will be guided and directed by Me, then you will be true disciples who will fulfil their task with My assistance, that is, who will spread the gospel amongst people. If you speak to them in My name, then the words are addressed by Me Myself to fellow human beings, then they will not fail to have an effect, for the willing human being recognizes My voice and is also touched by it because he feels that they are not human words but God's words. You should never speak on your own initiative but always start the conversation in My name and you will be amazed at the success and effect of your speeches on the listener. For where I dwell through your will success is truly also guaranteed, even if it is not immediately recognizable, yet the words retain their effect and again and again enter the thoughts of the one to whom they apply with clarity. My name has great strength, and blessed is he who makes use of this strength....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Fellow labourers in Christ's work of Redemption 'Go ye therefore, and teach'

B.D. No. 5082

March 10th 1951

The work you accomplish for Me and My kingdom always involves participating in Christ's work of Redemption. It is a continuation of what Jesus, the man, started on earth, it involves the spreading of the Gospel on His instruction and leading people to Him, the divine Redeemer Himself, and therefore it is a return to Me, the origin of all that has been created. This participation in the redemption work is so important and so extremely beneficial because influencing people directly from above has become impossible. Hence mediators, who are in contact with the spiritual kingdom as well as with people on earth and are thus able to convey the spiritual knowledge from above to them, are required to spread the Gospel This is the task of those who want to serve Me, who place themselves at My disposal as co-workers and whom I therefore send into the world with the instruction 'Go ye therefore, and teach all nations', i.e., speak wherever the opportunity presents itself, inform them of Me and My direct working in all of you whom I send to cross your path Take your work seriously as there is not much time left. And I Myself will smooth your every way so as not to hinder your work, so that you will always have the opportunity to work on My instructions for the benefit of your fellow human beings. So far you can only do the groundwork, for the hour of your public activity has not come as yet. However, you should even do this preliminary work conscientiously and diligently, and you should always **want** to do it, then you will also have the strength and opportunity to work for Me. For many people are hungry and live in want, they thirst for nourishment for the soul, and I Myself direct all threads and convey the bread of heaven to those who desire it. I give in abundance Hence you, too, should strive to distribute the delectable gift to those who do not approach Me directly and need to be fed by you if I don't want to let them perish. This is the redemptive work which, in a manner of speaking, makes you Jesus' fellow labourers, His followers and His helpers, for countless souls suffer great adversity. Whatever you do in order to spread My Word will be blessed by Me and will result in copious reward, even if, from an earthly point of view, it is not obvious to you. You must more or less feel like My labourers who only accomplish the Lord's will. But you will feel My will in your heart, and whatever your heart urges you to do, you should instantly comply with, for it is My voice which speaks to you, which impels you to work for Me and My kingdom. Do not fear earthly hardship or earthly disadvantage but always trust that I know your every worry and will remedy it at the right time. Anyone who works for Me is most reliably taken care of, it is just not obvious so that the work for Me is not done in a compulsory fashion but voluntarily instead if it is to be successful for eternity Someone who expects reward is not suitable for redemptive work which only requires profound love for Me and his fellow human

being if it is to be effective. You don't have much time left, therefore you should ever more eagerly fulfil My will, which will forever consist of carrying My Gospel into the world of instructing those who lack knowledge and enlightening those who are misguided. For only the truth will have a redemptive effect, and therefore you should spread the truth which I convey to you humans from above because I love you and want to deliver you from the bondage of darkness.

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Called servants of God.... office on earth....

B.D. No. 3601

November 13th 1945

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

"Many are called, few only chosen...."

B.D. No. 8211

July 11th 1962

Many are called but few are chosen.... Yet it is not an arbitrary act on My part that I only appoint and enable a few to work for Me and My kingdom, instead, this is determined by you humans yourselves, for you are all called to become true children of God, and as soon as you take this seriously you will also soon be chosen, for then the prerequisites will also be there which will cause Me to send you spiritual gifts in abundance.... Graces which you only need to utilize in order to attain childship to God, which is the purpose and goal of your earthly life.... You should therefore not believe that you are already predetermined from eternity whether you will reach the degree of maturity or not.... You should not believe that I give special attention to one or the other or that I bestow unusual gifts of grace upon him which enable him to shape himself according to My will.... The **same** gifts of grace are available to all of you humans but you yourselves have to evaluate them accordingly, and then I can choose you, I can already give you an office on earth which all people could administer but don't have the will for it and therefore don't fulfil the conditions which are a prerequisite for such an office. For it is a spiritual task which I give to those whom I choose.... it is a service for Me and My kingdom which does not earn the human being earthly goods but only concerns the redemption of erring souls.... an action for which I need people who shall fulfil this redeeming task on their fellow human beings. And since you are all to prove yourselves in serving love, you are also all called.... Yet only the one who proves himself is also chosen, for then he will also have the strength at his disposal which such a rescue action requires, because he gains the strength through his activity of love.... and because this activity of love now also unites the human being with Me, so that the spiritual spark resting in him, My share, now awakens and impels the human being into the activity he is to carry out in My service, and because he is then.... as instructed by My spirit.... will also work, want and think entirely in My will and he is now a suitable servant for Me, a chosen one who now administers his ministry for the blessing of his fellow human beings, who is in contact with Me and with his fellow human beings at the same time and can therefore also transfer My will to them. For it is necessary that people know of My will, and anyone who places himself at My disposal as a mediator of his own free will and who wants to be active in redemption will be accepted by Me, and I will fill him with grace and strength, I will give him light so that he will carry the light out into the world.... For he has followed My call and I was therefore able to choose him and include him in the flock of My own who are eagerly active for Me and My kingdom....

Amen

Help in spiritual need - dissemination of knowledge from above....

B.D. No. 5208

September 10th 1951

You have been given knowledge which enables you to enlighten your fellow human beings in every way, knowledge which you can also rightfully represent as truth because you have received it directly from Me or through My messengers. This knowledge is sufficient to be able to fulfil a task which is of utmost importance: to help guide erring souls onto the right path in the end time before it is too late. Admittedly, this is an area which only few people want to enter because it concerns spiritual life, the life of the soul, which is to be safeguarded, because the soul's recovery is to be striven for and people, especially in the last days, only think of their physical well-being more than ever and spiritual life is something so unreal to them that they don't give it any thought and are therefore in greatest spiritual hardship. Hence they must be helped, and you must be the helpers who constantly receive the proof of love and grace from Me Myself.... My word, which alone can save people from ruin. You have been given a task which you should and can fulfil if only you are willing to serve Me and thus also your fellow human beings.... This will alone will also let you gain strength, for I work with My strength of love in all those who want to be active for Me and My kingdom in the

last days before the end. What I want to do for needy people I have to accomplish through you humans so that every thought and impulse testifies to the human being's freedom of will. And therefore everything that happens to you will always appear naturally, yet you can recognize it as My working if only you believe that you are constantly guided by Me and that I Myself direct your destiny, that I am present to you as soon as you turn your thoughts towards Me. The awareness of My presence lets you recognize everything as **My** working on you, and thus no encounter with fellow human beings is coincidental or arbitrary but always an opportunity where you should work for Me and My kingdom. I will accompany you on all your paths and therefore even meet those who shall learn of My working on you through you.... You have extensive knowledge, use it where you can, instruct your fellow human beings as I have instructed you and don't let any opportunity pass you by, for the time is short and the adversity unspeakably great. Yet all people shall experience My grace, no one shall be able to say that he has not gained knowledge, that he has not been informed of the near end.... And I need you so that you can provide your fellow human beings with enlightenment which corresponds to the truth.... so that I can knock on their heart's door through you and bring them My word.... And your work for Me will be blessed as soon as you bring help to your fellow human beings of good will before it is too late....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Great spiritual need calls for busy vineyard work....

B.D. No. 5817

December 2nd 1953

The adversity of the time dictates that extremely eager work is done in My vineyard, because only through such can this adversity be controlled, because only then will the adversity be remedied if people succeed in winning people for My kingdom, if they pay little attention to the earthly kingdom and only ever try to reach Me. People no longer know much about Me and My kingdom, their ears certainly hear about it but their hearts know nothing and thus they often pass by where knowledge could be given to them, where My kingdom could be made so vivid to them that they would be inspired to seek it. And therefore only one thing is necessary, to present to people the knowledge that an everlasting kingdom awaits them after the death of their body and that this kingdom corresponds to their earthly way of life. People's attention must be drawn to their end, to death, which they cannot escape and which will approach them all extremely quickly; it must be explained to them that their existence does not end with the death of their body, that they cannot pass away even if they have discarded their earthly cover; It has to be made credible to them that there is death but not a complete passing away, and that death is a state of torment, of strengthlessness and lightlessness, but which the soul, because it is incorruptible, has to endure; but how, on the other hand, an exceedingly blissful state, an eternal life in beatitude, can also be granted to the soul if the human being creates and works on earth for life in eternity.... if he already strives for Me and My kingdom on earth and thus is also introduced by Me into that kingdom after his death, where there is only light and strength and bliss.... Diligent work still has to be done by My servants who only speak on My behalf and for Me, who are to tell ignorant people what they know, what knowledge I Myself have given them precisely for this work in My vineyard. The hardship is unspeakably great because people do not think about their actual purpose of earthly life, because they only live for this earthly world and because they are indifferent to everything that comes after their physical death. Their remorse is immeasurably deep when they realize in the kingdom of the beyond what they were able to achieve and did not achieve through their own fault. And therefore they shall be addressed and made aware of the great responsibility towards their souls, therefore My kingdom shall be presented to them; they shall not remain without knowledge of what is in store for them if they don't change, if they don't direct their senses spiritually but only live according to the world. They shall experience that this world will pass away with all its treasures and that everything their heart is attached to will be taken away from them.... but that which they have acquired in spiritual treasures will remain with them. For no one shall be able to say that he has remained unwarned and unadmonished. Each one shall be made aware

of Me and My kingdom through My servants.... and blessed are those who hear and strive to attain My kingdom.... blessed are those who believe what is proclaimed to them.... For they shall live, though they suffer earthly death....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Spiritual need of the neighbour....

B.D. No. 7509

January 27th 1960

And this shall become a blessing for you yourselves if you take care of your neighbour in his spiritual hardship. To alleviate earthly hardship is indeed the commandment of neighbourly love, that you should do to him what you want to be done to you when you are in the same hardship. But you should also help him in spiritual hardship, and this will have an effect on his soul as well as on your soul. For spiritual hardship is far worse than earthly hardship, because the latter will end with the passing away of earthly life, but spiritual hardship will be taken over into the kingdom of the beyond and will have a dreadfully agonizing effect on the soul. And you can help your neighbour in spiritual adversity if you first help him to a living faith.... if you point him to **Jesus Christ**, without Whom no human being can become blessed. If your neighbour is still completely without faith then he is in great spiritual hardship and it will not be easy work for you to help him to faith. But you can encourage him to work with love, you can first influence him so that he practices love, and then it will already be easier for him to believe what you recite to him. And this is first of all the knowledge about Jesus Christ and His act of salvation which you should pass on to your neighbour who does not yet possess it.... And he will soon be able to believe it if he is of good will and therefore also lovingly active. But it also has to be conveyed to him in all truth so that it will not cause his rejection and then it will be very difficult to ever make him understand the act of salvation. Truth alone has the power to influence a well-meaning person, but he will immediately reject error and destroy all vineyard work on him. Therefore, the first thing you need to do is to know the truth yourselves before you can offer spiritual help to your neighbour.... but you, who are taught by Me directly, have much spiritual knowledge in your hands which you can impart to him, and your love will also ensure your success, for whatever you undertake with love for your neighbour will not be without success.... It will benefit his soul, just as you yourselves will receive more the more you give away of your spiritual wealth, for the need is great.... People try to remedy earthly hardship themselves, even if they approach you as their brothers for help.... But they don't think about spiritual hardship and therefore don't ask for help either. And therefore you should offer it to them yourselves; wherever you can you should direct your conversations to a spiritual basis, you should try to find out your neighbour's attitude in the spiritual sphere, and you should proclaim the gospel to them, i.e. stimulate them to be active in love.... And then you will also find the opportunity to speak of Jesus Christ and His act of salvation and notice the impression this makes on the people you thus teach.... And even if you only achieve a small success you will nevertheless have rendered an invaluable service to your neighbour, for the words you used to him will not be lost.... They will take root and one day the seed will sprout and a strong faith can develop from it, depending on the willingness of the person you show true neighbourly love towards. Therefore often think of your neighbour's **spiritual** hardship and try to help him. And it will truly be a blessing for him and for you, for I Myself will support you, I Myself will knock on the hearts of those, and blessed are those who open the door of their hearts to Me when I desire entrance....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Followers of Jesus.... spreading His teaching.... working of the spirit....

B.D. No. 4785

November 21st 1949

In My name you should be active.... What I have done on earth you should also do, always leading Me and My activity, My teaching of love, so that you identify yourselves as My successors or also

fulfil the lord's command as servants. Then you will work in My name for the kingdom of God, you will continue the work of redemption which I have started by giving your fellow human beings the means and ways to redeem themselves. This is a beautiful service you render Me if you, like Me, preach love to your fellow human beings, if you impart My teaching to them, which is given to you purely and unadulterated for this purpose. I Myself train you for this, I give you what you should pass on to your fellow human beings.... I instruct you so that you may spread the gospel throughout the world. I ask nothing of you but that you do what I have done.... live in love and thereby kindle the light of wisdom in yourselves; then you will be able to let this light shine and illuminate the darkness which is spread across the earth. Warn and admonish your fellow human beings and announce the near end to them, just as I have also announced the judgment to people. Then you will be My right servants, My supports in the end time, then you will be faithful workers in the vineyard of the lord. The time of your work will only be short, which will only begin in its full extent when I have revealed Myself to people through the elements of nature. But even before that you should be diligently active and do the preparatory work which will condition your work later. You should familiarize yourselves with My word such that you become living representatives of it, you should let yourselves be taught by Me and be My eager pupils. You should make an effort to follow Me in your way of life, you should serve Me with your heart and mouth, that is, let Me speak through you so that My will will be made known to people. You should receive the pure truth and also represent it, i.e. take action against error which is corrupting for people and prevents them from becoming blessed. And everything you are to do you learn through My word.... Therefore be grateful that you may receive My word, that I speak to you directly or through messengers, that I accept you as co-workers and instruct you on the work you should do for Me and My kingdom. Love shall drive you to activity, yet I will help you as I have promised you, and your reward one day will truly be no less....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The earth is also a school of suffering

Even suffering is grace....'Father, Your will be done....'

B.D. No. 0659

November 9th 1938

Abide by your inner voice which will always remind you to do what is right, and remember that the Father will in fact instruct His child correctly if only it wants to hear it. For there is a far greater possibility that an orderly accomplishment of the work will no longer be possible, but all means will nevertheless be at your disposal, and therefore you should not worry about obstacles which the Lord will be able to remove time and again if it is conducive to the work He wants to be done.

And now draw closer and receive our message: What can possibly happen to you humans if the Lord keeps His protective hand over you.... He will protect your body and soul from being harmed, He will guide you according to His will, and whatever is inflicted on you for the purpose of overcoming it only serves to benefit your soul. Therefore, don't worry, and submit yourselves to your heavenly Father's guidance with complete confidence. Everything on earth has its purpose; no human being knows the eternal Deity's plans and therefore cannot easily recognise how well and wisely everything has been arranged for people's benefit. His severity, which people often consider cruel, is always just a loving means in order to offer you something incomparably more magnificent one day. And since you do not voluntarily want to make yourselves worthy of it, it is the Lord's will to lead you by way of suffering and sorrow to the path which makes these glories accessible to you. One day you will realise it and wholeheartedly thank the Father for every reprimand in earthly life. People on earth constantly receive God's grace and even suffering is grace.... which is still incomprehensible to you humans. But if you completely entrust yourselves to the Lord you soon will feel the blessing of suffering on yourselves, you will realise how infinitely lovingly you are being guided by the Fatherly hand so that such suffering will have a favourable effect on you even in earthly life, however, the benefit on your soul's life will be incomparable. And therefore meet everything the Father sends to you with complete submission, consider that not one sparrow shall fall on the ground without your Father's will, and that everything he sends to you is only an expression of His will and mercy, the full extent of which you can only comprehend when you have become perfect. For at the moment you are still incapable of judging what is helpful to you or what is to your disadvantage, you must only ever devoutly sacrifice your will to your Father in heaven and in all suffering and sorrow pray to Him in your heart....'Father, Your will be done....' Then you will also always be comforted....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Destiny.... school.... more stringent means....

B.D. No. 4146

October 17th 1947

The One Who gave you life also determines your destiny, and both your earthly and your spiritual life are subject to His will, the latter is indeed dependent on your will insofar as that you create the degree of your perfection yourselves, yet furthering your spiritual maturing through everlasting spiritual impressions which, to a certain extent, are caused by earthly impressions, which is why every person's destiny is predetermined according to the human being's will for perfection. And thus you always have to go through the school on earth which your soul needs, for God has known since eternity which course your spiritual development takes, He also knows about the degree of maturity the soul has reached at its passing, He knows about the individual's lifespan, and He often has to apply more stringent means before the death of the body in order to further the soul's development. Then life approaches the human being with complete harshness and thereby forces him to free himself from

every earthly desire, so that the soul will only long for God and thus discard its last earthly fetter in order to enter the spiritual kingdom completely free and purified. Sometimes a state of extreme adversity is necessary for a soul so that it completely entrusts itself to its creator and ruler and dissolves all ties with the world. But then it reaches a high degree of maturity which brings it complete happiness and thus full compensation in the spiritual kingdom. It receives again spiritually a thousandfold what was taken from it earthly or remained denied to it. And the human being should bear in mind that God does not let him suffer arbitrarily but only ever pursues one aim, to make him blissfully happy forever. And if the school he has to attend is not to remain unsuccessful, then often all severity must be applied or the human being would not be able to educate himself spiritually in the short time which, according to his eternal destiny, still remains until the end. And since the end is not far off, hardship sets in in a way which often does not reveal a God of love. And yet, God's infinite love itself determines the educational path the soul has to take, and therefore the human being should always commend himself to God's love, then his soul will derive its benefit from every experience, it will mature in a short time and enter the spiritual kingdom with a high degree of development as soon as it leaves its body, its last shell, and after an infinitely long time of being bound it can enjoy eternal freedom....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

Unity with God.... School of suffering....

B.D. No. 4352

June 25th 1948

You cannot grasp how much I yearn for unity with My living creations which motivates Me to constantly let you go through a school which shall result in your soul's maturity, for unity cannot take place without a specific degree of maturity. My love is truly only concerned for your well-being, yet the fact that I use means which let you doubt My love is due to your own will, albeit unconsciously, for your attitude towards Me provokes this use because you won't conform to the laws of order which promote your maturity of soul without suffering.... because you won't live up to the law of order, which cannot be avoided if you want to mature fully. And thus My teaching methods will become increasingly harsher the further you distance yourselves from love.... But now the time of learning has come to an end and every human being will have to take the test. Anyone who passes it will become blissfully happy in unity with Me, however, anyone who fails cannot be spared repeating the school, which he will have to attend under harder conditions if he wants to reach the goal one day. I won't let My living creations fall, and sooner or later the final union must and will take place, nevertheless, it can still take infinitely long periods of time in view of the fact that the human being determines the time of his redemption himself, for he voluntarily has to enter into unity with Me, I can only ever support him but will never force him.

Let Me tell you that I love all My living creations and that My love will never cease, but I will nevertheless bring My eternal plan to fruition even if you humans cannot discover any love therein. But it concerns you, your spiritual ascent, it concerns your eternal life.... At the moment you, who live on earth, are still spiritually dead with the exception of a few who are spiritually reborn. As yet you don't feel the life within you, and if you finish your earthly life in this state you will descend into a weakness which is the equivalent of death for you, you will be in utter darkness and completely without control and strength but conscious of the fact that you exist.... This state is so agonising that My love wants to save you from it, and this is why I try to motivate you into coming alive on earth already, I try to enlighten you so that you will strive towards the state of life of your own free will. All obstacles in your life shall help you become active, and activity is life. Earthly activity comes to an end at the moment of physical death, but you shall be active in the spiritual kingdom and for this you must have passed the school of the spirit successfully which also has to be a school of suffering for you or you will not reach full maturity. Nevertheless, you have My assurance that I love you and that every event which causes you sorrow is only based on My love. I want to bring you up to become My

children because My Fatherly love does not want to lose you and because it is My will that you, My living creations, should not live far-away from Me but unite with Me and become blissfully happy....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

School of the spirit....

B.D. No. 5102

April 9th 1951

You all have to complete the school of the spirit if you want to attain the eternal right to dwell in the spiritual kingdom as blissful spiritual beings permeated by light, who are able to create with might and strength in harmony with My will. This school of the spirit is your earthly existence, which frequently is an unbearably heavy burden for you indeed, but which then can also result in greater success if you only strive with good will towards your spiritual perfection and do not allow the tribulations of life to depress you, if you do not regard earthly life as an end in itself but as a means to an end. You always have to remember that the period of time you live on earth as self-aware beings is but short, but that this short phase is decisive for eternity.

Bear in mind that you are expected to make the free decision of will during this short time on earth, and that you are only able to make this decision if you are influenced by two sides and one side becomes victorious over you.... This, understandably, will require a struggle which you yourselves have to settle as human beings. Thus, your spiritual perfection is entirely in your own hands but it will be supported by Me in every way, even if it is not obvious to you. After all, I want to win you over and not lose you.... Hence, you also have to be convinced that I will shape every human being's fate such that he will be able to reach his goal, his spiritual perfection on earth, if his will makes the right choice. And therefore I also know the dangers he could succumb to and will avert them from him as far as possible which, however, does not exclude the possibility that he can nevertheless succumb to them by virtue of his free will.

But his destiny is always appropriate to further his highest possible perfection.... Earthly life is but a short episode, and even if it entails a most arduous destiny his suffering will not offset the beatitude which he can create for himself with correct use of his will. I do not deliberately abandon any of My living creations to their fate, I will always and forever look after each one, for I want the school of the spirit to be successful.... And if the person is always (consciously) mindful that nothing happens or is permitted without My will, which always aims to achieve spiritual success, then he will also always have the opportunity to enter into mental contact with Me to favourably dispose My will towards him, since I Am a Father to all My living creations, Who lovingly tends to His children if only a silent call reaches His ear, an appeal for help in spiritual or even earthly hardship....

You are truly not alone.... Someone Who loves you is with you and only wants what is best for you.... Why do you not call on Him and confide your problems to Him? Do not allow earthly adversity to deter you from Me but allow it to push you towards Me, then it will truly no longer burden you so much, for I will help you carry the cross that destiny has placed upon you in accordance with My wise decision and in awareness of what serves your spiritual perfection.... Then the silent submission to My will is already your correctly undertaken decision of will, then you will no longer be opposing Me but you will have relinquished your resistance to Me and acknowledged Me.... Then you will have completed the school of the spirit with utmost success and your end on earth will be an easy one....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

"I will send you the 'comforter'...."

B.D. No. 7247

April 6th 1959

You shall all be comforted who go through your earthly life grieving or anxious. My love will always pursue you and My love does not want you to suffer. And thus I will send you the right

comforter, My spirit, which imparts words of love to you, words of comfort and words of strength. I have promised you My spirit that it will comfort you when I no longer dwell in the body on earth. And this promise applies to all who take the path across earth.... I Myself will always be with them in spirit and address them so that they will not feel lonely and abandoned, so that they will not need to mourn, so that they will not fear and tremble.... For I Myself am with all who ask Me for comfort and strength and love. My spirit is truly a comforter, for can a human being address you more lovingly than eternal love Itself does? And eternal love expresses Itself through the spirit, as It has promised: "I will send you the comforter, the spirit of truth...." And this spirit, which is My emanation, will truly lift you up and comfort you, it will not leave you powerless, it will strengthen you and again and again give you courage and strength, and you will always be able to master earthly life because you lean on Me Myself when your spiritual spark unites with the father-spirit of eternity in order to let Him comfort you. Therefore there will only ever be one path when the heart is sad, when the human being wants to despair in earthly or spiritual adversity, the path to Me Myself, so that My spirit will become active in you, so that it can express itself and truly does so in such a way that you will continue your path strengthened and comforted towards the right goal. For then I will speak to you Myself and My words will touch your heart like balm, they will alleviate all pain and remedy all secret hardship, My word will penetrate your hearts and bring everyone the comfort he needs in his suffering. Not arbitrarily have I spoken these words: "I will send you the comforter...." For I knew about the many hardships into which My children will fall if they want to walk the path of following Jesus. Suffering will not be able to be kept away from them on this path, and in this suffering I wanted to assure them of My comfort.... and since I was no longer on earth in a purely physical sense I promised My own the 'comforter', My spirit.... thus Myself, only not visible as a human being, yet present to everyone who needs comfort and strength and calls upon Me for help in his adversity. But I cannot intervene in a comforting way where My spirit is not requested, where there is no bond between the spiritual spark in the human being and the father-spirit of eternity. I have to wait until the call reaches My ears that a person is in distress and that he expects help from Me. Then I will certainly be ready to help, for I have promised My comforter to all who believe in Me and long for Him.... And therefore no human being need be despondent, no matter what distresses him.... for he will always find comfort and help with Me, and I will quite obviously grant him such, so that 'My spirit' will become manifest and its working, true to My promise: "I will send you the comforter, the spirit of truth...." You can keep this promise of Mine when you are troubled or distressed, for My word is truth, and no one who turned to Me in his distress will need to go from Me without being comforted....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The earth has ceased to be the educational station of the spirit

Spiritual low.... turnaround impossible.... end....

B.D. No. 5718

July 7th 1953

There can be no more spiritual upswing on this earth because people have already devoted themselves too much to matter, that is, to that which the earthly world embodies, which is God's adversary and will remain so for eternal times. Before the expiry of an earthly period the spiritual low is clearly recognizable.... It is also obvious that people no longer change, precisely because matter holds them captive. Only the overcoming of matter ensures spiritual ascent, but the overcoming of matter necessitates a recognition of its unworthiness and this in turn necessitates a reflection on survival after death and on the human being's actual task on earth.... But people are no longer moved by such thoughts because they no longer have faith and because they do not live in love.... It is a simple explanation why the spiritual state is so low, why no change of it is to be expected either.... because people lack love, which would entail faith, realization and spiritual striving.... If people would change to love then no end of the redemption period would be necessary either, yet nothing can induce them to do so, neither their fellow human being's adversity and misery nor their own adversity changes their attitude, and they do not establish a bond with God because they do not believe in Him.... Thus a spiritual change cannot be expected on this earth, and only such a change would be able to stop the end of the earth, because then the earth would fulfil its task as a work of creation again, because then it would be a training station for the spiritual again, as is its purpose. But a spiritual turning point must occur, and if this is not possible on the old earth, an epoch of redemption must be ended and a new one begun. For people do not remain in this spiritual low but sink ever deeper. And this is prevented by God through a separation of spirits, a new banishment of those who have sunk deepest and through the emergence of a new earth with spiritually mature people who live again according to God's will.... with whom a new period of development begins, where the souls can reach the highest perfection. God's love and wisdom truly recognizes when the time for this has come, and God will never give up a soul which can still be saved. But when no more transformation is possible, then the time has also come and the scripture is fulfilled.... The end is coming and with it the day of judgment, the earth will pass away and a new one will arise, and the way to salvation will be opened for the deeply fallen again....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Spiritual low level.... Lovelessness.... Selfish love....

B.D. No. 8712

December 31st 1963

The greatest evidence of humanity's spiritual low level is lovelessness, which is evident amongst people everywhere. Selfish love has steadily increased and hardly anyone is practicing neighbourly love anymore, hence there also has to be a profane state on earth, a state of activity by evil forces, where God's adversary always has the upper hand and people are his willing subjects. The spiritual darkness is getting increasingly worse, rays of light are only seldom recognisable and even frequently feigned by deceptive lights without strength of radiance.... Judging by people's degree of love the time of the end has clearly arrived....

An obvious decline can be detected, people are firmly attached to matter, they only value their body and its comfort, earthly success and an increase of earthly commodities. They do not believe the fact that their souls are suffering extreme hardship since they do not believe in the soul's life after death, indeed, they frequently even deny having a soul. They cannot be forced into a different mode of

thinking, their free will has to be respected, but accordingly they also prepare their own fate after their death.

And anyone who observes what is happening in the world, in his immediate neighbourhood, also knows that this state cannot continue forever because it is getting worse from day to day, because people's greed for matter continues to grow, because no spiritual aspiration can be noticed and because every situation will eventually come to an end if it does not correspond to divine order.

People no longer serve each other, everyone wants to rule instead and be served at the same time, everyone wants from the other what he enjoys but no-one is willing to do the same in return.... There is no love, people's hearts are hardened, and there are only ever a few people willing to help in times of need.... And this is the small flock, for once the will to love becomes active it will establish the bond with Eternal Love. And This will not leave a person again, who voluntarily performs labours of love.

You humans do not know the blessings of loving deeds.... you do not know how much easier you could travel your earthly path if only you would practice love and thereby receive consistently more for your soul, but also receive what you need for earthly life. But heartless humanity lacks this knowledge, everyone just looks after himself, and everyone tries to get whatever he can out of life and forgets that his hour of death is unknown to him, that he can pass away at any time and take nothing he owns into the beyond, but that he will arrive bare and miserable on the other side. For he has nothing to show for his soul which he had starved in earthly life but which is all he has left now and which enters the spiritual kingdom in desperate poverty. And this heartless state of people cannot result in the slightest spiritual progress. However, since the soul only lives on earth as a human being for the purpose of maturing, but this purpose is not fulfilled, a powerful intervention by God has to take place, a sharp reprimand and reminder, so that a few people will reconsider the purpose of their earthly life and change themselves before the earth's last stage begins which will not last long until the end.

People take no notice of God's gentle voice through strokes of fate, disasters and all kinds of accidents, through the Word of God from above, and thus they have to be spoken to with a louder voice, and blessed, who wants to hear God's voice and takes it to heart, for even then there will be many people who don't want to recognise Him when he speaks to them through the elements of nature with tremendous strength.... They, too, will not be forced but able to make a decision of free will, nevertheless they will be spared the worst, the recurrent banishment into hard matter, if they still find and take the path to God, if they still acknowledge Him and call upon Him for mercy....

But then the end will have come, for the earth will no longer fulfil its purpose, it will no longer be used by the souls as a place to mature, it will merely be utilized for the body, and everyone will elevate himself to a ruler of the world and cause the greatest destructions himself in the belief to control all laws of nature and thus also to experiment with impunity, which then will lead to the final destruction of earth.

But this is what people themselves want, and thus it will come to pass as it is proclaimed in Word and Scripture: a new heaven and a new earth will arise and divine order will be re-established, so that the return of the souls to God can continue, as it is intended in His eternal plan of Salvation....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Vast distance from God.... End....

B.D. No. 7672

August 12th 1960

The fact that people have distanced themselves from Me to such an extent is an obvious sign of the times, for thereby they hasten the end themselves since earthly life no longer fulfils its purpose.... that people look for and find unification with Me.... Their earthly existence was only given to them for

one reason: to take the last step in their return to Me, to eliminate the distance they had once created themselves through their apostasy from Me.

In earthly life they are now granted the final opportunity to understand their wrongdoing which made them fall into an abysmal distance from Me....As a result of My love and grace this distance has already been so reduced by way of the path through the works of creation that they have now reached the point of return to Me which, however, has to occur in free will, and therefore the once fallen spirits were granted the short time of earthly life which fully suffices in order to reach the final goal.... the union with Me.

Yet people fail to consider the purpose of their earthly life, they look at everything with earthly-minded eyes, they don't decrease their distance from Me, in fact, they are more likely to increase it because they lack love and this always signifies a vast distance from Me. And thus the time has come where earth no longer serves as a place of spiritual education, where it is missing its purpose.... where it has become pointless for the human being to live on earth because he only uses his stay wrongly and is far more inclined to extend his distance from Me. And this means that the human being's soul is in utmost danger of being banished into matter again, of descending into the deepest abyss once more. And therefore a large transformation is about to happen to you humans to enable the earth to fulfil its purpose again: helping the soul to attain maturity.

Hence present-day people hasten the end of the old earth themselves, for I want to restore the old order and let the earth become a place of education for the spirit once more which, however, necessitates disintegrating and reshaping the creations, including those people who do not recognise the meaning and purpose of earthly life and just live a purely material life without taking their souls into consideration. And regardless of what I will still allow to happen until then, it will no longer lead to a change in people except in a few who will find Me in the last hour, and whom I also want to save from their downfall.

People no longer believe in Me with a living faith, and a dead faith cannot awaken the souls to life. For people live without love. They no longer take notice of their fellow human beings' hardship, they just feel great love for themselves and **this** love drives them back into the adversary's arms again, and so they steadily widen their distance to Me, given that love alone establishes unification with Me and heartlessness merely proves their remoteness from Me. Hence the time which separates you humans from the end is getting ever shorter.... whether you believe it or not.... It is the lawful consequence of humanity's heartlessness which only a very change into love would be able to revoke but which can no longer be expected on this earth.

Earthly life is purely a matter of the soul becoming fully mature.... yet no-one is aware of this task incumbent on him apart from the small flock of My Own who, although they will be unable to stop the transformation of this earth, will nevertheless inhabit the new earth as the root of the new human race. Their fate will be an exceptionally glorious one, which people should truly regard as the most important thing to strive for in these last days.... yet it is never believed and no person can be forced to believe it. However, time and again you shall be informed of it, for I will let My voice be heard until the end and remind and warn all people, and until the last day every person will still have the opportunity to change himself.... to strive for another goal rather than purely the material world.... And blessed is he who still uses the short time to change his nature to love; for he will not have to fear the end because then he, too, will belong to My Own who will be protected and saved by My strong arm....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

You will never be able to prevent Me from implementing My eternal plan of Salvation. I have indeed said that you will be able to avert much from yourselves through heartfelt prayer, but My plan of Salvation is based on humanity's will which I recognised from the start and thus was also able to appoint the appropriate times when the great transformations will take place, and I will indeed adhere to these times. Due to his heartfelt prayer I can certainly avert occurrences from every individual person, I can guide every individual in a way that he will not be affected by the events which I allow to befall people if I want to achieve My purpose: to continue the process of return, which has come to a standstill.... Yet I have always predicted exceptional events to you, and these predictions will indeed fulfil themselves since they must fulfil themselves if the divine order is to be restored again. And I have truly known throughout eternity at what point the divine order will no longer be observed and have therefore always been able to refer to this time and mention the substantial upheavals which will irrevocably occur according to My announcements. But people will never believe these announcements undisputedly, for what is prophesied to them as shortly forthcoming surpasses human notions....

They will certainly be able to recognise the course of world events, that a change will have to happen because people have reached the lowest point, as is clearly evidenced in their self-indulgence and an excessive craving for a good living standard, earthly commodities, honour and power.... Thus they would be able to recognise by the signs of the time that these announcements have a certain justification, which they ought to take seriously and then live their own life accordingly. But their unbelief is already too great for people to listen to such indications. They unreservedly live a purely earthly life and reject all thoughts of drastic change. And this is why humanity will be taken by surprise by a catastrophic natural event on a scale which has never been experienced on earth before, which will end many people's lives and lead to unprecedented chaos of huge proportions and mean immense misery for people. This is a last warning sign and shall therefore be constantly proclaimed to people.... My messengers shall draw people's attention to it so that they will recognise the truth when this event takes place, so that they will make good use of the last days before the soon-following end for the maturity of their souls. Admittedly, they will find little or no belief, and yet I keep instructing My messengers time and again to speak up wherever possible. People don't want to be disturbed in their lives of pleasure but they will get a sudden shock, and the forthcoming event can mean the end for any individual person, and he will be not be able to take his material possessions across with him. And this is what he shall always bear in mind, for even if he is usually not willing to believe he nevertheless knows that he cannot prolong his physical life by even one day because the hour of his death is predetermined, and he knows that one day his end will come and that this can happen at any day, that he will have to leave everything behind which amounts to the purpose of his life. And therefore he should not value earthly goods so highly but procure himself possessions for eternity.... And he would only be acting intelligently, whereas a purely earthly life is no sign of prudence but only attests to confused thinking....

My plan of eternity, however, will be carried out and the day I have set for Myself will be adhered to, because the human generation no longer fulfils its earthly task and will therefore be devoured by the earth with the exception of those who have recognised Me, who believe in Me and remain loyal to Me until the end.... For the earth must continue to serve its purpose as a place of education for the spiritual substances which are on the path of return to Me.... And this is why the great work of transformation cannot be omitted and everything has come to pass as I always predicted, because I don't leave people without warning and offer everyone still enough opportunities to find Me and seek union with Me in faith and love. And truly, these shall still be saved before the end.... I will call them back earlier so that they will not run the risk of descending completely but they can still mature in the beyond.... Or I will remove them from the earth at the end and take them to a place of peace because they are intended to populate the new earth again as the root of the new human generation.... You humans should believe what I announce to you time and again, for there is not much time left, and

everyone of good will can still be saved, so that he will not meet the dreadful fate of a new banishment....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

School of spirit in the hereafter

In My Father's house are many mansions....'

B.D. No. 5449

July 26th 1952

In My Father's house are many mansions.... Can you understand the meaning of My Words? That I promise you a dwelling in My Father's house but at the same time want you to know that a suitable abode is prepared to accommodate every one of My living creations.... that I want to tell you, that what you have not yet achieved on earth you can still strive to achieve in My kingdom, because I have countless possibilities to improve your development in the spiritual kingdom. I have not just the earth at My disposal, but all My creations are places to attain full maturity for the still imperfect soul until it has finally developed to the point that, in heavenly bliss, it will be able to take possession of the most magnificent spiritual creations, for wherever it stays is in 'My Father's house', in the sphere of My infinite love, and it will always stay where the Father has prepared a dwelling place which corresponds to its degree of love and its ability to reign and work in the realm to which it was assigned by Me.

In My Father's house are many mansions.... No being is homeless, the eternal home accepts all souls, yet this home has many different aspects.... it can exhibit the most magnificent flower gardens and wonderful palaces, but it can also include infinitely vast barren regions which take ages to wander through.... yet even in these barren regions paths branch off which lead to areas full of flowers, and it just depends on whether the rambles pay attention to these paths, whether they attentively try to find a way out from this barren region and also take this way out.... Everyone will be accepted in My eternal home, and everyone has the right to take ownership of a dwelling. But what it consists of is entirely subject to their will.

And therefore I say: In My Father's house are many mansions.... For every human being, every being, prepares its own place of abode depending on the degree of its perfection. Yet no matter how poor his dwelling is.... through his will and his work it can really quickly be transformed, and the most delightful homesteads can arise if only the soul has the desire for it and diligently strives for fulfilment. In that case it will be supported by countless helpers who will create and work with the soul, and it can become a paradise-like dwelling place where previously was a barren and bleak region.... One day every soul will return to its true home, but as long as it is still imperfect it will feel homeless, although it will have already entered the kingdom from whence it once had come. However, I have many schoolhouses, and higher development will advance for sure, even if it often requires a long time.... One day the lost son will return home and reside in the mansion he once owned, he will stay in the Father's house where all children are gathered around the Father, he will be lovingly received by the Eternal Love, Which will give him a seat next to Himself....

Yet infinite times will still pass by until all My children have found home again, until they can take up residence in My house; infinite times will still pass by, yet I will not abandon any one of My children.... The Father's love attracts them, and not one of My children will be able to resist this love **forever....**

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

You shall emerge from the school of the spirit well instructed and at all times bear witness to your teachers that they have introduced you to all knowledge, that they imparted eternal wisdom to you, and when you have successfully completed this school of the spirit, that you have penetrated into the depths of divine wisdom and are therefore also able to recognize the greatness and majesty of the creator, your purpose on earth will be completely fulfilled, for then you will have reached the spiritual level which allows you to enter higher spheres. You can leave the body of flesh behind and rise above matter without restraint, completely free within yourselves and released from all oppressive fetters. This stage will be a blissful one for you, as you will no longer be burdened by anything. Flooded with radiant light, nothing impure has access to you and your state is light and life.... You stand in the truth and realize that you can never perish. From the depth of consciousness all spiritual knowledge rises up and reveals the whole of creation to you, and everything will be reflected brightly and clearly before your spiritual eye.... and what you desire to see will come to life in all its diversity.... There will be nothing that remains veiled to you.... it will be an unspeakably satisfying state, a constant sense of well-being and yet again a constant desire to experience and see the wonders of creation again and again. The earth only harbours the glories of God's creation to a limited extent, and yet these are so numerous to behold and marvel at that times will pass before a being of light has absorbed all these wonders of creation.... But now try to imagine that all celestial bodies, all creations which have arisen in the vast universe through God's omnipotence, exhibit such evidence of divine activity of love in infinitely great numbers and that eternities will pass before a being which stands in the light has gained an insight into the countless miracles of creation, and thus the state of aversion or weariness can never ever occur, for this is a concept which can only be applied in earthly life but never in the eternal work of creation which is sublime above all earthly things, which shelters beings of light in endless numbers and yet does not deny one of these beings the complete fulfilment of its longing and desire. Every being of light has every opportunity to indulge in supernatural pleasures to an extent you cannot comprehend, yet love surpasses them all.... The law of love is decisive, as on earth, so also in those spheres, love is always the epitome of all spiritual.... for love is the power that flows through everything, and all bliss has its origin and its goal in love....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

School of the spirit on earth and in the hereafter....

B.D. No. 2373

June 18th 1942

A person's life on earth can be called a school of the spirit, and if he utilizes all possibilities he can be full of knowledge at the end of his life and thus be able to carry out the new task in the beyond.... This task consists of being a useful member of the community, which is again responsible for the work of education.... the education of ignorant and immature souls on earth as well as in the beyond. For ignorance is an unfree and deficient state that must be remedied. This task must be borne by deep love, because it is arduous and requires infinite patience. The knowledge must be conveyed to the ignorant on God's instructions by beings who are capable of it, i.e. who are in knowledge themselves, thus the former must consciously want to serve God through it, then they can be admitted to teaching activity. The earth is a schoolhouse in which every human being can attain maturity if he does not resist the education on the part of those teaching forces. Everything is made clear to him through creation, and his thoughts will always be directed towards realization, but they can also go their own way, thus the work of education can also be unsuccessful for the individual person or his soul. Then this work must be continued in the beyond, often with great difficulty and resistance. However, the being is not a useful member in the kingdom of the eternal until it is likewise willing and able to be active as a teacher, for unspeakably many souls still have to be educated in the school of the spirit, and this also requires many forces which are willing and able to pass on the knowledge. The spirit in every human soul is able and willing to receive all knowledge, yet it is often held captive

by the soul so that the connection with the divine spirit outside itself is made impossible...., which is therefore to be understood such that the spiritual beings, which would like to impart the knowledge on behalf of God through mental emanations, are hindered in their endeavour by the soul, by the human being's will, which denies these thoughts access to the spirit within it. This is exactly how the endeavours of the knowing forces are resisted in the beyond and their teaching activity is prevented. But as long as the soul lacks knowledge it is also unhappy, it is immature, knows nothing, recognizes nothing and is blind in spirit, and if a soul in need of help approaches it, it cannot offer it anything because it possesses nothing itself. This is a shortcoming that has a painful effect and yet is not taken into account in earthly life, otherwise people would make it their business to successfully pass through the school of the spirit. They do not realize how much they need the knowledge and how their own fate and that of many other souls depends on this knowledge, for only the imparting of knowledge brings with it a state of happiness, and the being can only impart knowledge once it has first acquired it in the school of the spirit. Life on earth can be entirely sufficient to give the human being the right realization, thus he can have absorbed a degree of knowledge during this time which will ensure him a happy state in the beyond, because he is now able to impart his knowledge and, as a teaching force, once again fulfils a task which is assigned to every soul, for this task is the epitome of the act of salvation, because through its fulfilment the darkness is banished and all beings are guided towards the light....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Acquiring spiritual treasures on earth....

B.D. No. 8203

June 30th 1962

You can only gain if you let yourselves be addressed by Me, for your spiritual wealth will increase so that you will be able to enter the kingdom of the beyond in an abundance of light after the death of the body and you will then do beneficial work for your own happiness. You will be rich in spiritual possessions which are everlasting, and you will recognize and love Me with all your heart, for then you will be in brightest realization again, you will be able to look back over your entire course of development and thus also recognize My great love for you which only ever wants to make you happy.... And since I was able to speak to you directly in your original state and this was your entire bliss, this state of bliss shall also be your fate again in the beyond, and therefore I already speak to you on earth in order to open up the knowledge about your relationship with Me as your God and father, and now you shall also long for your father as the father longs for His child to return to Him again. And this knowledge is therefore the gain which every direct address will earn you. This knowledge is a wealth which you are unable to appreciate but which ensures your entry into the kingdom of light, which you feel as an abundance of light and are happy to be able to radiate light again yourselves.... i.e., to give knowledge again to those who are still in spiritual darkness, which awakens love for Me in them and they will now use the strength of love for their own spiritual ascent as well as for the ascent of the souls which still dwell in the abyss.... You are now wearing a radiant spiritual garment because My divine light of love can now shine through you, for your love for Me also demands My love, and you will constantly be allowed to receive and increase in light and wisdom.... in order to now also be able to work in My will, which is also yours. Don't pass by the treasures on earth which I offer you Myself when I speak to you, for you are on earth for the sake of these treasures, so that you acquire them for yourselves, so that you don't reject them when I Myself give them to you.... Then open your heart and ear and listen to what I have to say to you.... For it is a direct illumination of My strength of love which will only ever result in the highest success.... which supplies you with light in abundance and shapes your soul into My image, so that you fulfil your earthly task and become blissfully happy again, as it was in the beginning....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Highest goal on earth: reaching the childship to God

Unused earth days.... repentance.... childhood of God....

B.D. No. 3528

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The days the human being leaves unused on earth for his spiritual higher development are irretrievably lost, for as soon as earthly life is over he is deprived of the opportunities to carry out works of love out of his own strength. Admittedly, he can also strive upwards in the beyond but he only receives strength in a certain degree of maturity. But if the soul has not reached this then it is completely powerless, whereas on earth even the most imperfect human being has strength at his disposal which he can use to work in love. And although he also has the opportunity to mature spiritually in the beyond.... the unused time on earth is lost to him which he could use to achieve the highest aim.... the childship to God, which requires a degree of maturity which can never be made up for in the beyond. The human being has to strive for this aim with all his strength, he has to completely devote himself to God and live according to His will, but then he will also make use of every day on earth, he will consciously always live his earthly life with his eyes upwards, he will live a spiritual life which overrules earthly life. But anyone who is lukewarm and indolent, whose heart is divided between God and the earthly world, will spend days where he is only purely earthly-minded, and these days will be lost to him for eternity. For the world awakens earthly desires, it awakens impulses in the human being's heart which lack love, and the soul will not be released from its fetters, the shell will not be burst but rather thickened, and the spirit will be hindered in its actual activity, it will not be able to work, and the human being will be at the mercy of the forces which strive to win him through the world. However, higher development on earth requires the release of the spirit, for only when it can work in him will the human being progress upwards, driven by the spirit which prevents his downfall and introduces the soul into the spiritual kingdom. Once the spirit in the human being has awakened it will no longer sink into sleep, then it will be constantly active.... then the human being will also use every day for his spiritual well-being. But as long as he slumbers the soul remains on the same level, then it only lives in the earthly but not in the spiritual world. And these days are lost to it. A fully utilized earthly life belongs to the attainment of childship to God, a life where the will is always turned towards God, although the human being is exposed to great temptations which are meant to test his will. As long as the human being's will has not yet decided in favour of God the soul cannot develop upwards either, rather, the danger of regression is great because God's adversary leaves no means untried to win the soul. And his means is the world with its enticements and its illusory glamour, to which the soul too easily falls prey. Therefore, the human being only belongs to God when he has overcome the world, only then will he ascend, and then no day may remain unused if full success is to be achieved. In the beyond there is certainly also higher development for the soul if it has the will for it, yet until it has reached the degree of light it is extremely laborious and requires a long time.... it first has to acquire the treasures which it can easily gain on earth and which follow it into the spiritual kingdom. And therefore anyone who uses the time on earth and gathers spiritual treasures which allow him to enter the kingdom of light, where he then constantly strives upwards, will be blessed.... yet the souls who come to realization in the beyond and remember the unused time on earth, which they will never be able to make up for even if spiritual ascent is still possible for them, will painfully regret it....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Childhood of God only on earth.... further development in the hereafter....

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November 1st 1952

The maturing process is always promoted by God, yet in the stage of free will the spiritual can also offer resistance, and then God's will steps back and the human being's will decides. If the human being's development does not progress or even regresses, then the human being's will has resisted God's effort to help him progress, and then the spiritual substance in the human being, the soul, must also bear the consequences.... a state in the beyond which is adapted to the still undeveloped spiritual.... without light and without strength. Resistance to God is always a lack of light and strength, because light and strength emanate from God alone and resistance to God always means a rejection of His flow of strength of love. This state can certainly also be changed in the beyond, but again only by giving up resistance against God, that is, by willingly accepting what is also offered to him in the beyond, but likewise without coercion. But on earth a great grace of God has been disregarded, His loving help has been rejected, and understandably this has consequences which can never be entirely revoked, which is why an improvement of the state of misery can certainly be achieved in the beyond but the same will never be achieved as was possible on earth.... the childship to God.... Furthermore, it is not possible to arbitrarily return to earth again in order to make up for what was missed.... The human being's free will has made a decision on earth, and life in the kingdom of the beyond is in accordance with it. Yet God's great kindness and mercy helps all beings to become blissfully happy, and this bliss is possible in so many degrees that the being's will is always taken into account. In order to attain a higher degree of beatitude a repeated embodiment on earth is not permitted, yet a soul, driven by love and its greater than great will to help, can request a re-embodiment from God in order to carry out a mission on earth which applies to the salvation of earth souls.... This also results in an increased degree of maturity which, however, has to be acquired through an extremely difficult earthly life. Moreover, the soul which now embodies itself on earth is already in a certain degree of light, so that one cannot speak of an ascent development of a still imperfect being which now wants to make up for what it missed through a repeated earthly life. For God also gives the soul the opportunity to ascend in the beyond, yet the conditions for ascent development must be different, because it left the granted allocation of grace, which earthly life as a human being was in itself, unused, because it failed in free will and therefore can only achieve beatitude under more difficult conditions. Countless spheres exist and countless degrees of beatitude.... All souls can become blessed and increase their degree of bliss through their own will. But the highest beatitude of a child of God remains denied to the soul which failed on earth, for it is **possible** to attain this degree on earth using God's grace in free will.... The childship to God is the crowning of an earthly life which is led entirely according to God's will, in most faithful love for God and neighbour.... childship to God is the heavenly father's gift to His children who made use of earthly life to divest themselves of the last dross, who, through a right life of love during earthly life, become what they were from the beginning.... divine beings full of light and strength....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Attainment of childship to God only on this earth....

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October 26th 1957

Only on earth is it possible for you to attain the highest degree of perfection, so that you, as God's true 'children', will be able to enter into supreme happiness. Earth is **the** place of education for the spiritual essence which makes the **greatest** demands on the human being's will. All places of education in the entire universe serve to mature the souls, and they can also help them to achieve immeasurable bliss, but only the process across earth can gain the being the childship to God, a degree of happiness which signifies a direct influx of strength and light, utmost proximity to the heavenly Father and the beholding of Him face to face in all glory. There are so many different degrees of blissfulness in the kingdom of light, and it already denotes happiness and bliss if a being has found admission to the realm of light at all. But the degree of bliss can constantly increase, and this concept

cannot be easily explained to you humans as long as your thinking is still limited, as long as you still live on earth. However, you can nevertheless be educated to strive for the highest goal that can be achieved by your life on earth. You shall know and believe that God has embodied you on this earth precisely because He wants to prepare an inconceivably magnificent fate for you, but which you have to acquire for yourselves, which he cannot just give you, but He is providing you with all possibilities to make sure that you can attain the goal.

The souls which travel the path across this earth have already ascended from the lowest abyss, they have left such an appalling path of suffering behind themselves that they are indeed sufficiently prepared to still travel the last short path, but precisely this last time of trial is dangerous, since after the infinitely long time of extremely painful constraint they now sense a certain amount of freedom and can easily misuse it. Especially this earth is a place of temptation, because the embodied souls on this earth have been the most loyal followers of God's adversary, which he doesn't want to release and thus he constantly influences the souls which strive to ascend. But if these once most loyal followers of the fallen original spirit can detach themselves from his bondage then an really wonderful fate will await them, for then the change from God's 'living creation' into God's 'child' will have taken place, but this also necessitates complete dedication to God, a total change of their nature, a shaping into a high degree of love.... hence an extremely difficult and sorrowful earthly life, if it is to lead to the goal. But only few people will reach this high degree of perfection, nevertheless, the path across earth will be more highly valued by God than a path across other places of development which offer easier conditions for the beings yet also grant them happiness and bliss as long as they fulfil the tasks required of them in all these schools of divine love.

All souls shall return again, and their bliss consists of the fact that there will be no end, that the being will constantly strive in order to constantly receive fulfilment, that the bliss, too, will forever increase, which God is bestowing on those who approach Him. However, people on earth don't know **what** they are able to attain through their earthly life.... they don't know that they can pass over untold intermediate stages, that it is possible for them to gain a place at the Father's heart which will eternally compensate them for the most difficult earthly fate, for a life on earth which almost seems unbearable to them.... God therefore has embodied Himself as a human being on earth in order to demonstrate to people what kind of life a person ought to live in order to attain the highest goal. He has shown to them that it is possible to so spiritualise the soul through love and suffering, that it can completely merge with God, in order to then be and remain forever indescribably happy in total union with the Father....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

'Seek ye first the kingdom of God....'

B.D. No. 6968

November 14th 1957

Only that which helps your soul to attain full maturity can be beneficial for you. If only you always strove towards that which is useful for your soul then I would also take appropriate care of your body, for I gave you the assurance that I will look after you like the birds in the sky and the flowers in the field. You would truly not need to worry about 'tomorrow' if you considered your soul's **salvation paramount**, if you sincerely sought Me and My kingdom. But you humans have forgotten what is most important, your thoughts are fully and completely occupied with the world, with your body's well-being, and thus you are burdened by worries and problems, you let yourselves ever more increasingly be diverted from your actual task on earth, you pay constantly more attention to the world and only create and work for your transient part and don't consider your soul. For you don't believe My Words that I will add everything unto you if you first seek My kingdom and its righteousness.... You don't take these Words seriously and therefore don't test their truthfulness either. But I have only given you earthly life so that your **soul** should mature, for the body will perish, but the soul will exist forever. And the soul should.... not being entirely capable of living.... attain life on earth. This

awakening into life should be brought about by you. That is the purpose of your existence as a human being.... and in order that you will be able to accomplish your purpose, you will be supported by Me in every way.... Excessive worry about your body should not hinder the work of improving your soul, for this reason I take care of the former as long as you regard your actual task as more important, as soon as you 'seek My kingdom and its righteousness'. Then you will truly not lack anything, you will be taken care of both physically and spiritually, for I look after your body as well as after your soul and I will provide abundantly, because I love you and want to win your love as well.

However, people remain permanently burdened because they don't give credence to My Words nor do they try to procure the evidence of the truth, on the contrary, they completely ignore the soul's life because they neither strive to reach Me and My kingdom nor want to help their souls to attain a more bearable state. For they have no faith in Me.... Therefore they often have to endure severe suffering; they must go through physical hardship because they don't believe in My promise and faithfully wait for My help, because the well-being of their soul is not their priority and therefore they won't let Me Myself as a Father take care of His children. A little more faith in My Word could manage to achieve a considerable change in people's spiritual state, for as soon as people seriously strive towards Me and My kingdom, they would also keep My easy commandments of love, they would treat their neighbour with love and thus live completely righteously and remain within the divine order. In that case they would already have taken possession of My kingdom and accepted Me, because love would drive them to Me.... I would be able to provide them with everything they need for body and soul, for both physical as well as spiritual possessions could be given to them, as I have promised. Nevertheless, no-one will be forced to believe, but the Word of the Gospel will be recited to everyone 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you....' And every person can spend serious thoughts on this Word; he can make his earthly life easier for himself if he trusts in Me and My Word. First I expect his dedication to Me, which I will then reward him by taking care of his earthly worries, since he will now be a true aspirant for My kingdom. But as long as the human being regards his physical well-being of greater importance than his psychological development he will barely find time to consider his soul, for the body's demands will increase and discard every silent admonition on part of the soul, and the soul will go short and be badly withered at the end of its life on this earth.... for it was unable to gather riches, since the body took precedence. But regardless of what earthly wealth a person has attained and acquired.... he must leave it all behind when the hour of death arrives. The soul, however, will enter the kingdom of the beyond in a bare and deprived state, because the human being had neglected to do in his earthly life what is most important: to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness....

Amen

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Notice to end.... rights representatives of God....

B.D. No. 4327

June 9th 1948

The peaceful state is only granted to you for a short time, for the world clock is advancing and will soon have reached the last hour. Anyone who is aware of this also lives his life consciously in anticipation of what is to come, he prepares himself in all actions for the fact that he will soon have to relinquish earthly life, and he strives to secure eternal life for himself.... he works on himself and strives for the greatest possible maturity of his soul. But how few are there who believe in an end.... how few are seriously concerned with the thought of parting from this world.... It is like an increased hunger for everything the world offers, and very rarely are they moved by the thought of Me, very rarely do they seek the opportunity to hold spiritual conversations and provide their soul with the nourishment it so urgently needs. People live and yet are dead in spirit.... and the better they are doing, the more they master earthly circumstances, the more they fall away from Me or they place Me to one side, only occasionally turning their gaze towards Me but their hearts do not desire Me. And there are only a few of My true representatives on earth, otherwise the work in My vineyard would be crowned with greater success, otherwise people would be more aroused and change in their thoughts and

intentions. My rightful representatives proclaim My word to people, and **only** ever My word as a source of light and strength for those who are of good will and pay attention to My word.... My right representatives draw their attention to the misguided teachings which are spread throughout the world. Yet many call themselves My representatives on earth and take little care that My only true word is spread. They certainly urge people towards pious, God-fearing thoughts but always by way of ceremonies and external actions which are irrelevant for the spreading of My word. These will not have the success that people will concern themselves with thoughts of eternity and recognize the seriousness of the time, for those who call themselves My representatives do not believe in such a quick end themselves. And they reject every right representative who can bring them enlightenment. And thus people are in great spiritual hardship because they are completely blind and no other help can be sent to them than the transmission of My word from above. For this reason I repeatedly admonish My servants on earth, whom I have chosen as My rightful representatives, to proclaim My word wherever it is possible to point out to fellow human beings the end, the necessity of a change of soul and faith in life after death. I admonish you again and again, do not slacken in your spiritual work, create and work diligently as if tomorrow were the last day, for it will come irrevocably and not be long in coming. I don't want to lose you to death, I want you to live and prepare yourselves for this life and therefore speak words of love to you again and again from above until I let My voice sound louder from above as a sign that you may believe what I announce to you and tell you to spread. The day is near and you will be surprised, for My word has to fulfil itself....

Amen

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Let the spirit work in you....

B.D. No. 6612

August 4th 1956

You must not resist the spirit within you if it wants to express itself.... You must always be ready to listen to it, you must often go into silence and listen to what it wants to say to you. You must **consciously open** yourselves, for he will never force or try to penetrate too loudly but always wait for your willingness and then offer you delicious things. The spirit within you is the voice of My love which is always ready to sound for you, which constantly wants to speak to you but can only speak to you if you are also willing to listen to Me. And if you seriously consider what a great grace it is that you are privileged to hear My word, then you must only ever give thanks in profound humility for this gift of grace and never miss an opportunity to receive it. And thus the more often you open your heart the clearer you will hear My voice, and I will be able to impart inexhaustible wisdom to you which will make you profoundly happy.... And then you will soon be able to rise above all earthly things, you will learn to regard everything as a quickly passing final test and trial which will then be followed by an eternal, unclouded spiritual life.... Soon nothing will bother you anymore, because your soul will detach itself more and more from the material world and only longs to return home to its father's house. Only My spirit can convey this to you, and only your spiritual ear can receive it, but you yourselves can shape yourselves through your will such that you will become able to hear My voice, and My gifts will never be limited to you.... But you determine the measure yourselves. It is the law that free will is not ignored, that you must turn to Me yourselves if My ray of love is to affect you. But I do not restrict you, I do not withdraw from you but you yourselves give the reason when it seems to you as if I am not present to you, because a wall immediately pushes itself between us when your will is looking for another aim. And you must also remove this wall again yourselves and you will find Me again because I was never far away from you.... But that you are at a considerable advantage if My nearness is constantly proven to you through the receipt of My word need not be told to you, for your state of soul will prove it to you yourselves, you will feel an inner peace in My nearness and be full of strength because you receive it directly from Me. Let the spirit within you often have its say, just always create opportunities for it to express itself.... So often give yourselves over to inner contemplation, shut yourselves off from the noise of the world and listen to the subtle sound within you.... Want Me to speak to you and listen to Me.... And you will truly go through earthly life richly

blessed and also be able to pass on much of the blessing.... For you all need strength and light.... which My spirit gives to everyone who opens himself to it....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Spiritual regeneration and renewal....

B.D. No. 4072

June 28th 1947

Your aim and desire should be to experience spiritual rebirth, then you will also enter into union with Me and your ascent will be assured. You were born into the flesh and the spark slumbers in you, which is My share, but this spiritual spark does not yet have life, even though you live on earth, you first have to give it life, thus the spirit in you has to experience its birth, and this is just your work. It is your task, on the fulfilment of which your life in eternity depends. To be born anew in the spirit therefore means to give the spirit in you the opportunity to enter into your life completely independently of physical life, thus to take part, as it were, in everything you think, speak and act. The spirit within you, which is My part, wants to have a say in your earthly life, it wants to advise, guide and instruct you, it wants to make itself heard and draw the soul over to itself and thus help you to find union with Me so that you will be saved. But how do you awaken the spirit in you to life? By doing the will of the One Who gave you life and Who placed the spiritual spark in you in order to establish the connection with you through it, who are still distant from Me and yet should find union with Me while still on earth. And it is My will that you keep My commandments, that you love Me above all else and your neighbour as yourselves. Then the rebirth of the spirit will take place very quickly and it will be able to work in you.... And for the time being its activity consists of organising the thoughts which now turn towards the spiritual kingdom.... Your thinking will be spiritually directed.... In contrast to the earthly life before you will occupy yourselves with spiritual matters, you will no longer give the world special emphasis but your desire will be for matters concerning the life of the soul, you will think about life after death, you will seek Me and I will let Myself be found.... For the spiritual spark in you seeks unification with the father-spirit and wants to cause you to strive in the same way, it wants to detach you from the world and open up the charms of the spiritual world to you, and it will succeed in all of this if you give it the opportunity to work.... Then you will be born anew of the spirit, and then you will also safely reach your aim, for I am eternally united with the spiritual spark, and consequently you are also united with Me if you let yourselves be drawn by the spirit within you, if you once awaken it to life and then hand yourselves over to its influence.... Soul and body will now take advantage of the connection with the spiritual spark within you, soul and body will relinquish the earthly world in order to connect with the spiritual world, and soul and body will push towards Me, because the spiritual spark now determines thinking, feeling and willing and the spiritually born anew human being completely hands himself over to the influence of the spirit. Thus anyone who is born anew of the spirit will no longer walk in darkness for ever, he has found the light.... he has come to life and will never lose his life.... he will live for eternity....

Amen

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