

# Word of God

Feel the spirit of God

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## Feeding of the divine word.... act of God's grace....

B.D. No. 6255

May 12th 1955

**I**nto the darkness you shall be brought a light.... You shall experience God's love and mercy, you shall be showered with His grace, you shall experience a direct sign of His working and evidence of His presence amongst people who are of good will.... You shall take notice of His word which He conveys to earth as an outpouring of His love, because people are in great spiritual hardship and urgently need help. For this reason He expresses Himself through the mouth of a human being, He lets His spirit shine down into the hearts of those who open themselves to Him and gives them true light. He imparts the truth to them, knowledge which puts people into a state of realization and which shall serve to kindle love for their God and creator, for their father of eternity.... for only love for God causes people to live according to His will and strive towards Him.... Only love awakens in people the desire for union with the eternal love Itself.... It is truly a proof of immense love for you humans that God makes Himself known to you, that He kindles a light in you which shall brightly illuminate the path you have to take on earth.... It is an act of grace and mercy that He approaches you again who once strayed from God of your own free will, that He speaks to you and tries to persuade you to turn back and strive towards Him again, Who alone wants to grant you eternal bliss.... You humans walk in the night due to your own fault, for the divine light of love once shone upon you in abundance, yet you rejected it. Accept it now that it shines for you again, receive the gift of grace from God's hand and use it well.... and you will once again be what you were from the beginning: perfectly active and blissful beings full of light and strength. God Himself offers you the means which you only need to use in order to attain your former perfection again.... He grants you graces which you did not deserve since you had **voluntarily** distanced yourselves from God.... Yet He wants to win you back again, He wants you to return to Him as His children into your father's house, because His love created you and this love for you will never cease and therefore He will tirelessly court your love, the love of the child for the father, Who is and will remain for you for eternity. This is why He Himself speaks to you, and if you listen to Him and deeply move the words in your heart, you will also feel the love and strength which His word contains.... You will feel Him present to you and your heart will burn with love and want to belong to Him forever.... Open your hearts to His speech, do not close them unwillingly but listen to what He wants to say to you.... And you will experience an unimagined blessing, you will escape the spiritual night, the light of a radiant morning will shine upon you, filling your hearts with bliss.... You will approach a new day and no longer have to fear the dark night for ever, for the eternal light Itself comes to you and fills your hearts with radiant glow....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

# God is love

## The secret of eternal love....

B.D. No. 1747

December 22nd 1940

To fathom the mystery of eternal love is beyond human ability, and thus it will never be possible for a person to imagine God as love Itself, for God is an entity for the believing human being but love is a feeling.... Entity and perception, however, are two concepts that can certainly belong together, where one can mean the complement of the other, but which are difficult to think of as the same.... God is only conceivable as love insofar as the highest, most perfect being must also be in the highest degree of love, consequently God and love cannot be separated from each other. And this explanation is also the only one that can be given to people, but it does not reveal the secret of eternal love. For any thought beyond this is wrong because human thoughts are unable to fathom this miracle. And it must be enough for man to imagine divine love as something incomprehensible which can only be grasped with the same, i.e. that only the loving man penetrates into a mystery and he then only ever applies his own degree of love as a yardstick, since a 'more' is simply not comprehensible to him. Only when he has succeeded in transforming his own being into love will it be easier for him to imagine God as love Itself, but as a human being he will never fathom it completely. He is certainly able to imagine God as an entity, even if this entity is not conceivable in human terms either, yet the human being always imagines an entity as something physical (a form), even if it is not visible to the eye as such. Love, however, cannot take on a form in his imagination, and as soon as it were given a form, it would have to be addressed as something essential again. And therefore the attempt to introduce the human being to this mystery is completely pointless, it would only lead to erroneous trains of thought which could prevent the human being from recognizing the eternal truth. The human being, in his limitedness, will certainly be able to fathom everything that is related to earthly life, but to understand the spiritual requires (even) an activity of love. Then its essence also forms itself into love and when the soul separates itself from the body only the essence remains, which is now also love in itself, therefore is then also not to be seen as two different things, but could only become what it is through love.... thus again essence and love are the same thing.

(23.12.1940) However, the one Who is love in Himself only becomes conceivable as an entity because the possibility of comprehension for the human being only lies in the essence.... Although he also feels love, even if in the smallest measure, he cannot imagine the eternal deity as something that is only expressed in the life of feeling. For he would only regard this as belonging to the entity, but not as the entity itself. Love is a power, and God is power, therefore God and love must be the same. And again God must be recognized as an entity, otherwise the basic concept for the existence of the eternal deity would be missing. Only when the being has approached the eternal deity is it possible to merge the two concepts into each other, and then the being will completely realize what it cannot yet comprehend. On earth, however, it lacks this ability as it can only absorb what can be united with earthly laws, otherwise it will remain misunderstood....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## God's boundless love.... return....

B.D. No. 6272

June 1st 1955

My love made you come into being.... Boundless love filled Me for you, My created beings.... and boundless love will embrace you for all eternity.... It is not possible for you to grasp these words of Mine in all their depth, for you do not know divine love, you are unable to form an idea of it,

and therefore you can only accept My words as true and believe that I will never let you fall into depths from which there will be no return for ever.... As long as you keep yourselves distant from Me by virtue of your free will you will not feel anything of My love for you either.... But the closer you come to Me the more you will be permeated by My love, and then you will also slowly understand that and why you cannot remain separated from Me forever.... you understand that My love follows you and does not cease to woo you, because only reciprocated love can unite you with Me and because I have been longing for this love of yours since your departure from Me. My **endless love is the explanation for everything....** for the coming into being of creation, for its constant revival and renewal, for your course on earth and My fateful guidance.... But My love is also the explanation for all adversity, for catastrophes and nature-related destruction.... My love is also the reason for the dissolution and change of the old earth, when the time has come that My love is no longer recognized on the part of My creatures, when they are more distant from Me than ever.... For if I did not love you then I would truly not be interested in your return to Me.... but then there would also be no need for creation and also no people who embody the spiritual striving away from Me. Yet I also love you despite your imperfection, despite your self-inflicted weakness and imperfection.... because love never ends and thus cannot let you fall either, even though you resist Me.... And this love also once achieves your return to Me in free will, for it is a strength which nothing could oppose if it wanted to rule over everything.... Yet it wants to work **together with you**, it wants to inspire, and it wants to be reciprocated with the same intimacy, and therefore it courts you, your counter-love.... And thus you will not be able to detach yourselves from My love for eternity, yet it can only make you happy if you reciprocate it of your own free will.... But then you will be able to experience and behold the unimagined.... Then you will find yourselves in inexpressible bliss and you will realize what My love has done for you and had to do because it does not and cannot give up on you, you who emerged from My love and remain in My love forever....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

**God's endless love can be recognized by every human being....**

B.D. No. 7285

February 17th 1959

**Y**ou shall only become aware of My infinite love for you, and then you will also ignite the spark of love within yourselves which will become a flame and strike Me again. And that is all I want to achieve, that love will ignite in you which will then unite us eternally again, just as unkindness once separated you from Me. And the fact that I love you could become evident to you again and again if you were to look at everything around you and also your whole earthly life in thoughts of Me, Who directs your destiny, Who created everything that delights your eyes and your senses.... as far as it is not My adversary's means to chain you to the earthly-material world. But you can see My love for you everywhere if only you look around you with open eyes. If My love did not keep you then you would be surrounded by unimaginable chaos, for your earthly life would already lack all order, since I must rule by natural law even over those whose will is completely turned away from Me. They would have supremacy and destroy everything that is still meant to serve their fellow human beings for upward development. My love, however, puts a stop to them and prevents them by natural law from encroaching, which would be extremely harmful to all of you. But you humans often don't recognize My rule and activity when it is openly evident, because you take everything for granted and accept comforts as a matter of course. And yet, it is love which applies to you, My living creations, whom I want to make My children and who therefore shall return My love to Me so that I can unite with them as it was in the beginning. My love for you has not yet diminished and will also not cease eternally.... Yet you will not feel it as long as you are without love yourselves and do not open yourselves to My illumination of love. But once you become aware of My great love for you, then the ice around your heart will melt and then My illumination of love will have taken effect.... You begin to reciprocate My love, you ignite the flame of love within yourselves and the now flaring fire seeks to unite with the fire of love from eternity. You humans should only pay attention to how often a merciful fate saves

you from **unusual** sorrow and suffering, you should pay more attention to everything beautiful and happy in your life and gratefully remember Him Who allows you to experience it.... You should pay attention to every smallest event in your life which reveals a wise guidance of your heavenly father, and you should know that nothing happens without My will or My permission, that I constantly remember you and let everything happen to you out of My love as it is beneficial for you.... You should know that only My love ever speaks out of all events which affect you.... And if you are now fully aware of My love then the hot feeling of love for Me will also ignite in you, then you will want to make contact with Me, you will enter the circuit of love and allow yourselves to be illuminated with the blissful feeling of resting on the father's heart and being well sheltered in His love. And then I will also be able to have a direct effect on you, and My love will give you further evidence which you will only be able to experience in heartfelt union with Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## God demands faith in His immense love....

B.D. No. 8289

October 2nd 1962

**Y**ou have to have strong faith in My love in order to understand that whatever happens is beneficial for you and your soul and that you cannot go astray if you humbly accept whatever comes your way. Irrespective of how arduous it seems to you.... I know what you are capable of enduring and I will support you if you trustingly rely on My help. The assurance that you have all My love should let you take your earthly path fearlessly, for nothing can happen to anyone who feels secure in My love, no matter how much external pressure he is under.... For I know everything, I know the strength of your faith, and this alone determines the extent of your hardship.

The fact that you may know of this now, that I instruct you Myself and enlighten you about My nature which is love, wisdom and might, should already demonstrate My love, for I want to guide you into profound faith, because strength of faith will overcome everything. Then you will no longer be apprehensive, then you will always recognise your Father in Me, to Whom you can entrust yourselves like children and whose infinite love will do everything for His children in order to help them on their earthly path and to make them happy in eternity.... It is **My** love in which you have to believe.... For this love will not let you fall, and it directs and guides you and imposes an earthly fate on you which can result in your complete deliverance if only you want it. And this love died for you on the cross, with its sacrifice on the cross this love bought your freedom from the adversary who was entitled to you because you once followed him voluntarily.... A father's love, however, will not leave his child at the mercy of his enemy and adversary; rather, it will fight for this child and rescue it from his control.... Hence this great love is yours, and thus you also have the guarantee that one day you will be free from the power of the one who was responsible for your fall into the abyss....

And now that you live as a human being on earth you shall also know that the Father's love follows His children and that you, too, belong to those whose freedom was bought by His love and that it wants to regain you, you shall know that you should also give your love to your eternal Father, so that He can already make you infinitely happy on earth and one day in eternity. If you therefore believe in My infinite love you will also lose all fear and apprehension, all weakness, because you will always know that nothing detrimental can happen to you, because a loving father protects his children from everything that could harm them. The certainty of possessing the Father's love makes you feel free and cheerful, for you entrust everything to Me and are in no doubt that He will help you in every adversity.

A person with such profound faith will, by virtue of this faith, also closely unite with Me and be able to work remarkably on his fellow human beings by providing them with the kind of help which otherwise would exceed human ability or strength, for in close unity with Me he will take My strength himself and thus work with Me and I through him.... For My love knows no limits, yet your faith often erects limitations itself when it is not strong enough.... And, again, the strength of faith is the result of a life of love, for only love leads to a living faith, that is, 'Whoever lives in love lives in Me, and I in

him....', and thus there cannot be any doubt in the person, he is aware of My presence and also knows that My love is limitless and bestows unlimited strength on the human being too, if he wants to use it for deeds of love again....

Anyone who is able to believe in My infinite love has only achieved this because he lives a life of love himself, and he has also passed the last test of will on earth, he has consciously returned to his eternal Father, for he wants the Father's love which draws him to Itself. Nevertheless, I often have to let the human being experience severe affliction in earthly life so that he will look for Me, so that he will faithfully entrust himself to Me, request My help and in receiving My help also recognise My love. Only then will he give Me the love I demand, which unites the child with the Father again.... And then the earthly life will have brought him the success which was the purpose for his earthly path: that he voluntarily unites with Me again, from Whom he once voluntarily separated and became wretched.... But My love wants to prepare everlasting beatitude for him, and sooner or later it will achieve this objective....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

# God is the word

## God is the word.... address of God....

B.D. No. 5829

December 17th 1953

I, your God and father of eternity, approach you humans in My word.... For I Myself am the word, and thus when you listen to My word you have let Me Myself speak to you; you have entered into direct contact with Me, and now you can speak of My presence, of a proof of My love and care for you.... yet only ever when you let My word resound in your heart, when you listen to it or read it in thoughts of the one by Whom you are addressed.... when you let the words penetrate deep into your heart and they don't just fall on your ears.... Whether I am livingly close to you is for you to decide, but My love is always ready to speak to you, to give you proof in the form of My word that I am real and true and seek contact with you. Thus you yourselves determine Me to reveal Myself when you desire to hear My word. Yet I also come to My earthly children without being called in order to remind them that they should establish contact with Me.... I also speak to those who do not yet consciously request My address by directing their eyes to My representatives in the midst of the human world's hustle and bustle, who proclaim My word even in the midst of the world.... I win over some people, yet for the most part they pay no attention to the words which sound to them and which originate from Me Myself. Some, however, sense that I Myself speak to them and they let My words penetrate their hearts, and they also respond to My words, they take the words to heart and make an effort to live in accordance with them, they also want to feel My presence themselves, they unite with Me in thought and I will never let them go. People don't know how easy it is to make contact with their God and father of eternity.... they don't know that they need only open themselves for the time being when I speak to them, and that they can always persuade Me to speak to them through conscious will.... that I show them the path through My word on which they will safely reach the aim of earthly life under My guidance, yet I don't stop calling them or letting callers step into their path so that they become aware of My love and My care and pay attention when I speak to them Myself....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## God speaks as father to His children.... proof of love....

B.D. No. 4967

September 14th 1950

They are words of eternal life which reach you through the heavenly father's love, they are words of grace and mercy, words of promise and warnings of eternal ruin; they are words of light, for they will lead you to realization, they will help you to perfection as soon as you pay attention to them and value them as the father's greatest gift of grace to His children. Anyone who longs for His address will also hear His voice, only he should also consider what he thinks after heartfelt prayer to Him as His voice, for the heart's inwardness, which longs for the father, will always resonate with Him Who loves His children exceedingly and longs for unity with them. Anyone who regards God as father and gives Him his childlike love will also hear His voice in his heart, for the father reveals Himself to him, He makes Himself known to him, for He is constantly present to him and His word is the surest sign of His presence. But you humans are still very far from God and therefore you do not hear His voice and do not believe those who have already established a heartfelt relationship with the father and inform you of His love for the children of this earth. He can only express Himself to a few so that they recognize Him in the word, yet His love and grace belongs to them, He draws them to Himself and never lets them fall again. The divine word is the pledge of His love, it is the evidence of His everlasting care for the human being's soul, which He wants to possess and which therefore has to

shape itself according to His will in order to be able to dwell in His presence. Therefore He constantly instructs them, He constantly admonishes and teaches them and thus increases people's spiritual possessions which will one day benefit them in eternity, which guarantee the soul a 'life' in the spiritual kingdom, a constant activity according to God's will. Words which God Himself imparts to people on earth will never remain ineffective as soon as the human being desires them himself, i.e. shapes himself in such a way that he is able to hear the father's voice. Then they will also guarantee eternal life, for then they will not fade away at the human ear but echo in the heart and, as strength from God, also be life-awakening. Everyone can hear the divine word, but this presupposes an intimate connection with God, namely a connection of the heart, for words alone do not attract God's love. And God knows about His children's love and also considers them according to this love. He comes so close to them that they can feel Him and then also hear His words as clear thoughts through which He makes Himself known to them. Love for God expects His word, and He also gives Himself to a believing earthly child to give it proof of His love. His word helps people to become blissfully happy, therefore His word should be the first and last desire of the person who has recognized Him through His grace, then it will constantly resound in him and His strength will take effect in him.... he will live forever....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## God's word – power supply for the soul

### The word enlivened by the spirit....

B.D. No. 3288

October 11th 1944

**I**t is the spirit that gives life.... The word alone is dead if the spirit does not enliven it.... And if you hear the word as a dead word you cannot draw strength from it, for the strength is God's part which only expresses itself through the spirit. Yet the word is spiritually enlivened, that is, if you not only hear it with your ear but also with your heart, which contains the divine spirit, you will feel its strength, the word will speak to you and you will be filled with divine spiritual strength. The word alone only speaks to the intellect, but the spirit in the word speaks to the heart.... the word alone only has earthly value, but the word enlivened by the spirit will last for eternity. For the spirit is from God, and thus the word enlivened by the spirit is God's word, whereas people certainly also have the word but it is only the product of intellect which passes away as soon as the human being as such passes away on earth. Dead word is everything that only touches the body but leaves the soul unimpressed; the spiritually enlivened word, however, is felt by the soul because it speaks to the spirit in the human being. The divine spirit makes contact with the spiritual spark in the human being and expresses itself to the soul in the word which, however, as spiritually enlivened, has the deepest effect on the human being whose spiritual spark has established contact with the father-spirit. And this word gives life, it awakens to life and can never be considered a dead word because it lets the person become active who listens to this word. God's word will never be a dead word, only the life in it can remain unrecognized by the human being as long as he makes no effort to look for the spirit in it, for it only reveals itself to the seeking human being who, without any external influence, tries to penetrate the kingdom which is the home of the spirit, thus he unconsciously looks for the divine spirit.... and this spirit reveals itself through the living word.... through the word which the spirit of God conveys to the spiritual spark in the human being with great love, and thus this word must also become effective, for everything that lives is constantly active, and only activity testifies to life. But if the word is permeated by God's spirit then it can never remain without effect, and then its life becomes evident.

The word, which is enlivened by the spirit, therefore carries strength within itself and now remains effective for eternity, but only if it touches the human being's heart when it is received, not just the ear. It can indeed also be received intellectually but then it will not yet penetrate the human being's soul, for the latter only accepts that which is conveyed to it from within, from the spirit. But the word, which reaches the heart, establishes the connection with the spiritual spark in the human being, and thus the soul can then be instructed by it, thus receive the strength which lies in the living word. As long as people don't know the difference between heart and intellect it is incomprehensible to them that the human being receives profound knowledge from within. And therefore the word of God, which is truly blessed with His strength, can be offered countless times and yet it cannot emanate its strength because the human being does not open his heart, because the life of the word, the spirit, does not find access to the spiritual spark in the human being, and then the word, although it is alive, remains without effect and fades away like a dead word in people's ears, just like a word which is spoken without thought, which is not permeated by the life of the spirit. But as soon as a word is spoken in deep love, it is also alive. For love is God's strength which always awakens the spirit in a person. If the word of God, which is pure strength and love from God, is also offered by people who love and try to radiate their love to their fellow human beings, then it must also take effect on them, for the strength of love penetrates the shell of the spirit which is still dormant in the human being and awakens it to life.... The strength of the word now also brings about the activity of the spirit in the human being, for the strength of the word is the spirit of God's spirit which makes contact with the spiritual spark in the human being and then God's emanation can touch the human being's soul

unhindered and gives the human being the ability and willingness to be active in God's will. But the heart must always open first, i.e. the human will must be ready for divine activity. And this is the purpose of the word of God, that it stimulates the human being's will by first being offered to the ear and the intellect, so that it then carries the life of the spirit within itself through the human being's will, so that it comes alive and works in and on the human being, so that he shapes himself according to God's will, so that he transforms his initially oppositional nature and shapes himself according to God's image.... so that he becomes love in order to be able to join the eternal love forever....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## God's word is life, light and power....

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November 14th 1955

**H**e who hears My word hears Me.... But how can you recognize that **I Myself** speak to you? So you seriously ask yourselves when My adversary oppresses you and wants to create doubts in you as to the truth of what you receive through the inner voice.... Again and again you will fall into such doubts, although you will defeat them again and again, but this is his effort to keep you from intimate contact with Me because he wants to prevent you from receiving My direct word, for he knows that My word is the light in which his activity is clearly recognizable, in which he can be unmasked by anyone who seeks the truth.... But you possess a proof.... you possess a living testimony of Me, for My word gives you life, it gives you light and strength.... And My word teaches you **love**.... This alone is a testimony that eternal love speaks to you, and everyone who lives out My teaching of love awakens to life and attains realization.... What you receive through the inner word is not a dead word, it is life and light and strength in itself.... For every person of good will will feel addressed by it, even if the origin is **unknown** to him, because My word affects every person who does not offer Me resistance.... And thus the origin can calmly remain hidden from him, he need not know anything about the origin of what was presented to him.... he **feels** that they are words of truth, for his soul is addressed and deeply touched because My strength animates this word which originated from Me, and this strength never remains without effect where all resistance has been abandoned. And My adversary knows about the strength and power of My word, and he would like to extinguish the light.... But he will not succeed because its effect is also unmistakable where it is received directly from Me. Again and again he will indeed try to cast doubt into the heart but the light already shines too brightly for his cunning and deceitfulness not to come to light. My word itself testifies to Me and the truth, for there is an enlightenment which satisfies everyone who desires truth. My word, however, will only ever have an effect on those people who don't hostile Me.... who, even if they **don't** think they can believe in Me, nevertheless only want to acknowledge what corresponds to the truth. They cannot escape the impression that they are being addressed by a wise power to Whom they now also willingly listen. Only the person who does not want to be in contact with this power and therefore still belongs to the one who has sworn enmity to Me will completely reject My word.... Those who ask questions will always receive clarification but the clarifications will only satisfy those who desire the truth. And My word also touches him, because I Myself also address him in My word.... Therefore only consider the effect of what My word has conveyed to a person.... And you will be able to judge for yourselves from whom the word originated, for anyone who allows himself to be addressed by Me, who therefore is not My open opponent, to him I can also give light which.... because it shines out of My love.... also touches people charitably.... And this then also be proof to you who speaks to you.... that My word makes people happy, that they find fulfilment, that they are offered food which they can **fill** themselves with, and that their desire always increases and they constantly want to be fed. In the glow of the light of love everything is now also understandable to them, and never can untruth.... thus erroneous knowledge.... bring enlightenment to a person and therefore cannot make him happy either.... But My adversary shuns the light of knowledge and tries everything to extinguish it again. But once a person has awakened to life he will never return to darkness and the state of death. My

word is light and life, and by it you recognize who speaks to you, and every doubt about the giver becomes invalid because you already have life....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### **Power supply only perceptible for the soul....**

B.D. No. 3162

June 19th 1944

**T**he soul perceives every influx of spiritual strength although the body does not feel it. And this is why the human being himself cannot assess his degree of maturity, because only the spiritual matures in him and therefore the body does not undergo any change and thus does not show any spiritual progress at all. And this is why the human being as such still often has to fight against purely physical cravings and weaknesses, whereas the soul has already freed itself from them. But then it is dominated by the body and thus bound to it again, which the soul does not like. Although the soul constantly accepts strength and will also quickly become the conqueror of the body, it will make it aware of the danger of its desire and will usually succeed because the spiritual strength becomes effective as soon as the soul is in need. However, no human being can mature without temptation, for his strength should grow through resistance, and resistance for the soul is every temptation it has to endure.... The body continues to demand for itself what is part of the world until the soul completely masters the body, i.e. makes it inclined to its striving. Then it can finally regard matter as overcome, for the spirit in it is now stronger, and it determines the soul and the body and is willingly listened to. But the influx of strength has to take place in a way that only touches the soul, otherwise the body's will to resist would immediately be broken in a certain coercion, as it would then be an unconscious striving for reward but not a striving out of itself for perfection, which would then move the human being to suppress earthly desires and physical pleasures. This is why the influx of strength only has an effect on the soul, inexorably driving it to activity in love, to renounce earthly pleasures and to constantly work on itself, without the body being affected in its actions and desires. But since the soul needs it to carry out the actions which the spirit in itself instructs it to do, it gradually loses its connection with the world and its pleasures, for it will always carry out what the soul demands of it, even if at first with hesitation and with senses still directed towards the world. But the strength of the spirit is stronger and the resistance of the body is broken as soon as the soul completely surrenders to the spirit within itself, then it also determines the body to join its desire and striving, and all danger of a worldly flattening is over. The fewer battles a person has to wage against the temptations of the world, the higher his state of maturity.... If he succumbs in the battle with the world, this is a standstill in his development until he has pulled himself up again, until, through renunciation, he again enables the soul to be supplied with the strength that excludes failure. Nevertheless, the temptations of the world are necessary and also beneficial, for man should test his strength against them, and every struggle against them, every victory is progress towards the heights. The soul should remain in perpetual struggle for perfection, it should not let up in prayer for support from spiritual friends, it should always remain aware that its thoughts and aspirations also reduce or increase the influx of strength, depending on whether it is turned towards the world or the spiritual kingdom. But the body has been given to it so that it may overcome it, for only through temptation will its strength grow if it is seriously willing to become perfect....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### **Blessed effect of the divine word....**

B.D. No. 7026

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**T**he human being's highest benefit is that his soul receives spiritual nourishment, for only then can it mature on earth, only then will its purpose of earthly life be fulfilled. Therefore, whatever contributes towards making the human being receptive for the word of God also corresponds to God's

will.... and whatever contributes towards deepening the bond with God will also always earn the soul spiritual goods, for this nourishment of the soul can only be imparted to it in a direct bond with God. This is what people cannot yet understand, that God can only feed them with the bread of heaven if they willingly come to Him with hunger and thirst, Who has promised them food and drink. But 'coming to Him' does not mean going to places of worship, it does not mean outwardly-recognizable actions or beautiful words.... It only means the deep, inner bond with God, which is like opening the heart to receive His stream of love-power, to receive His word, the bread of heaven from His hand. For His word is flesh and blood, it is the right nourishment for the soul, it is His direct emanation of love into the heart of a person, which the soul feels as right food and right drink. The human being must first be informed of God's will through the word of God.... And through the word of God he must also be given the strength to fulfil His will. But the fulfilment of His will brings spiritual progress to the soul, which is why the word of God absolutely has to be conveyed to the human being so that he will become blissfully happy. However, the 'conveyance of the divine word' is not to be understood as **every sermon** which can indeed touch the human being's ear but which lets the words fall flat if the human being has not first entered into a heartfelt bond with God, so that he hears the sermon as a direct address by God and thus it will not remain without effect on him. For the word can only be spoken letters which lack all spiritual meaning or is also only understood as spoken word but not according to its spiritual meaning. And this spiritual meaning is only made accessible to the human being by God Himself, which is why the bond with Him is indispensable. Only then does the word have an effect as refreshment for the soul, as nourishment which it needs to build itself up, which gives it the strength to develop upwards. And in order to establish the bond with God, one's own will is necessary again, for an intimate bond with God can never be established dutifully or as a form.... A true seriousness must animate the person who is to be blessed by receiving or hearing the divine word. And this true earnestness can fill a person at any hour and in any place, he can always and everywhere intimately unite with God and await the influx of His word, for even a devout thought of Him will secure an influx of strength for him, a gift which will be distributed to him from the lord's table.... And the longer the human being's thoughts dwell on his God and father, the more love-filled his thoughts will be, and God will mentally speak to him and impart to him what his soul needs. Being able to receive God's word is the greatest benefit a person can achieve in earthly life and need never come to an end, for God constantly speaks to those who desire to hear Him and who therefore hear or read His word in heartfelt contact with Him or allow themselves to be mentally addressed by Him.... And their souls will mature, for they will receive abundant nourishment, food and drink will constantly be offered to them, they will constantly be refreshed and strengthened at the lord's table, as He Himself promised with the words: "Receive and eat, receive and drink.... do this in remembrance of Me...."

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

# Body, soul and spirit

## Immortality of the soul....

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**T**he construction of a human being always requires the same components: body, soul and spirit. The body.... the external form.... performs the functions which are determined by the soul. Consequently the body is just the agent through which the soul's will is accomplished. At the moment of death the soul no longer needs an agent for service as it did on earth.... i.e. in the visible work of creation.... because it changes its environment and moves into regions where nothing externally visible needs to be done. The body, which was just the instrument for the earthly path during which the soul should have formed itself into the carrier of the divine spirit, becomes unnecessary.

The spirit, the third component of the living being, lies in fact dormant in every human being and only becomes active when the will of the soul pays more attention to the spirit than to the body, that is, when the soul considers the earthly demands less important than the demands of the spirit, which always amounts to earthly needs becoming secondary. Although body, soul and spirit belong together they nevertheless can have separate goals. The soul can direct its will more towards the demands of the body, but it can also disregard those and make its will available to the spirit within itself. And it is precisely this direction of will that decides its life in the beyond, i.e. the state the soul finds itself in after the earthly life, which can be blissful or distressing. The earthly life, the function of the body, is therefore just a temporary condition for the soul. The soul impels the body to all actions on earth but it has by no means ceased to exist when the body cannot perform its function any longer. The soul has indeed left the body because it moves into regions where it no longer requires an exterior form.

But to consider the soul dead as well would be a completely wrong concept of its essence.... because the soul is something that cannot pass away. Indeed, when the human body is dead the soul can no longer determine its functions; it can, due to a lack of maturity because it had not given enough consideration to the spirit within itself, also fall into a state of inactivity; but it can never 'cease to exist'. Because the soul is something spiritual that is everlasting, while the body consists of earthly substance, of matter, and is therefore subject to constant change and finally disintegrates into its components as soon as the soul has left the body....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

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

B.D. No. 4757

October 9th 1949

**P**eople 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

### **Direction of thought and will of the soul.... spirit or body....**

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**T**he less resistance the soul opposes the spirit within itself the more obviously it can express itself and the more audible its voice is to the human being, for then the soul also determines the bodily senses and organs to its functions, which then correspond to the spirit's influence. Thus the human being's thinking and willing must first relate to the inner life so that the spirit can become effective in the human being. And thus a person can never be filled by God's spirit if his thoughts and intentions are predominantly directed towards the preservation and well-being of the body. For then the soul would neither be able to hear the voice of the spirit within itself nor would it be able to impart spiritual good to the intellect's organs, since the latter would likewise be unable to receive it. And thus the serious will to be instructed by the spirit in itself is the first prerequisite for it to express itself, for the will starts from the soul and can apply to the spirit or the body. And the will determines the thoughts which, however, then start from the spirit in the human being as soon as the working has been made possible for it. But then the human being can completely leave himself to its influence, he will always think and act correctly if he fulfils the conditions which allow the working of the spirit. First of all, therefore, the human being's thinking and willing must be directed towards his inner life, he must want to think about the soul and not about the body.... Furthermore, he must be aware of the fact that he has to fulfil a task on earth, he must be aware that he must make the divine commandment of love the guiding principle of his way of life in order to fulfil God's will; furthermore, he must long for purest truth and inwardly seek it.... He must listen inwardly to what God, as the giver of truth, conveys to him through His spirit. He has to appeal for His loving instruction, otherwise God's most precious gift will be withheld from him because he does not appreciate it accordingly. And thus the soul must constantly work on itself, i.e. completely adapt its thinking, feeling and wanting to God's will and thus shape itself into the receptacle of the divine spirit, which can then work in it without restriction. The process itself is a transmission of strength from the spiritual kingdom, i.e. God Himself directs His emanation into the heart of the human being, who therefore now harbours divine within himself, which must appear in the form of knowledge, of deepest wisdom, thus of light-fullest realization. The

state of knowledge is already an alignment with the eternal deity, Who in Himself is pure light and power. People in whom the divine spirit can work will always be surrounded by light, yet only recognizable to those who are spiritually able to see, whereas the physical eye perceives nothing special, only from the external effects, from the increased knowledge, can the person conclude to divine spiritual working. But if a person is surrounded by light then he is also a bearer of light himself, he has become, as it were, a station of strength in contact with the spiritual world, which can then emit light again and thus pass on the divine emanation to where it will be received without resistance.... Every transmission of power and light requires the willingness of the receiver. The least resistance, however, prevents it, but resistance is counteracted by thinking and wanting.... by the soul turning away from the spirit in it and turning towards the body, i.e., entering into its wishes and desires. Then the soul unites itself with the body instead of establishing the union with the spirit within itself according to its task, which then takes care of a complete union with the eternal father-spirit. Thus it is up to the soul in which direction it turns; it always finds support on the part of the spirit but never on the part of the body. The latter constantly demands, while the latter gives and demands as the only service in return the giving up of resistance in order to be able to work unhindered, i.e., to bring its influence on the soul to full and complete effect.... If the soul, with the help of the spirit, also succeeds in making the body inclined to its wishes, the spiritualization of the body is also guaranteed, i.e., its material substances likewise enter the state which allows light to pass through, all resistance is given up, and the result is that the soul hears the spirit's voice within itself in all clarity and can also audibly convey it to the bodily ear, that the human being thus hears the divine voice resounding within himself and stands in brightest light, i.e., filled with profoundest knowledge, i.e. he is filled with the deepest knowledge, because God's strength of love flows through him in all fullness, because the unification of the spirit in the human being with the father-spirit has taken place from eternity and the soul has matured and can enter the spiritual kingdom as a being of light to unimagined bliss....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### Unit of the soul with the spirit....

B.D. No. 4732

September 4th 1949

**T**ake care that your soul matures so that the spirit within you can unite with it, that is, so that it can make itself understood and influence it according to My will. And your soul will then mature if you make an effort to live in love, thus to do everything that is good, if you fight against your faults and weaknesses, if you strive to become perfect. The will alone is enough for the spirit to become active in you insofar as it informs the soul what it should do.... so that the soul thus sensitively strives for what is My will. The higher the soul's degree of maturity, the more comprehensible the spirit's expressions will be to it. The human being's thinking, feeling and wanting will be turned towards the spiritual, i.e. the human being will be more concerned with his inner life, with the higher development of his soul's state than with earthly thoughts. And all this is the working of the spirit in the human being which exerts its influence on the soul which has now united with it and allows itself to be drawn upwards. For the spirit in the human being is My share and consequently can only lead to Me, it seeks unification with the father-spirit which, however, only takes place when the soul is ready for it, when the human being, through a life of love, breaks through the barriers which previously separated him from Me. The soul, the thinking, feeling and willing in the human being must take the direction towards Me without compulsion, then it awakens the spirit spark in itself to life. And now start its activity and never without success.... Once you humans have achieved this, the spirit in you will no longer rest, it will again and again try to persuade the soul to listen to it.... i.e. the human being will no longer walk thoughtlessly but will seriously consider his fate after death, he will reflect on his purpose of earthly life, he will desire to know the truth and look for opportunities where it is offered to him.... His senses will be spiritually directed.... And this is what you should strive for first, that you grant the spiritual spark within you power over you, which again can only happen through serious will for perfection. As your will is, so is its working.... If the will is turned towards Me then it will certainly

lead you towards Me, and you will feel it in the direction of your thoughts which increasingly concern themselves with the spiritual, because this benefits the soul, thus it willingly listens to the spirit. If you all try to reach this state, that the spirit can express itself in you, then you will have made great progress in your development. For as soon as the soul hands itself over to the influence of the spiritual substance every guarantee for its ascent development is given, then that which is My share will draw you to Me, then you will unite with Me and you will have fulfilled your task of earthly life once the union with Me has taken place....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

# Igniting the divine spark in man

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

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March 12th 1955

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Tiny spark of divine spirit in the heart....

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October 15th 1960

**A**nd My name shall be glorified before the world.... For you shall recognise Who reveals Himself to you by the effect it has on you and within you, you shall feel it in your heart when you are being addressed by Me and then consciously praise and thank Me because you recognise Me. The measure of My love is boundless and will never run dry, time and again the spring of love and strength will open and pour out over you and many times you will be able to sense your Father's presence.... It is My grace which I pour over you because you, like infants, are still weak and need My help. And if I thus reveal to you that I dwell within your midst then stay in silent worship and hand your hearts over to Me. And I will accept everyone and with loving care lead them to perfection. And you will start to

live in heartfelt unison with Me.... for you have found your way home to the Father Who is inside of you because you have prepared an abode for Him, you opened the door of your heart when I knocked with a desire to enter. When you entered this earth as a human being I came to you, I placed a tiny spark of My divine spirit into you, a tiny spark of love, which was intended to grow into a flame and unite with the fire of My eternal love again.... Hence there is a small part of Me Myself in you when you embody yourselves as human beings on earth which establishes a connection with Me but of which, however, you must first become conscious by looking for contact with your God and Creator of your own free will, which will already exist because you have the **will** to be in contact with your God and Creator. This tiny spark of God in you characterises you as a divine living being if you allow it to break through. And it can break through in you if you change your nature into love. For you once changed your nature of pure love into the opposite; you adopted My adversary's nature who is totally devoid of love and thereby distanced yourselves from Me. All the same, you were the children of My love, you came forth from My love and I will never ever let go of you or hand you over to My opponent because I love you far too much. However, you would never find your way back to Me again if I did not provide you with a minute spark of My divine spirit for your life on earth, because this tiny spark of spirit shall guide you towards Me, it shall push you to Me, it shall prevail over the body and draw the soul.... your real Self.... close in order to unite itself with the spirit and thus also accomplish unity with Me, the Father-Spirit of eternity. And this spiritual spark lives in you but keeps silent until you, through your will, set it free to communicate with you.... And then I will manifest Myself in you.... Then you will have fulfilled your purpose of earthly life and your life will just be a constant prayer of thanks and praise, for then your nature will have changed itself into love again, since without love My tiny spark of spirit would not have been able to come alive.... But once My spirit can make itself known in you it proves that I Am present in you Myself.... it proves that the child has found its way home to the Father, that it has overcome the wide gulf which kept it separate from the Father for eternities.... that it is now illuminated by My strength of love as it was in the beginning....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Urging the spirit spark to the father-spirit....

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**T**he spirit within you constantly urges you to connect with the eternal father-spirit, yet you do not always feel His urging, you do not always pay attention to the expressions He sends to you, you do not always pay attention to what He wants to convey to you. But he **is in you**, everyone carries the spiritual spark within himself as a part of the father-spirit and is therefore also inseparably connected with the father-spirit. And because this small spiritual spark rests within you, every person can also take the path to Me, Whose share you are, because you are urged from within to seek the bond with Me. But you can also resist this inner urge and remain turned towards My adversary, because then the spirit within you will withdraw, thus it will by no means have a compelling effect on your will. And thus your will alone determines the success or failure of your earthly life. But free will is the sign of divine belonging.... Therefore it must remain with the creature or it would remain eternally imperfect. However, it must be possible for the human being to think and want right and wrong because he is to make a decision in earthly life. And two forces will have an effect on him which therefore try to influence his thinking and wanting. But these two forces are different, they oppose each other.... I and My adversary seek to win the human being's soul, and each power affects the human being differently. My adversary seeks to win the body for himself, thus to determine the soul through the **body** to its thinking and wanting, whereas I seek to influence the soul through the **spirit**. And the desires of spirit and body are of a completely different nature. But if the soul allows itself to be determined by the spirit within to want and think, then it will soon belong to Me, for then the thinking and wanting will be right, i.e. in accordance with My will and lead the soul to the light again, to its former perfection.... If, however, the soul gives in to the body's desire My adversary will have won it, for then the will and

thoughts will remain turned away from Me, they will completely enter into My adversary's will, and the soul will still remain at a great distance from Me for an infinitely long time. And yet, it also carries the spiritual spark from Me within itself but it denies it every expression, it cannot assert itself, it does not listen to its urging and desire but fulfils the body's every desire. Although this soul is also connected to Me because there is eternally no detachment from Me as the creating power, it feels nothing of it and is therefore in a state of isolation, which is always a state of unhappiness. It then offers Me a resistance which I do not forcibly break and prolongs the state of distance from Me again for an endlessly long time.... Whereas the soul which pays attention to the expression of its spirit always comes closer to Me and its separation from Me is very soon already lifted, because the spiritual spark does not rest until the union with Me is accomplished.... because the spirit in the human being now solely determines the thinking and wanting of the latter and this cannot be other than good and right, for it is **I Myself** Who now works in you and can also work, because you have given up your former resistance yourselves and I can now let My strength of love radiate into you again unhindered. Thus every person can find Me because he has a guide within himself who takes no other path than the one to Me.... And if he now joins this guide he is also guaranteed to reach Me Myself, he will unite with Me ever more intimately, for I Myself draw him through the spirit which is in you because you are My share....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### Spark of love.... salvation through Jesus Christ....

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December 15th 1957

**N**o-one is capable of helping his soul to freedom on his own if he does not experience My support, if the strength of the spirit does not flow through him, if the spiritual spark in him, which is My share, does not instruct him from within and influence his thinking to turn to Me in Jesus Christ again and again, so that he, as it were, frees himself with Me from the one who has held him in bondage for eternities. This liberation is possible through the act of salvation which I Myself accomplished for you humans in the man Jesus. And now only your own will is required to release yourselves from My adversary.... But then you will also certainly attain freedom. And thus the strength of the slumbering spirit within you is not to be underestimated.... You have to awaken it to life, but then it will guide you and direct your thoughts to Me in Jesus Christ, for I have placed a tiny spark of My spirit of love in you for this purpose, so that the work of salvation will succeed, so that My suffering and death on the cross will not have been in vain for the individual person. And a single work of love already awakens the spirit in you, and it will express itself by stimulating you into continued activity of love.... And then you must also noticeably feel the 'strength of the spirit' which constantly pushes you towards Me. You must succeed in releasing yourselves from My adversary's power if you only use the strength of the spirit, because then you will approach Me Myself for strength, which I truly will not deny you. And every bond with Me, be it through prayer or also through actions of love, will always earn you an influx of strength from Me, and your thoughts will constantly dwell more on Me and your striving upwards will be obvious. The strength of the spirit is accessible to all of you, for you all have this spark of love from Me within you and you all need only want it to ignite.... you need only offer no resistance when it wants to express itself to you, that is, you should pay attention to every subtle stirring of your heart and comply with it, for it will always stimulate you into loving activity.... If you comply with these suggestions the strength of the spirit will unfold more and more, you will have light thoughts and also understanding for many events which are incomprehensible to other people.... You will also feel an increased urge in you to bond with the spiritual kingdom, i.e., worldly desire will be pushed back and spiritual desire will be more prominent, you will always be accessible to spiritual conversations and often have to direct your thoughts upwards, towards Me, because the spiritual spark in you will push towards Me, towards the father-spirit of eternity.... I therefore draw you through My spirit, for alone you are unable to do anything.... But the fact that you want and carry out your will was brought about by Jesus' work of redemption.... For through His death on the cross He first acquired for

you humans the strengthened will, He acquired for you blessings without number, all of which help you in your weakness to defend yourselves against My adversary, because without help you would be too weak to resist. And the redemption through Jesus Christ also has the effect that the spirit in the human being can set itself free more easily, that only the slightest will to love already allows it to be active and that it can express itself the more obviously the more you join Jesus Christ, the more vividly you confess Him and acknowledge His act of salvation. Then you can also be regarded as redeemed, for the strength of My spirit will now work in you and you will be active again with light and strength for the benefit of your fellow human beings who are still **without** light and without strength. Thus I Myself in Jesus Christ must always help you to become free, otherwise you would never be able to get away from your tormentor because you are unable to resist him as long as you are still his portion, thus you cannot yet direct your will towards the divine redeemer Who may only take you away from him when you consciously turn to Him for help. But the small spiritual spark in you, the part of Myself, will urge you to do so as soon as you only allow it to work. It will appeal to you through the heart and urge you to perform works of love.... And therefore each one of you can also become free, but no compulsion will be exerted on the human being, not even by My spark of love.... But I am always ready to help, because My love for the weak, unredeemed will not cease and will one day also win this for itself....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

# The work of God's spirit in man

## Conditions for the working of the spirit.... God-connectedness through love....

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June 9th 1947

**Y**ou can receive knowledge from all fields if you so desire and allow yourselves to be instructed by the voice of the spirit. But the condition is that you first fulfil what I demand of you, what is made known to you through My servants.... that you thus accept My teaching of love and act accordingly.... This is the prerequisite for then also penetrating deep knowledge. If you receive the same knowledge through human instructions without first working with love you will not know what to do with it, you will also not be able to pass it on to your fellow human beings in a living way, for since it has not yet found its way into your heart yourselves you lack both the gift of speaking about it as well as the zeal of inner conviction, and it will remain entirely ineffective in the ears of those who listen to it unless the required working with love makes the listener able to receive the wisdom with **heart and** intellect. Then My spirit will work as in those persons, he will be instructed by the spirit within himself, albeit through the mouth of the one who is full of understanding himself for what he passes on. The right attitude towards Me, towards My commandments, is the basic condition in order to have truthful knowledge, no matter in which way and in which form it is offered. And therefore, these proclamations, which are conveyed to people from the spiritual kingdom as mental spiritual knowledge, can never be examined by a person who lacks the main thing.... the bond with God through love. A just examination and a just judgment irrevocably necessitates the working of the spirit, and My spirit only works where all influence on the part of the adversary is eliminated, where the divine spiritual spark establishes the connection with the eternal father-spirit, which is only possible by shaping oneself into love. In every situation of life the human being can shape himself into love, and therefore every human being can also let his spirit become effective, yet the reception of spiritual knowledge must also be practised, otherwise the voice of the spirit cannot be heard, just as the thoughts must be paid attention to if the spirit cannot express itself audibly. It is not a language of the world which the spirit speaks, they are words of light and love, words which convey realisation, profound knowledge and purest truth and which express God's great love, which a good father speaks to His children. And thus the heart has to accept these words, for the intellect alone can certainly receive the content but never grasp its depth, because the divine word has to be felt, not merely heard. And this is a matter of the heart, otherwise God's love cannot be recognised and thus cannot become effective either. The human heart is the seat of feeling, i.e., the soul communicates to the body through the heart and equally the spirit also wants to express itself through the heart. The spirit intervenes in the soul's life of feeling and thus likewise wants to be heard by the body; it wants, as it were, to unite with the soul for the same activity. It wants to draw the soul over into the spiritual kingdom and also make the body submissive to its will. And therefore the human being must help in this unification of the body with the soul, he must want to be given to by the spirit within himself, to be instructed, and do everything in order to hear the voice, which is only possible when he has shaped his soul through an unselfish life of love such that it now leans more towards the spirit than the body, that it is driven by the heart to desire light and love, so that its desire will now be fulfilled. For this is the condition that the gifts of the spirit are desired. The intellect alone, however, will certainly examine or judge but never be influenced by feeling; the intellect alone demands evidence which cannot be produced in spiritual truths, but the heart is content and lets its feeling pass for an evidence and will therefore judge more reliably and correctly and recognise truth as truth. It therefore possesses an ability which the intellect cannot claim. And thus it is understandable that the results of the working of the spirit can only be judged correctly if the examiner himself consults the spirit within himself and if he makes himself worthy of its expressions, i.e. fulfils all conditions which earn him the working of the spirit.

For then his knowledge will also become profound and extensive and all relations will become clear to him which he would never be able to fathom by merely thinking intellectually. For God hides Himself from people who are still distant from Him so that they will come to Him and appeal for His help, so that they will call upon Him for enlightened thinking, for this call comes from the heart and will also result in what is helpful for the soul to unite with its spirit.... The heart will be allowed to receive love and grace and never come away empty-handed if it opens itself through heartfelt prayer to God, Who will always hear it....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

### The working of the spirit.... Spiritual rebirth....

B.D. No. 4869

March 29th 1950

Let My spirit take effect in you and you will know the truth, for the working of the spirit will guarantee you such. Then I Myself will guide your thoughts correctly, I will inspire you with the right thoughts, I will pour out My spirit upon you. It need not always be an obvious, that is, an extraordinary activity like the direct transmission of My Word from above; instead, the working of the spirit can also take place in a completely natural manner, providing a person fulfils the condition I have linked to My working in the human being.... He need only want what is right and live as is pleasing to Me, i.e., he need only fulfil My will which manifests itself in actions of love, then his spirit will already be awakened and this spirit within the person, being in contact with Me, will teach the latter such that he will think correctly, that he will know the truth and will therefore also be able to recognise and endorse what is right. He will also be entirely convinced of thinking correctly, but he will ascribe this ability to himself and not to My working in him until My servants enlighten him about the working of the spirit in the human being. He will indeed understand this, but only when I Myself can take effect in him through the spirit, otherwise he will reject such teaching as implausible. Once My spirit can be active in a person he will also have been won over for the eternal kingdom, for this is already an act of spiritual rebirth, an act of redemption from the constrained state.... Then the spirit will guide the person and, without doubt, lead him towards the goal, towards eternal life. If a person therefore consciously strives towards Me, if he firmly believes in Me, if he lives a life of love and pays attention to his inner feelings, his thoughts and his constantly growing knowledge, often without any external influence, he can therefore also assuredly assume that his spirit has awakened to life and that a descent into the abyss need no longer be feared. Then his thoughts will concur with the Word from above with which I would like to prepare all people for this process, so that they will have a direct connection to their eternal Father, so that they will receive the knowledge about My reign and activity in the universe, so that they will learn to love Me as their Creator and Father and thus establish contact with Me so that I can convey the truth to them through which they will become blessed....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

### Right thinking is also working of the mind....

B.D. No. 8004

September 27th 1961

This, too, is the working of My Spirit, that the human being learns to think right.... Not only does My spirit express itself unusually but every person who awakens it to life within himself will feel an inner brightness, he will **think correctly**.... And then he will also always recognize the truth as such, he will also know about My will, for his thoughts will be guided by the spiritual spark which seeks contact with the father-spirit of eternity. To bring the spirit within oneself to life only requires a way of life in love.... And thus a person must also attain faith if he lives in love, because his spirit mentally instructs him, because one thing after another becomes comprehensible to him.... But the prerequisite is always that the free will exists to believe.... thus he will always be **able** to believe if he

**wants** to believe. What is not provable to the human being he usually wants to reject, and yet he has to admit that spiritual knowledge, which also includes faith in Myself, cannot be proven and can nevertheless become a conviction. Yet this will not be achieved by the intellect but by mental instructions which come from above.... thus thoughts which are born in the heart, not in the intellect. The human being should occasionally let himself be guided by his feelings after all, then he will often come closer to the truth than through intellectual activity if he lives a life of love, otherwise his thinking will be influenced by My adversary who will never let him find the truth but will deepen his spiritual darkness ever more. For this reason all people who are willing to love are addressed by Me, for I guide their thinking, and if the pure truth from Me is then brought to them they will willingly accept it and also be able to recognize it as truth. And once I have achieved that they take notice of My word which is conveyed to you humans from above, then there is no longer any danger that these souls will go astray, because then My strength will already be able to take effect, just as every person whose way of life shows love will have escaped this danger. Yet the transmission of My word is intended to mature the soul, which is not possible without the supply of strength.... And since My word is blessed with My strength, even the weakest will to love can be strengthened and the human being can mature while still on earth. He then lives his earthly life consciously. And then he can also gain a convinced faith when he is instructed by Me about Me and My nature and about all correlations, about the human being's right relationship with Me and his task. His inner thinking will then be enlightened and therefore also accept everything; although he then has no evidence either, he has the inner conviction that it is so, and he remains true to this conviction. For once he has found the truth he will not give it up again for the sake of another knowledge. Without love, however, the human being **cannot** think correctly, and then all lectures, all words of a preacher, no matter how good, are of no use, the truth cannot enter the human being's heart because it is hardened. And the closer the end is, the more hardening of people's hearts is recognizable, for love has grown cold, matter keeps the hearts bound and their thoughts only belong to the world and its goods. They do not desire spiritual goods, and without desire they cannot receive anything. But where a spark of love is still recognizable it shall be stirred up.... My love shall only ever be held up to people and they shall be encouraged to fulfil My commandments of love, the observance of which will earn them incomparable treasures. Love is everything.... the spirit will be awakened to life, people's thinking will be enlightened, and undeniably they will also find faith when they are given the pure truth, which they will no longer deny intellectually either, because at the same time the spirit will express itself from within and illuminate their thinking. And therefore there will still be much adversity on earth in order to stimulate people into loving help, for everyone is certainly capable of love but not everyone is willing to love.... But adversity can touch their hearts, and once they have accomplished a labour of love they will find inner happiness in it themselves and reap reciprocal love which will again work as strength and spur them on to renewed loving activity. Again and again let yourselves be stimulated into loving activity.... believe that there is nothing else to attain eternal life in beatitude than love, which shall fill your heart and which intimately unites you with Me, for: "He who abides in love abides in Me and I in him...."

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## "Working of the spirit" in spiritual exchange of ideas....

B.D. No. 8214

July 14th 1962

**A** light radiates from Me and this light will always prevent you from thinking wrongly if you desire to think **correctly**. When I Myself illuminate your spirit it means that you feel emotionally attracted or repelled when you should pass judgement yourselves on a body of thought which is presented to you as truth. You should only ever pay attention to your feelings, yet always in the will to be right and just, and now immerse yourselves in the thought material without prejudice, and you will feel whether it appeals to you or whether you oppose it with an inner resistance.... "I pour out My spirit on all flesh...." This is My promise, which is also truly fulfilled.... Yet you often don't recognize the 'working of My spirit' because you always expect it to be an unusual process. And My spirit often

expresses itself in secret, and I can only rarely reveal Myself through a person so that I can address people directly through him.... People usually believe that I Myself speak **out of them**, but then they would be in a mediumistic state, i.e. they would relinquish their own will and allow spiritual forces access which can now express themselves.... When I address a person through My spirit then his heart perceives My words as clear thoughts which he now, however, expresses in his usual way of speaking, that is, he writes them down or.... expresses his views during a spiritual exchange.... expresses his views which, however, are guided by My spirit and thus correspond to the truth, or else he hears the sounding word within himself.... which requires a very high degree of maturity of the soul.... so his thoughts are formed, he hears himself addressed inwardly and then also passes on this address to his fellow human beings. And precisely the knowledge of the latter can lead to erroneous assumptions when spiritual beings express themselves who are secluded from earth and seek to transfer their knowledge to people who have a certain inherent mediumistic ability.... which is why I repeatedly emphasize that people can indeed hear My voice within themselves but can never literally convey 'My voice' but can only pass on the content in its meaning by writing it down as it is comprehensible to them and thus take in My voice dictatorially or they are filled with the content of what I have conveyed to them, that they express themselves to fellow human beings and try to reproduce in their own way of speaking what they have heard, for which I put the words in their mouths.... thus direct their speech and their thinking according to truth. "I pour out My spirit upon all flesh, and servants and handmaidens shall prophesy...." The working of My spirit is the result of a life of love, and therefore, where love is lived My spirit will awaken, and this spirit will now constantly correct a person's thinking, it will instruct the person from within and radiate My divine light of love to him.... And thus these are also spirit-filled and can rightly call themselves My servants and handmaidens, for they will always feel urged from within to testify for Me and My kingdom, to confess My name before the world, and to proclaim to their fellow human beings what God and father requires of His children, that He loves them and wants to make them blissfully happy..... and wherever they speak, whether in a large or small circle, they will only speak pure truth, because I Myself can pour out My spirit into such vessels.... Thus you can regard every deeply believing, love-filled person as also being filled by My spirit, and his thoughts will always be rightly directed and turned towards Me, for Whom he now works in silence and can bestow many blessings.... And they (these people through My spirit) will also receive information through the spirit in Me about the coming event, because everything earthly is always connected with the spiritual maturing process, with people's spiritual state.... And My spirit will protect them from spreading untruth, yet their silent work will often not be recognized as work in the vineyard of the Lord....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

# Every thought is spiritual power

## Thoughts are spiritual strength....

B.D. No. 1757

December 30th 1940

In a state of realisation the human being no longer regards his thoughts as having been acquired by himself, that is, that they came from himself, but he sees them for what they really are.... the emanation of spiritual beings which want to share their knowledge with the human being and which try to impart it to him for as long as it takes until he has accepted it as mental knowledge. Every thought is therefore spiritual strength, hence something spiritual, which has paved its way from the kingdom of the beyond to earth in order to be received by the human being's thinking apparatus of which he subsequently becomes aware. Consequently, the human being's thinking must correspond to the spirit of the being which takes possession of the person.... or to which the human being concedes. The spiritual beings' emanation of strength is enormous, yet good and evil beings alike are anxious to send these emanations to earth, and this emanation will always be received by likeminded earthly beings. Thus, every person will always be given **those** mental transmissions which correspond to his nature.... whatever is desired will be distributed, and thus truth will be offered to someone who is hungry for truth but lies where lies are at home. Therefore, the nature of the human being's thoughts will be as the human being wants it, since the spiritual beings will endow him according to his will. The human being cannot produce anything of his own, he is entirely incapable of letting thoughts arise from within himself, precisely because thoughts are spiritual strength, but that this strength will first have to be given to him from the spiritual realm. Only the ignorant person believes himself to be the originator of his thoughts. He merely repeats the opinion of those who are of this world, namely that thinking is merely a function of certain organs, that it happens entirely without outside influences, that therefore all thoughts of a person are his own, that they are not based on direct or indirect influence.... and that therefore good or bad, profound or superficial thoughts always originate in the human being himself and are therefore his own merit. In so doing, he denies the spiritual strength because he does not acknowledge such at all. For this reason, such people cannot easily be convinced of the truth either, if it was mentally imparted, because they still don't properly understand the process of thinking and are therefore unable to believe. The actual nature of thought is still something incomprehensible to them and will also remain so until they recognise their own inadequacy where it concerns finding a solution to profound problems.... when the train of thought fails if the human being should give a final explanation by himself. Only when he trustingly turns to the spiritual beings with a desire for truth and appeals to them for clarification will he experience for himself how spiritual strength in the form of thoughts flows to him and he will realise that he cannot be the originator of such thoughts but that something spiritual is imparted to him by spiritual beings from the kingdom of the beyond....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Origin of thought in the heart of man....

B.D. No. 2111

October 13th 1941

Every thought emerges from the depths of the heart and only then makes its way into the organs intended for it, by which it is perceived and expressed as a thought. For before the thought becomes conscious to man, it must be born in the heart, i.e. in the innermost part of man. What moves him deeply, he feels in his heart, and this feeling gives rise to the thought, although it cannot be felt with the heart, but it is born out of the life of feeling and is only now transmitted to the brain, which receives the thought and holds it, so to speak, until it comes to the person's consciousness. Man

believes that thought originates in the brain, that it arises there through organic activity.... because he knows nothing of the nature of thought. And therefore the explanation that thought originates in the heart will not be credible to him. But it will become more comprehensible to him if he regards the heart as the centre of his feeling.... if he also endeavours to regard the thought as a feeling. The simplest solution, however, is that spiritual currents pour like lightning into a receptacle and are held by the human will.... Thus the thought is spiritual power that is diverted to the brain via the heart, held there, or where the will is too weak, immediately dropped again without having penetrated the human being's consciousness. And it always depends on the will whether a thought is seized by the organs intended for this purpose, for as soon as the human being is willing they first come into function and receive the thought emerging from the heart and process it, that is, it is added to the already existing thoughts, thus it is, as it were, incorporated into already existing thought material and can now be switched off or switched on at will, depending on the human being's will. For man's organs of thought are so constructed that every feeling of the heart is reflected like an image.... (13.10.1941) And as soon as the human being's will pays attention to the image it will be retained, i.e., it will be imprinted into the finest retinas especially intended for this purpose and thus be visible to the human being at all times, that is, he will be able to visualize it if he wants to.... This is the so-called memory. When impressions or images are brought back to a person's consciousness a long time later, then the organs of thought are active.... Among the innumerable retinas covered with images, they find out what the human will wants to imagine, and thus impressions long past, which first moved the heart of man before they were formed into thoughts, can be brought back to memory at any time, because once they have been received by the will of man, they remain as impressions until innumerable impressions make the images unclear.... that is, the memory becomes so weak that they no longer come clearly to consciousness. Spiritual impressions will now displace earthly impressions and images.... If the heart is receptive to currents of power from the spiritual realm, the human will is also ready to convey and retain the thoughts that are now born in the brain. For it feels the stream of power favourably, and it strives to see the resulting images quite often and clearly. As a result, these images will become particularly sharply engraved, so that they soon fill the person's entire mind. power and thought are thus one concept, except that it differs whether only the life force flowing to the human being or the power conveyed from the spiritual realm is the origin of the thought.... But the thought is always born in the heart, because all power first flows to the heart and is transmitted from there. However, the human will can prevent the transmission to the brain or the thought can be pushed back before it can express itself visually.... And therefore the human being is also responsible for his thoughts, for his will determines which thoughts are clearly memorized and his will determines which thoughts are repeatedly brought to consciousness....

Amen

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## Thoughts are connecting currents from the beyond and earth....

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**T**he connection from earth to the spiritual world can exist at any time because thoughts can go back and forth, that is, because thoughts are basically the connecting rays which are sent out in the spiritual kingdom and can be picked up by people on earth and also sent back again in a different form. So the connection from above to below continues to exist and cannot be denied. Yet for the most part people are still unaware of these connections, for as long as they are not yet believers and have attained a certain realisation through love they are not yet aware of the connection between the spiritual and the earthly world. And therefore they are also unable to control which kingdom they are in contact with through their thoughts.... For the currents of thought they receive can come from the kingdom of light as well as from the kingdom of darkness, but human can determine them himself through his will. As soon as he is a **believer** he also desires light, his will is turned towards God as the Eternal Light and shall now also ensure him the supply from the kingdom of light. His thinking will be good, for he **consciously** receives **good** streams of thought, and he rejects what is brought to him

from the realm of darkness. His will determines the heart to take in and pass on to the intellect that which is brought to him as a stream of thoughts from the kingdom of light. This explains the good, God-willed thinking which will inevitably be expressed by a person who lives in faith and love. The desire to serve God will now drive such a right-thinking person to communicate his realisations, his thoughts, to his fellow human being, to lead him, as it were, into the same thinking, because it makes him happy himself. And this will is pleasing to God.... And it will also always find support, for a right will is the first thing that enables people to reach the heights. Every good thought originates from **God**, as it were, it can never be dismissed as anti-divine, it is the strength emanating from God which is intercepted and passed on by beings of light until it touches the human being's heart and is accepted by him.... And such good thoughts will never fail to have an effect on fellow human beings who are of good will.... Nevertheless, there is a great difference between the thought material gained through intellectual activity..., thus the utilisation of spiritual power through the intellect.... and the **direct** transmission of spiritual thought material through God's great love.... (11.9.1952) The intellect stops its activity for the time of transmission, but instead the soul becomes active as a **receiving** device. The spiritual ear opens and the streams of thought from the spiritual realm pour out and are received. The radiations from the realm of light touch the spiritual ear, which directs the light to the soul, it feels addressed, it "receives", passes it on to the intellect, which receives it mechanically, sets the bodily organs into activity to hold on to it, and only **afterwards** deals with what it has received, that is, through its own reflection, through intellectual activity, allows it to become spiritual property. Receiving always presupposes a giver or transmitter, in contrast to **self-production**, to a result through one's own labour, in this case brisk intellectual activity. God Himself wants to give something that people do not possess and cannot create for themselves.... This is why He transmits His Word to earth and through the Word He gives knowledge which corresponds to the truth, which no human being could create by his own strength, which only needs to be accepted in order to be gained. God teaches the human being, the world of light teaches him.... but always through the **spirit**, which rests inactive in the human being himself until man's will determines him to externalise himself.... until the spiritual kingdom is **more** important to him than the earthly kingdom.... until the human being enters into a bond with God and thereby finds access to the kingdom from which the truth comes to him.... (12.9.1952) But if God Himself teaches the human being, he will be **given** the truth as the **right** knowledge.... He is not required to do intellectual work but the thoughts arise from the **heart** which are awakened in the human being by the spirit.... which, because it is part of the Divine Father-Spirit, can only generate truthful thoughts which the ear of the soul hears and recognises, and it must therefore recognise them, because the human being is also given the **ability to judge** what is right and true. A person whose intellect is eagerly active through heartfelt prayer to God, asking for His enlightenment, can certainly also consider himself taught by God.... Then he believes that he has worked out the mental result himself, but it has nevertheless come to him through his spirit, but not in an unusual way.

But it is different when the truth is conveyed to earth by God, when God instructs a person through the inner Word.... Then he directly **receives** an **extensive knowledge** through literal transmission which he did not previously possess, which does not lie dormant in him as a subconscious and which he does not gain through mental labour.... And yet it comes from within, for it is the divine spirit within the human being which speaks to him, which imparts the knowledge to him such that it touches the soul as a spoken word, that it emerges in the heart as a thought which is **not** moulded by the human being according to his own will but which moulds itself into words of deepest meaning which the human being, as a willing recipient, writes down as heard....

This is an unusual process insofar as that no other source can be discovered than the human's inner being; it is the **living** water which flows forth from the body of the one whom God Himself instructs through His spirit.... For the divine spirit is the **original source** which truly has an abundance of the water of life.... Yet humanity passes it by, only very few refresh themselves with the water of life, only very few people know about the pure truth from God and strengthen themselves with it and are thereby also in contact with the spiritual world, from which the light comes, the truth and the life....

## Accepting or rejecting thought waves....

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**Y**ou are continuously surrounded by thought waves which originate in the spiritual kingdom, which are, as it were, emanations from the good or the evil spirit world.... from the kingdom of light or the kingdom of darkness. These thought waves can meet with resistance or also find open hearts, accordingly people will also find themselves thinking which can now be true and good or erroneous and bad. For this the human being determines through his will. He is constantly illuminated or also addressed by beings, and indeed, good and bad beings will seek to transfer their thought powers to the human being and thus be repelled or accepted, for the human being's thinking is free.... His inner nature opens or closes when these thought waves surround him.... Thus a person of good will, whose nature has already changed, who seeks a bond with God, is also extremely easily influenced by divine currents, he will always willingly open himself to such thoughts which are sent out from the **divine** realm. His soul will perceive them as beneficial and accept them and pass them on to his intellect, which then deals with such thoughts and thereby establishes contact with such beings who try to instruct him mentally. Likewise is also the process of thought transmission from the dark world to those people who are darkened in spirit. This too finds no resistance.... But **what** thought material is imparted to these and those people is completely **opposite** and therefore also to be assessed quite differently. For just as light and darkness are opposites, so are the mental currents which spring from those realms. Nevertheless, both currents have access to all people, so that it is therefore only up to the human being's **will** to receive or reject them.... And therefore people can change their will at any time and thus also their thinking, because the thought waves constantly circle around them and both the world of light as well as the dark world constantly endeavour to find access to the human being's heart. But since the human being now moves in the midst of the world, since his earthly senses are constantly touched by earthly things, his thoughts will also be far more earthly directed, thus the thought waves are caught which emanate from the one to whom the earthly world belongs. Nevertheless, even in the midst of the world the human being can be receptive to thought currents which have a balancing effect, which therefore illuminate the value of earthly things and cause the human being to also open himself to thought currents from the kingdom of light.... so that the human being's thinking can be healthy even in the midst of worldly life.... And the desire for spiritual knowledge from the world of light can predominate.... if the human being's will is predominantly directed towards that kingdom which lies outside of the earthly. Then his heart will constantly open and the thought waves will always sound which are sent to him from there.... He will resist earthly directed thoughts or only allow them to approach him as far as is necessary in earthly life, and negatively influencing forces will only rarely have access because the human being's will prevents this and he can only succumb in case of unusual weakness, which, however, is then always compensated for by strengthened will. As long as the human being lives on earth he is exposed to the influence of both forces, and therefore it also remains a certain battle, a constant expression of will, and as long as this will is weakened God's adversary has an influence on people, which thus makes itself recognizable in 'thinking'.... The whole of earthly life is under the influence of good or evil forces, the human being's will alone decides, and thus your thinking also depends on how far your will is turned towards God.... For every thought flows out of the spiritual kingdom but it can only touch an **open** heart. But anyone who desires **God** resists thoughts which originate in the God-opposing kingdom, even though they will always circle around him....

Amen

## Feeling of the heart

### Innermost feeling guiding principle for way of life....

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October 9th 1941

**T**he human being's innermost feeling is the guiding principle for his way of life. As long as a person asks questions he neither negates nor affirms anything, and then his inner voice will speak to him to which he only needs to pay attention in order to be on the right path. Being able to affirm is often very difficult as long as faith is lacking, yet only the will makes the decision. If it is good, then the human being will unhesitatingly accept what he is told by his innermost feeling, for with his questioning he opens his heart to the influence of friends in the beyond. But a person whose will is still controlled by the adversary keeps his heart closed to these suggestions. Thus he opposes and rejects them, that is, he negates. Paying attention to the voice of his heart will only ever be done by a person who is willing to do what is right, for he asks questions and waits for an answer. An unwilling person lives without asking questions relating to spiritual knowledge, because he negates everything of a spiritual nature, i.e., a life beyond the earthly life. And someone who does not ask questions cannot receive an answer. A person's thinking mostly revolves around earthly things, and he considers the time spent on spiritual research a waste of time. In that case, however, he is still so materialistically inclined that he lacks the sentiment for the gentle voice within himself. Therefore he will not pay attention to his innermost feelings either. Thus his inner voice will predominantly sound where the love for the world, the sense for all earthly things, for matter, begins to diminish.... Only then will a person occupy himself with deeper thoughts with the result that he will often question himself.... so that he then, in a manner of speaking, will also give himself the answer which, however, was actually mentally transmitted to him by spiritual friends.... For as soon as his will is good and does not reject God he will receive the truth mentally and he can confidently believe his inner voice.... hence his innermost sentiment.... and subsequently do what he is impelled to do. Only the will must aspire towards that which is good.... he must want to do what is right then he will invariably also be shown which path he should take....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

### God speaks to man through the heart....

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September 11th 1949

**W**hatever your heart tells you to do, that you should do, for I speak to you through the heart, providing you want to hear My voice. Thus you can let your heart speak or your intellect, i.e. you can pay attention to your feelings or also let reason prevail, thus strive for some advantage through your actions, whereas the heart does not achieve this advantage. But if you want Me to advise you by first asking Me for instruction, then you need only pay attention to your feelings and what you do now will truly be right. Then your heart is merely the mediator of My will and you can follow its voice. Thus you will also be instructed according to your feelings, i.e. you will instinctively reject what is wrong and accept what corresponds to the truth. And this also explains why people who are intimately connected to Me instinctively reject misguided teachings when they are presented to them. This is a sign that their soul resists something that is unwelcome to it, that in its desire for what is right and true it is warned by the spirit within itself to accept something untrue, that it therefore unconsciously adopts a hostile attitude and does not hide its attitude but openly confesses it. Then I Myself will cause this person to express his rejection because I want misguided teachings to be branded as pernicious for the soul. But if a person's inner voice is silent and he does not recognize the

wrongness of an action or teaching, then he does not ask for My advice but is convinced of himself or his ability to judge.... He does not ask and therefore cannot receive an answer.... I cannot speak to him through the heart because he is not mindful of his sensations. But the will to reject would nevertheless awaken in him if he were only serious about the pure truth which, however, he could only ever find about Me and through Me. Anyone who falls prey to misguided teachings must look for the blame within himself, for as soon as he demands the truth it will be offered to him. For I always speak through the heart to those who want to be instructed by Me, because I will not leave a person in error who desires the truth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## God evaluates only the will.... innermost feeling....

B.D. No. 6702

November 30th 1956

**Y**ou humans determine the direction of the will yourselves, because your innermost thinking and wanting cannot be forcibly influenced from any side, even if you are forced to keep your thinking and wanting secret. And likewise you can be pointed out from the outside by good teachings to what you should do to live right before God.... the commandments of love can be brought to you, which are to cause you to this right walk before God.... But now again your **innermost** thinking and willing is decisive, although you also do justice to this love doctrine outwardly.... Because only that will is evaluated, which you humans are to judge right. And so you can seemingly perform good works, but which lack the inner love urge, and then they are worthless before God.... But you can also be prevented from working in love by external circumstances, and yet your thinking and wanting can apply to this working in love.... And then God will again only look at and evaluate this good will, which you have directed right in all freedom. The inner urge to want to help proves this right will, which however is missing in all those who are still bound by God's opponent. But since in earthly life it is about the change of your will, which originally turned to the opponent, the **motive of every action** of men is of greatest importance, which direction of will it proves. For a good will and thinking from within is already the passed test of will, the will has turned away from the opponent and towards God again.... If God is acknowledged, this is not yet proof that the heart thinks as the mouth speaks. But the will turned towards God cannot help but also strive for a life in divine order, and there fore man will also feel the inner urge to love, and what he now does will be founded in this urge to love. And if man is prevented from carrying out his will, then this will will nevertheless always remain turned towards God, and he will be justified by this will before God. Therefore, the will of man should be influenced in the most favorable way by good teachings, by proclaiming the gospel, so that man knows about the will of God, to which his will should now conform.... But the determining factor is now only the attitude of man, the evaluation of the teachings and therefore the action according to these teachings, which always demand only love for God and for fellow men. And these deeds must be done out of inner drive.... Then the will has been directed in the right direction, but not in compulsion.... And so also deeds of love, which are demanded by pressure or promises, can be completely worthless, if the inner will to love is missing, so not the deed itself, but the will is decisive for the passing of the test of will of man on earth. What goes on inside a person is decisive, and only God Himself can judge that, to Whom all thoughts, all stirrings of the human heart are known.... But therefore this will turned towards God is also the surest guarantee for man that he himself will be seized by God, who will never ever hand him over to His adversary.... And even if he is often still in danger because the opponent does not want to give him up.... God holds him, and He also reveals Himself to him, so that man always professes God more and he strives for Him as his highest aim....

Amen

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## The inner voice – the voice of the heart

### The inner voice....

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**L**isten to the voice of your heart, it will show you the right way. A person's will is often undecided which proves that he is influenced by different spiritual forces which want to win him over for them. At this time the person must make a decision; he must not remain indecisive but ought to turn his will in one direction, and then he should pay attention to the inner voice which wants to advise him to use his will correctly. The more diligently he aspires to take the right path, the more clearly he will perceive this voice. Then it will warn him during temptations, it will strengthen his resistance, it will admonish him and always faithfully tell him if the person is in danger of wanting to take his own paths which don't entirely correspond to God's will. But it is almost imperceptibly faint in those who live their life unscrupulously, who care little about right and wrong. And frequently it will be silenced completely because the person fails to listen and the gentle voice will be drowned out by the voice of the world. In that case, the human being will be in great danger, he must make his own decisions and is more likely to allow himself to be determined by ungodly forces and he will act accordingly. A person with the will to live a good life, thus to live according to God's will, is never left without spiritual guidance, he will be guided, his thoughts will be directed, i.e., although his freedom of will is not being curtailed, the thoughts will come so close to him that he has to accept them if he does not consciously reject them. And if he is weak-willed the spiritual forces will try twice as hard to convey their thoughts to him and he will merely need to listen within, i.e., the human being need only enter into a silent dialogue with himself, and he will be mentally clearly instructed as to what he should or shouldn't do.

However, people often don't remain in this short contemplation, their thoughts fly all over the place, one moment here, one moment there, and this results in indecision, in hesitation, both in regards to good as well as to evil.... For this reason you are admonished time and again to pay attention to the voice of the heart, so that you will act clearly and determinedly and not digress from the right path. An indecisive resolve offers God's adversary an excellent target, for this is the start of his control over the former, and every temptation confronts the will with a decision to be for or against it. If, however, the person pays attention to his inner voice he will not have to fight for long, he will resist the temptation since he will be supported by the forces of light as soon as he pays attention to them and complies with their admonitions. Then he will also grow in strength, for his will entitles the beings of light to give him strength, whereas a lack of will prevents them from doing so. For no human being receives strength against his will, although the beings of light are concerned for the human being's soul with utmost love. Yet their activity is subject to divine law as well, which respects free will first and foremost. The inner voice, however, is only audible to someone who voluntarily listens within, and therefore it can never be considered coercion, it can be heard or ignored, it can be complied with but also disregarded, all depending on the person's will. It merely gently admonishes and warns the person, it assists the weak and guides the undecided; it will never push itself to the fore but will only be heard by someone who listens. But he will be guided correctly and able to live his life without worry, for if he complies with the voice of his heart he will also know that he conducts himself correctly and lives in accordance with God's will....

Amen

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

Amen

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**The urging of the spirit.... Discontentment....**

B.D. No. 5766

September 10th 1953

You are certainly urged by My spirit to comply with My will, yet you are not being forced into doing so because compulsion would damage your soul. If, however, you completely and utterly sacrifice your will to Me, if you consciously surrender your opposition to Me by only wanting to do My will, then you will be unable to do anything else but to live according to the order which is My fundamental principle of eternity.... Then you will no longer consciously infringe against this order, you will always conduct yourselves as I ask of you, you will no longer sin consciously. In that case you willingly comply with the urging of the spirit, you allow yourselves to be guided by it and thus you will be guided by Me, and that truly righteously. Yet you should and indeed can do more than just avoid sin and abhor injustice; you will also be induced by My spirit accordingly, but if you don't give in to its urging then you will not be content with yourselves even if you have not sinned, for although you don't infringe against the commandments of love for God and your neighbour.... you nevertheless don't eagerly comply with them and your soul will feel neglected and depressed, for it senses that it is not making any progress in its development....

Every discontentment with oneself is an expression of a depressed soul. You humans should not always remain on the same level, you should make an effort, you should do whatever it takes to advance your higher development, and you should continually work at improving yourselves, and this is what the spirit constantly stimulates you to do.... If you follow its encouragement you will also sense an inner calm, for then you will have fulfilled My will and this feeling makes you happy. I certainly take notice of your will to accept My will and assess it correctly, yet you should also try to

put into practise what you promise Me.... Seek to give ever more love, to perform selfless works of love, try to base your whole life on love, then you will live in harmony with My spirit within you, and then you will only listen to My spirit and ignore whatever the other side says to you. Let the spirit in you rule supreme, completely submit yourselves to My will and always strive for perfection.... And your heart will be so filled by peace that it will reveal Me and My presence in you , for then you will be aware of My presence and can only live in absolute harmony with Me and My spirit....

Amen

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## Characteristic of the inner Word....

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A huge battle has erupted between the forces of the kingdom of light and those of darkness, for it is the end time of this earth, the earth is faced by an upheaval for the sake of the spiritual beings which are now the focal point of this battle. The prince of darkness is aware of the fact that his power is at stake, that he has very little time left and therefore he does whatever it takes in order to fortify his power. This battle between light and darkness is waged by the darkness with cunning and trickery, and many people who allow themselves to be beguiled by illusion and disguise will succumb to it. There is no risk where My messengers of light can intervene, yet Satan, too, sometimes avails himself of a garment of light and then it becomes difficult for uninformed people to recognise him as they only pretended to have established the connection, but they are inwardly still so separated from Me that I cannot manifestly help them.... who therefore willingly succumb to My adversary's enticements and temptations because he somehow appeals to them in a worldly sense and thus their reaction is also worldly. In times of spiritual darkness a ray of light is certainly exceedingly soothing, for the light comes from above, from My kingdom, and the shine it emanates will always cause a happy feeling in the darkness.... Yet My adversary often works similarly.... he wants to do the same yet his strength is not sufficient.... he knows that people are searching for light and thus equally approaches them as light. However, this light fails to disperse brightness.... it is merely a deceptive light, it is effectively a phantom which disappears if it is carefully inspected.

Nevertheless, it is a fact that Satan often appears in a garment of light in order to confuse people but he is only able to do so if people's will gives him a foundation he can subsequently hold on to.... This will never be the case where heartfelt love for Me guarantees My presence but it can easily happen where a degree of unkindness prevents My presence and allows My adversary to enter.... this is why a completely devoted servant to Me need not fear Satan's activity, in contrast, someone who is still, if only slightly, captivated by the world needs to be extremely careful. For Satan slips in where I Am not present but he can never make himself at home where My presence is assured. My adversary tries to darken people's spirit through untruthfulness.... through errors and lies, whereas I, wherever I Am working, by means of purest truth provide enlightenment, bright and clear understanding about all spiritual problems and about My reign and activity, about My eternal plan of Salvation.... Yet **one** thing is not possible for My adversary: to make himself known through the inner Word.... And now pay attention: **What are the characteristics of the inner Word**, of the expression of My love for you, of the transference of strength which affects you in the state of receiving My Word....? My Word affects your heart and speaks to your heart, thus My Word can only be felt, and this feeling will be formulated by the person's intellect if he is willing to believe divine emanations, if the person therefore consciously listens within to hear what I reveal to him.... But it is also possible for a person's tongue to speak, impelled by a force while the person's intellect is excluded and this force avails itself of a person's mouth in order to make itself heard. This manifestation of strength can indeed be caused by a being of light, but forces of darkness can likewise avail themselves of the opportunity if a person opens himself in order to make contact with invisible forces. Then it depends on the will which forces take hold of him; the person's tongue is set in motion and, impelled by this force, he speaks.... yet I Am not the One Who speaks, although good forces can also convey to a person spiritual knowledge which corresponds to My will.

However, **My Word** is My direct emanation, which can indeed be passed on to the person's heart through a being of light yet always such that the spiritual ear perceives My Word, that therefore the person is addressed by **Me** and he hears **Me**.... and not that his physical ear hears what his mouth utters. Can you understand that? When I speak the spiritual ear hears Me, the addressed person perceives My Word in his heart. If, however, an **entity** speaks through a person the person hears himself speak, and this in such a way as if the mouth speaks mechanically, which is indeed the case, because a being avails itself of him in order to express itself. This being **can** speak on My instruction and people can likewise derive much benefit from such statements, but it is also possible for evil spirits to interfere, which happens if a person's thoughts are earthly inclined or if he, due to weakness of will, entirely hands himself over to spiritual influences, if his state becomes like a psychic one, that is, if he can no longer control what is voiced by his mouth.... In that case he is just a mechanical mouthpiece for spiritual forces, and then care will always have to be taken to accept the spiritual results as truth.... then it requires serious scrutiny if error is not to be spoken of as truth. Anyone who hears **My Word** is addressed through the spirit within him, which is a part of Me Myself.... And if the spirit in the person expresses itself, it can only be heard by the person's spiritual ear and not by his physical ear. The spiritual ear, however, is a matter of emotion; the person **feels** My Words in his heart even if he cannot audibly pass them on to his fellow human being. If, however, it is My will that he shall impart My Word, then the person will be able to convey his feeling to the intellect which grasps the sensed Word and formulates it to be understandable.... For My speech is an illumination of strength, it touches the human being's soul, and this strength is formed by My will into the Word for you.... All people can certainly feel themselves addressed by Me if they love Me and want to get in contact with Me, who thus expect an expression of love, for I draw close to all My children who call upon Me and I listen to them; I also answer them, I comfort them, give them advice, admonitions, warnings, I assure them of My help, and if they attentively listen within they will also perceive the gentle voice.... yet always in a way that they believe themselves to be saying these Words which they would dearly like to hear.

However, if a person is chosen to spread the truth throughout the world, to proclaim the Gospel to fellow human beings, he needs to receive it from Me first, and this happens through the **inner Word**.... through a process which first necessitates that the human being's spiritual ear is so trained that he hears that which I emotionally impart to him as 'spiritual Word'.... that he does not expect to be spoken to such that he hears it with his physical ear but that he, in profound faith of My love, waits for My speech, that is, that he opens himself to the flow of My love's strength and perceives the contact like spoken Words which the heart then conveys to the intellect, thus providing the intellect with the necessary understandable explanations in order to be able to process the spiritual language. Such Word-reception is a commitment for a mission, for the recipient accepts spiritual knowledge from My hand, I make Myself known to him, and this takes place in such a simple way that another person rarely notices anything peculiar and that the only evidence of My illumination of love consists of written down proclamations of wisdom, which testify to Me as a Being. And therefore it should not be difficult to recognise **My Word**, because by transmitting My Word to earth I intend to portray Myself to people such that they learn to love Me, but this is only possible if I reveal Myself to them as a most loving Father, if I explain to them that My reign and activity is solely determined by love and that they are therefore being informed of My eternal plan of Salvation.... Consequently, that which is imparted to a person as **My Word** has to be informative; it must not cause confusion, it must not sound incomprehensible, not effusive, it must sound clear and pure, intelligible and therefore pleasing for all people. It must also affect those people to whom it is imparted like a ray of love, it must touch people's hearts and meet with a response in those who open themselves.... a person must feel himself addressed by Me and thereby feel deeply impressed.... I Myself must be recognised as the Giver of the Word because I reveal Myself through My Word....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

**T**he inner Word certainly sounds clearly and audibly, yet only to someone who listens within and who, due to his way of life, has so shaped his heart that God Himself is able to express Himself through this heart. The human being's soul has to be so intimately connected with the spiritual spark within that it can hear its voice at all times and that the spiritual spark, which is an emanation of God, is able to express itself such that the person can hear its voice like spoken words, so that the Words sound in him and thus cannot be misunderstood. Just like people who speak to each other from person to person, God speaks to people through the heart. This process cannot be explained in any other way, yet it is only understandable to someone once he has heard the divine voice. He feels God's Words in his heart and is ecstatically happy to receive this grace, for then he will have no more doubt, no unbelief, no question which will not be refuted or answered to him once doubt or questions arise in him. The audible Word is the evidence for the person that everything he previously believed is true. And the audible Word reveals to the person the heavenly Father's presence.... His proximity, which causes indescribable bliss.

However, it sounds so very gently and subtly in the heart that it can only be heard by paying utmost attention. The most heartfelt contact must be mentally established with God and then the listening will have to start, the awaiting of His grace, which then will noticeably flow into him. But only a person whose heart has changed into love will be able to hear the divine voice, for it is divine love which expresses itself to a person and this can only manifest itself where true love exists. Yet once a person has audibly perceived the divine Word he will never lose this gift of grace again, then he will be able to hear His voice at all times and in all places.... he will only need to remain in heartfelt contact with Him and he will clearly and distinctly hear the answer. He will not be overcome by doubt as to the truth of it because he feels God's nearness and it will also be understandable to him that God manifests Himself audibly. However, as long as the earthly child has not attained a specific degree of maturity as a result of a selfless life of love it will not be able to experience the happiness of this blissful union with God either. Nevertheless, it should always and forever listen within and from the bottom of its heart appeal for this grace, so that it will receive the strength to live according to God's will, and His eternal love will draw close to it.... so that it will clearly and distinctly hear His voice, so that He will speak to it through the heart and the earthly child will feel His love and be abundantly happy while it is still on earth ....

Amen

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**The inner Word during the time of affliction....**

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**D**uring the time of affliction, you will clearly and distinctly hear the voice of the spirit as long as you uphold your contact with God and desire to hear Him. He will not withdraw His gift of grace, He will convey it ever more abundantly for He knows what you require, He knows that you need comfort and support and that only He can offer these to you. The more closely you join Him the more He will endow you with His Word, with His love, which He manifests in the Word. And you will not be so harshly affected by the affliction, for God Himself will lift you up and above the misery. He can give you a joyful heart despite the external adversity, he will make you modest and patient, so that you will not miss anything and only desire that He will reveal Himself to you, that He will speak to you and that you receive His grace.... And He will grant you this desire, He will sharpen your spiritual ear and you will hear His voice wherever you are and at all times. And the spiritual nourishment will make you more profoundly happy than any earthly fulfilment. Your body will be content with little, you will no longer pay attention to it, yet your soul will be abundantly cared for and will never need to starve.

And if you are faced by earthly adversity it will no longer discourage you, because you will be able to take it to the One Who promised His help to you because He loves you like a Father loves His children. The time of affliction need therefore not frighten you if you consider yourselves His children and communicate with Him from the bottom of your heart. He will answer you and you will hear His voice in your heart, and what He tells you will lift you up and make you happy, it will make you strong and confident, it will silence all your worries and troubles, for you will be able to gain profound and unshakable faith, because you will be taught by God's spirit and His voice will affect you like a fatherly word of encouragement which you will never ever doubt. And your heart will rejoice because you recognise the loving Father, Who deems you worthy of His voice. Your spiritual progress will let you forget everything, you will endure whatever suffering and deprivations the body has to put up with, for your body will become less sensitive the more spiritualised the soul becomes.... The soul, however, will rejoice once it has reached the goal of sensing God and hearing His voice as often as it desires....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

# The voice of the conscience – the sense for good and evil

## Voice of conscience....

B.D. No. 1565

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**Y**ou have no surer sign of what is right than the voice of conscience, the voice of the heart, which truly shows you what is right. You are often guided by this voice to what is pleasing to God. And if you ever do not know what you should do, think or say, you should only call upon God in all intimacy, and He will make it known to you that every doubt, every indecision will disappear, and you will be clear and aware of your actions. Every wrong thought will cause discomfort in you, and every right thought will make you happy, for all good spiritual beings around you will always endeavour to mentally convey to you what you should or should not do, and if you willingly accept these conveyances they will also trigger a feeling of inner contentment in you, while conversely they will awaken a feeling of discomfort in you in order to make you aware of the inner voice. The urging of spiritual friends to do a good deed is often the reason why this deed is now also carried out, for man alone is too weak-willed if he is not inspired to do good. And if he only listens to the inner voice, he will be guided correctly. The realisation of what is right will likewise come to him if he wants to act rightly. For his will, which is turned towards God, persistently rejects what is wrong because this will attracts the good, knowing forces, and these now instruct him truthfully. Although the opposing forces are just as keen to exert their influence, they are only successful if the human being is without will or indifferent, thus complies with every spiritual influence regardless of whether good or evil forces are instructing him. There the evil forces have an easy game, even if the voice of conscience sounds reproachful afterwards and takes away the person's inner contentment. If this is still observed, it is possible that the good spiritual forces can then have a more influential effect, but such silent reproaches within the heart can easily lead to the person trying to drown them out, that he no longer pays attention to them and thus dulls his conscience, and no longer listens to the subtle voice within himself. And that is extremely detrimental to the soul. For it is difficult for the human being to persuade himself to do good deeds, because his strength is too weak to do so, but since he is not inspired to resist by the voice of conscience, he does not take refuge in God either, Who alone can make him strong-willed and send him spiritual strength to help him. But if a person cultivates the voice of conscience within himself, if he complies with everything the voice tells him to do or not to do, and finally listens to this voice after every question to the eternal Deity, he will hardly take any other path than the one that leads to knowledge....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

## Good and evil.... Law of eternity....

B.D. No. 3901

October 11th 1946

**I** also concede to evil but it is never My will, because evil contradicts My eternal law, it is a wrongly directed will which withdraws from Me and strives towards something entirely ungodly.... a condition which completely opposes the original state of My created being.... However, My created being has to have the option of aspiring towards good and evil, thus good and evil have to exist if the being wants to remain perfect or to become it of its own free will. Everything which contradicts My law of eternity is evil, everything which remains within My eternal order is good; but the fact that the being can sense or develop a desire towards either direction within itself is My will, and that it can feel every longing in its heart is My work. My wisdom and My love are the reasons why I have created the being in this way because I want to guide it towards eternal bliss and this necessitates

being able to voluntarily aspire towards good. In order to develop strength it has to meet with resistance.... in order to be good the human being also needs to have the option to be evil and to become or remain good of his own accord, or his perfection would be a mere act of My love but would lack the highest degree for which free will is indispensable which, however, first has to be tested.

Evil can never be called good and can never be said to originate from Me although I also allow room for evil, although I concede to it. Evil thoughts, evil talk and evil actions are outside of My divine order.... But if My will prevented the human being from thinking, talking and doing evil he would not be a free, independent and self-determining living creation but a mere product of My willpower which could never assert its claim to become perfect. But I want to shape perfect living beings for Myself which I can enlighten with My strength of love and, by doing so, make them extremely happy. And for this purpose they need to have passed the test of will to aspire, of their own accord, of their own free will, towards the highest degree of perfection.... This also requires the option of descending into a state of imperfection, the furthest distance from Me. My will is and remains eternally good, and anything which voluntarily submits to My will shall also be and remain good; anything which acts contrary to My will thus prefers evil and I will not prevent it, although it deprives itself of its own perfection, it does not pass its test of will. And even if it has descended into the deepest abyss it inevitably has to ascend again of its own free will, although it needs an infinitely long time to once again achieve a degree of perfection which would allow My proximity. And precisely for that reason its will has to be given some leeway in order that the eternal divine order can be counteracted, but I will never approve of it nor shall it ever be My will. Thus good and evil will continue until every spirit has been redeemed, that is, until everything which has emerged from Me has passed its test of will to voluntarily aspire towards good, the Divine, until it has found Me of its own free will and as a most perfected being will then be able to enjoy all delights of eternal bliss....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Sense of good and evil....

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Everyone is able to distinguish right from wrong if he only considers the effect on himself, if he considers what serves his own well-being or creates open discomfort for him.... quite apart from those procedures which obviously cause damage or great suffering. The human being will always know what serves him for the best, what he wishes for **himself** or what he would ward off if he were the target of attacks or also of good actions by a fellow human being. The human being knows quite well what is right or wrong, which is why he was also given the commandments of love which once again **require** him to do what is quietly hidden in the human being as a feeling but which he does not always pay attention to. Therefore, the divine commandments of love should make him aware of his duties towards God and his neighbour.... He should learn to live consciously, always with the measure of the divine commandments in his conduct of life. Emotionally he knows that his neighbour demands the same from him as he demands from himself: loving accommodation and respect for what belongs to him.... as well as help when his neighbour needs it, because in the same situation he would also be grateful for the same, for the same consideration he finds in him as well as for the understanding for his own needs. Man need only ever put himself in his neighbour's place, and then he will know what is right in every case. But now the degree of self-love which still controls the human being is decisive, for although he **knows** what he should do and what is good in God's eyes, his self-love can nevertheless be so strong that he is incapable of making a sacrifice for the benefit of his neighbour.... Then he must use great force to overcome his self-love in favour of the neighbour, but it cannot be said that he is incapable of distinguishing good from evil, that he does not know that he is obliged towards the neighbour.... but precisely his knowledge increases the sin of omission he commits when he does not relieve his neighbour's distress, although he is capable of doing so.... For only his excessive self-love prevents him from carrying out a work of help, but he knows that he should do it

according to God's will and His commandments of love. He knows what it is like to be in need himself and is then grateful for every help. And so he should also think of his neighbour in his adversity and not deny him help, even if it costs him a sacrifice of overcoming.... But the more his work of love will be valued and he will be rewarded for what he has done out of love for his neighbour. Every person will therefore be able to understand the divine commandments of love, for the feeling for right and wrong, for good and evil, is present in every human being, just as he will therefore not be able to 'sin with impunity' because he will always recognize his wrongdoing towards his neighbour.... Therefore, love for his neighbour should first prevent him from sinful actions against him, he should fight unkindness.... then the path to practicing love for his neighbour will not be far away. For the spark of love is within him and will also easily ignite if the person is of good will.... which he proves when he refrains from all sinful actions against his neighbour and thus wants to protect him from all kinds of harm. Then it is no longer far to render him services of love, because he puts himself in the place of the neighbour who is in need and now also wants to help him.... Good and evil, right and wrong, must be consciously separated.... fight the one, strive for the other.... Then the path is no longer far to unselfish activity of love, for then the human being is of good will and will act according to God's will.... he will act, think and speak according to the commandments of love for God and neighbour....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### Free will.... recognizing good and evil.... love spark....

B.D. No. 8639

October 8th 1963

**T**he whole earth existence as man has only one purpose, to bring the still imperfect spiritual, which is in a bodily cover as soul, to the last perfection. And that is why the whole walk of life is to be so directed that it corresponds to the principle of divine order: Man is to always only think and want well; he is to always only carry out good actions, i.e., all thinking, wanting and acting is to be carried by love. For man, since he has free will, can use it in any direction. He can lead a good as well as a bad way of life, and he will not be able to be forced in any way. Every man also has within himself the sense of good and evil, because he has a silent admonisher within him.... the voice of conscience.... and because he feels the effect of good and evil actions on himself, beneficent or sorrowful.... And therefore it is also said: Love you neighbour as yourselves, do to him the same thing that makes you happy, and do him no harm, because you also will not be harmed yourselves. Every man knows how to distinguish between good and evil, if only he is honest with himself. But if he has an evil will, then he also seeks to pervert the law of order, then he denies even the sense of good and evil. But then he only lies to himself, and he will never be able to maintain this assertion before himself. As soon as man lacks all sense of responsibility, his whole way of life is only a lie against himself.... he does not **want** to be good because he is still firmly chained to God's adversary, but he also knows himself that he is bad, even if he does not want to admit this to his fellow human beings and falls into ever deeper sins.... A person who lacks the conscious feeling for good and evil could not one day be called to account for his conduct on earth.... But it is always only his free will how he leads his way of life, and for this he has to answer. If he himself is wronged, then he will also rebel against it. So he knows about right and wrong.... But the adversary is able to dull his feeling so that he is finally only a blind tool for him, that he lets himself be used completely without will for all bad actions and then he already becomes a devil, although he still walks the earth as man.... But his soul is completely dominated by the enemy, by him who seeks to snatch all souls into ruin. That no other fate can be granted to such souls than renewed banishment in solid matter will then also be understandable to you men who make an effort to live in divine order. **Every** man can reach perfection on earth, but his will alone is decisive, whether he seeks support in weakness of will and asks for strengthening, whether he has the desire in him to live right and justly.... Then every possible help will be given to him. And this desire could be in every man, because God leaves out no-one, to whom He {not} offers His favours, which however must also be voluntarily accepted and evaluated.... And man himself determines this. But it is wrong to think that a man would be completely incapable of reaching his aim on earth

because he is "unusually" burdened with weaknesses and dispositions.... According to these is also the supply of grace, and also particularly burdened men will come into situations in life where they can think and devote themselves to their God and creator.... That they do not do it is again due to free will, but that they can do it cannot be denied, otherwise God would have to be denied justice, wisdom and love, but He wrestles for every soul to win it for Himself, and therefore truly leaves no means untried to help it. But when the soul of a man gives ear to the opponent and closes its ears to Him Who truly loves it, then it is also pulled down by the opponent, and it does not resist, but is in bondage to him in everything, and that also means that it again completely falls prey to him and again remains his belonging for endless long time. Because you men must not forget one thing that the divine love spark is associated with **every** man at the beginning of the embodiment on earth, that this therefore only needs to be ignited and the danger of a fall into the deep is thereby eliminated. Every man **can** be **active** in love, but whether he is **willing** to love, that is up to him, however decides the success of earth life and his further fate, which can be happiness and bliss in the kingdom of light or also again banishment in hard matter, because otherwise the final aim cannot be reached, which God has set for Himself at the beginning....

Amen

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## Family feelings – human characteristics and relationships

### Declaration of kinship feelings.... soul particles....

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September 9th 1951

Secret connections often exist between people which they are unable to explain to themselves and which have their reason in the composition of the souls. For souls can meet very similar souls through the way they are formed, and this similarity gives rise to a feeling of kinship in the human being which, however, he is unable to explain with his intellect. And this is why such feelings can never be scientifically explained, instead they are merely spiritual feelings which are expressed and whose cause can only be explained spiritually.... Every soul certainly contains the whole of creation, yet just as creation has the most diverse creations within itself, just as the animal world reveals an inconceivable diversity, so human souls are also different in kind, because the composition in every soul is different, which also makes the diversity of people understandable who, despite outwardly approximately the same design, differ from each other in character and emotion and can also be recognized by this deviation. Yet such souls can also meet in earthly life which would show an obvious similarity if the human being were able to see spiritually, for the soul's form and nature can only be perceived with spiritual eyes. But the souls themselves feel their kinship and therefore feel extraordinarily drawn to each other, but this is not to be confused with a purely physical urge for a connection. The spiritual togetherness is recognizable in obvious agreement in people's thinking and feeling, in harmony in the spiritual field and in the same striving, in a feeling of connectedness with each other which need not be expressed physically. These souls are attuned to each other, they do not fight each other and are always ready to help each other, they feel their sameness and are inclined to believe that they have led a common past life, and yet it is only the soul particles joined together in the same proportion which produce this unison and need not have been absolutely connected. But they once belonged to the same circle of fallen angels and followed the same course of development, which also spanned the same length of time, which is why the striving towards each other is explainable. For the same course of development also shapes the souls in the same way, and if such souls meet in earthly life, where the consciousness of the ego is also developed, then the first signs of recollection also appear in them, however so faintly that they only suspect a certain connection, which they, however, often explain to themselves wrongly. In earthly life the soul is deprived of the recollection of its pre-stages, yet sensations remain. The same soul substances of the souls recognize each other because they have integrated themselves into the whole in the same relationship, and this recognition can then become conscious to people and now awaken the kinship feeling. The soul of the human being is so wonderfully artfully put together, and countless tones can sound in it, as on a precious instrument. A harmonious harmony now sounds like **one** tone and is already a foretaste of the union of like-tuned souls in the beyond, where the constant union with like spirits belongs to beatitude in the spiritual kingdom, which can therefore already begin on earth, but is merely an experience of the souls, not of the bodies. It should be noted that soul ties are of a completely different nature than physical ones, that the harmony of souls has completely different reasons and cannot be traced back to a living together as a human being in an earlier development, for even if this assumption were correct, that souls from an earlier embodiment meet again, the feelings of a harmony of souls are to be justified completely differently, and this explanation would always be a false conclusion. However, every soul will find its partner once, but always then as a supplement to its self, even though every soul retains its individuality. But then the soul will already have reached a different stage of development than on earth, and then it will also have penetrated knowledge to such an extent that it can recognize all correlations and that it can see spiritually what could not be made comprehensible to it on earth. And the union of souls which complement each other is indescribably blissful and also

gives the souls increased strength to work and thus to fulfil their task in the spiritual kingdom, and the souls strive ever more and more towards union with God in order to find supreme bliss in this union, which will never end....

Amen

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### **Race.... Inner life....**

B.D. No. 1573

August 18th 1940

So many questions are raised in a time of spiritual emancipation, and these questions always concern a still little researched area, the inner life of the individual human being.... For it is recognised that every person's inner life is different and people are now trying to find an explanation for this. People lack all knowledge. With a conviction that tolerates no contradiction, they proceed to link the inner structure of man with the structure of the body; they therefore assume that a certain race of human beings must also have the same feelings, that the inner life is therefore racially determined. And this view now gives rise to all kinds of questions. The doctrine of race, in which all theories are founded today, is justified only in so far as it throws light on external phenomena, the appearance of a being, so that a certain race also reveals certain external characteristics. But race never has any influence on the inner feelings of man, which alone are decisive in spiritual terms. And thus the most diverse races have a certain similarity in their emotional life, so it is assumed that the race has an influence on the inner life. And this is erroneous.... For the emotional life, which has its origin in the soul, is formed by each person himself. If the Creator had placed the same emotional life in the same races, the different tribes of people would have to be of the same nature. Every behaviour would then be based on the race of man and thus also (accordingly) be judged. And consequently God would always have prescribed to the different people the formation of their inner life, and people could then be no different than God Himself had assigned to them by belonging to a particular race. A higher development would therefore be out of the question, and people could not be held accountable either. However, they are not granted a stay on earth in order to conform outwardly through their race, but every human being, regardless of which race he belongs to, must cultivate his inner life and thus contribute everything himself to develop spiritually to a higher level. Everything on the outside of people will also only relate to earthly life, or rather, these people who are united by race will retain all their characteristics, regardless of whether their inner attitude is in favour of or against God. Only in purely worldly questions is a correspondence of thoughts to be found, but in spiritual questions every individual human being's thinking will be different and the attitude towards God so fundamentally different that belonging to a certain race can never lead to the conclusion that the human being is forced to think according to his race. And this now corrects an erroneous view that has so far been insufficiently scrutinised. Wrong conclusions have been drawn, even though the external appearance of people appears to be quite similar. The inner life is completely isolated.... In order to shape it in accordance with divine will the human being has to occupy himself spiritually, he cannot relate his own nature to his spiritual task, he has to struggle in exactly the same way as a person belonging to a different race if he wants to bring his soul into a state which pleases God so He accepts it into His kingdom....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

### **Instincts of preliminary stages determine character....**

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May 25th 1941

The current stage of human existence is more or less the same as the state of the spiritual substance within every external form, namely the substance will always have to fight the oppositions which are most powerful within itself, therefore the human being has to fight against evil instincts within himself during his earthly existence. These are exceptionally well developed the more opportunity the

spiritual essence has had to indulge itself during a preliminary stage. These instincts of the preliminary stages have left their mark on the spiritual essence, i.e. the human being has to fight particularly resolutely against such instincts.... while the human being who previously had completed his task willingly and consequently is already in a certain state of maturity will enjoy an easier life.

The will to serve liberates the substance correspondingly even while it is still surrounded by a form. And this now submissive substance will live in a form which outwardly also shows the being's willingness. Hence the soul's degree of maturity can be assessed by its external shape. In the embodiment as a human being only those substances of soul unite who share the same nature; but accordingly will also be the fight on earth because many substances of soul united and influence the being in much the same way as in the previous form. The sooner the being can learn to overcome the imperfections the less it will resist and can already become patient, willing and active during the preliminary stages .... However, if it holds on to an instinct within itself it will also have to suffer it as a human being and this determines his character....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## **Heredity.... Disposition.... Parents....**

B.D. No. 1933b

May 29th 1941

**T**he human being's course of life corresponds to his nature, i.e. faults and imperfections adhere to his soul from which it should free itself during its earthly life. These faults and imperfections are not the same in every person because every substance of soul has previously lived in a different external form in which certain good or bad peculiarities had developed to a greater or lesser degree. Consequently people's nature will be quite different too and likewise require different methods of teaching to promote what is good in them and to overcome what can be regarded as inadequate or bad. It would now be completely wrong to assume that all souls are formed alike at the moment of their embodiment on earth. There are in fact many differences and the human being assigns these differences between the beings to 'heredity'. Outwardly it may indeed appear as if the children would have to accept a certain burden during the course of their life, namely peculiarities of their being which can either be helpful or a hindrance to their spiritual development but for which they could not be held responsible, because they reason that their 'genetic make-up' is not their own fault and that it therefore requires more strength to combat and to overcome these inborn defects.

The human being has to combat all his defects and improve himself to acquire maturity of soul. And if specific instincts are predominant in him he should understand that human nature is not determined by parental disposition but that the human being had allowed precisely those weaknesses and imperfections to become part of his nature during the infinitely many embodiments before the human stage, during which the being felt comfortable and did nothing to liberate itself from such faults and flaws. And now on earth it may well have the will to do so but it has a certain weakness. It considers its deficiency as its just right because it regards them as its inheritance without fault of its own. And yet it was its own volition to join people whose nature resembles its own during the time of its earthly life.

Precisely this similarity of nature had attracted the soul seeking incarnation, consequently one generally speaks of heredity even though the physical parents had no share in the nature of the souls in their care during the time on earth. Hence every soul has to deal with the task of higher development itself. This task can never be done by another human being, not even by the physical parents. Likewise, the parents are not responsible for the disposition of their children even though it may appear as if the children have to endure parental heredity. Every being is responsible for itself, although the human being as such should be educated to improve himself as long as he is still in the care of his physical parents, because every person has to accomplish the work on his soul himself otherwise he will not be able to liberate himself from his past guilt of sins....

Amen

## Sympathy and antipathy....

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Every spiritual question you ponder shall be answered, for I want you to be enlightened, but you should always request the light from Me directly. Thus I want to explain which spiritual currents you are subject to in association with your fellow human beings and how these currents affect you. You should know that all people are bound by My adversary as long as they are still unredeemed, that they are enslaved, and, according to their state of maturity which solely depends on their degree of love, also influenced by My adversary, that they more or less succumb to his influence and show this in their nature. Understandably, similar kinds of character will attract each other, that is, a human being will always seek to interact with people who exhibit the same disposition. For he finds these people agreeable, he finds them sympathetic, whereas people of an entirely opposite nature are repugnant to him, that is, they are antipathetic. Hence, this is the nearest explanation which surely everyone will understand. However, some people's souls are already more mature when they start earthly life as a human being, who, during their preliminary development in the state of compulsion had subordinated themselves more willingly to all demands, whose resistance has already diminished to a point that they start their life as a human being in a higher state of maturity and thus also reveal more love.... Love will always have a beneficial effect on a fellow human being and will even pacify another person's very immature spiritual substances, which explains that the former radiates a feeling which is equally described as sympathy and which affects the other person very positively, because such a person is not met with resistance and the influence of less mature people will also always be favourable and, occasionally, even increase their degree of love. Love awakens love in response.... and only entirely immature people will be antagonistic towards a loving person, but then he will also feel disagreeably affected by them.... Besides, all people move within a sphere that corresponds to their maturity, which is felt by a sensitive fellow human. If this sphere is dense due to adverse beings, the person will still be completely subject to the adversary's influence and will also have an off-putting effect on those who are already further advanced in their development.... no harmony will be possible because the person will resist currents which are in opposition to his endeavours and feelings....

Thus sympathy and antipathy can only be explained with spiritual currents, for every person has his own sphere in which he is comfortable, and everything that does not correspond to this sphere affects him disagreeably.... Only a few people are so anchored in divine love within themselves already that their emanation is so strong that even immature souls can feel touched by it, and thus don't offer the former any conscious resistance. The differences of character traits, also being due to the preliminary embodiments, determine the degree of people's affection or dislike among themselves.... That which one person has long cast off already, can still be present in another to a large extent and also cause a feeling of inner resistance.... But if love has become more dominant in a person he will patiently endure the other person's failings and bad habits and try to influence him in the most favourable way, which in truth is doing the other person a service, it is a work of neighbourly love of greatest importance.... A person's sphere of love can have an invigorating effect on the next person and awaken love in him again, and since love is the only means of release from all evil you should even love your enemy, then your life on earth will truly be a blessing for your environment.... You should not withdraw from people you do not find agreeable, instead, try to exert a favourable influence on them.... only avoid them if they are openly hostile towards you, for then they are being used by My adversary in order to make you fall, in which case the time for changing their attitude has not yet come for them. Then your association with them can only be detrimental, for they will not accept anything from you, regardless of whether you want to help them in a spiritual or an earthly way, for the adversary himself is behind them and, feeling it, you should leave them alone and appeal to Me for protection from them. The spiritual being in you, your soul, is more or less affected by currents coming from your fellow human beings, and, as soon as your soul has gained a higher degree of maturity, it will also be pestered by My adversary who uses those people who still belong to him, and

then the soul's resistance will be only too understandable, because it has detached itself from the enemy and doesn't want to associate with his followers either....

However, if the soul itself is very loving it can succeed in influencing an immature person so favourably that he will surrender, and then a great work will have been accomplished by love, for which nothing is impossible.... For love is a power which no person can resist forever, it is just that such love is rarely to be found among people on earth.... For this reason it is difficult to love the enemy but not impossible, otherwise Jesus would not have preached about the love of one's enemy, which requires a high degree of love, but which will also result in great spiritual gain, both for the giver as well as the recipient....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

# Sensitivity to the beauty of natural and spiritual creations

## Feeling for natural beauty and its purpose for people....

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May 3rd 1938

**Y**ou are ruled at times by beings that you attract through thoughts that are concerned with the creation of the universe. These are the beings who are granted the power over everything that surrounds you in nature on earth. They also put some of the sensation into your heart, so that it swells and gets excited as soon as nature around you is of special attraction.... You all know the feeling of happiness that takes possession of you, and this at every season of the year, but especially when everything arises anew and becomes green and blossoms.

The being to whom all these are subordinate, connects a good spirit with the earthly children.... They are always excited to give mankind news of the eternal Godhead, and so every leaf, every flower, every blade of grass.... everything that delights the human heart in nature, is only a visible sign that points to the Divine Creator, to whom all creating spirit beings are subject. Where these miracles already emanate such a delightful power on your emotional life, there every thinking person must come closer to eternity, if he does not consider all these miracles as something commonplace and takes little notice of them, as the state of affairs has unfortunately taken the upper hand with people....

These in turn will find it difficult to get the eternal truth explained through the miracles of creation.... The obvious signs with which the Creator works all this will make no impression, and the so hardened human hearts are evil.... because they lack the first basic concepts which make a deep understanding possible. So the heavenly Father puts the sense of beauty into the heart of all of you.... The more you cultivate it by learning to look at everything around you spiritually, the easier you will be able to understand that the feeling for beauty in you also triggers the feeling of happiness....

But vice versa it will hardly be possible to offer you something if you cannot gain anything extraordinary from such apparent work of the spirit-beings.... When you walk blindly through this beautiful life on earth and are not able to recognize the thousand wonders, which surround you daily. The spirit-beings, which let everything arise around you, are well-disposed towards you.... their goal is.... like that of all higher developed beings, likewise the struggle for the souls of darkness, and they apply all means available to them, so that man is stimulated to think and through the play in nature a question forces itself upon him:.... What is the connection between man and all that surrounds him?....

Once this question has been raised, then a slow recognition begins, which is vividly supported by these spirit-beings, because the concern for these people is also close to their hearts, and they are therefore constantly endeavoring to have an enlightening and pleasing effect on humans, in order to awaken the feeling of a union with God in these, from which then the light of recognition is ignited and now the earthly existence in such an enlightened state is exploited for eternity.... It is the will of the Lord that the emergence of nature each year stimulates you to think, that you reflect on why and for what purpose, according to the earth, splendor is brought before man's eyes and what is man's task in the midst of this environment....

Amen

Translation handled by Alida Pretorius

**D**ivine creative will gave rise to works, that are visible to the human eye, to reveal Himself to them in the works of creation. It is His aim, to lead the people to recognize His own, then to win his love and turn his will to Himself. As God's greatness and glory, His love, omnipotence and wisdom is recognized, also the man strives to the highest essence. However without this knowledge, his mind turns to the things, that appear to him covetously for life on earth. A man contains a love within himself, which may be wrong, so it is directed at whom, what is transitory. He will always strive to something, and the object of his endeavour shall be divine.... something spiritual, that is perfect, then his love is right.... God Himself is the most perfect spirit, to get to Him requires deepest love.... Therefore He must also be recognized, and so He reveals Himself to people, when He gives rise to creations in front of their eyes, which attest His love, omnipotence and wisdom.... And man must learn to love God, who considers His creation attentively. He must feel God's love and His wisdom, that has assigned determination to each work of His creation, and he must sink in deep respect for His greatness and unsurpassability. The knowing of the eternal Deity results inevitably in love to Him, and man strives consciously for God, he tries to contact Him, he offers himself to his creator as His creature, in order to stay connected with Him, because he loves Him. The love to God is the driving force of eager striving, without love man belongs to the world, because it has his wrong love. In order to be able to love God, He must be recognized however, and God Himself helps people, to learn to recognize Him.... He shows Himself to them in His greatness and power.... In His creations He is palpably near by the people, because everything, that has arisen from His will, is in its original substance spiritual strength, so whose outflow, of what He is Himself.... the strength center, an inexhaustible spring of strength of love.... God Himself is the eternal love, He is strength and thus present in each of His works of creation, what will be understandable for the man, so he has recognized God, so he has found his way into the essence of love by own work in love. If he has reached this stage of knowledge, to comprehend the essence and the strength of love, then he seeks God no longer in the distance, but He is near him in every work of creation, and his love for Him is growing steadily and let him constantly mature in the knowledge. And every man can come to recognize the eternal Divinity in serious contemplation of His works and serious will, to invade into a closed area for him otherwise.... God's action and workings in the universe.... God appeases man's thirst for knowledge, who is seeking to fathom Him in desire for truth and the pursuit of knowledge. Because He wants to be recognized, He wants to reveal Himself to men, that they may come into contact with Him; He wants to be loved by His creatures, and therefore He gives Himself to recognize as a being full of love, that is the highest perfection and can claim the love of His creatures with full right. But He does not want to force people to love, and that's why everyone is free to let speak the divine creation to himself or to pass by it indifferently. God is always nearby the people in His works, but only those feel Him, who seek to recognize Him and therefore pay full attention to all the things, of which they are surrounded. These will feel Him and break out to Him in love, they will seek to fathom Him, they will let wander their thoughts to infinity and raise questions, that will be answered by spiritual side, and they will come to the knowledge, that the sequence is a pursuit to perfection, to be able to come near the highest and most perfect being, because man feels it, that this is the end-aim of his earthly life, that he unites with God, from His strength he once originated....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

**Spiritual creations.... Beatitude.... 'Eye hath not seen....'**

B.D. No. 3670

January 28th 1946

**E**verything that is visible to you testifies of My might and strength and love. Yet My strength of love also produced invisible creations which will delight you in the spiritual kingdom, but only when you have achieved the degree of maturity which allows for spiritual vision. Then you will indeed marvel at My love's works of wonder, they will enchant your eye, nevertheless they will also

be comprehensible to you, for then you will recognise Me Myself as strength and love, then you will already be so pervaded by it that you will be able to understand that it is the primary cause of every creation, and then you will forever glorify the One Who employs His will for constant works of love.

The spiritual creations are inconceivable to people on earth, they are the epitome of proportion, perfection, beauty and versatility, they are exceptionally magnificent formations and their ever changing appearance makes them increasingly more wonderful to behold and they will never tire or oversaturate the onlooker's eye but forever cause immense happiness and gratitude towards Me, the Creator of heaven and earth. Indeed, earthly creations occasionally also appear lovely to a person and let his heart beat faster in the realisation that he is facing the eternal Creator, Who is almighty and full of love. However, the most beautiful creations on earth are but a pale reflection of the spiritual creations which are incomparable, since it is not possible for My love be so evidently visible on earth because people have not yet changed themselves into love.

But I can bestow the abundance of My love to souls which have become love, My creative love can reveal itself to them and I can show them and bestow on them what I have promised 'Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him....' And the more profoundly a being is able to love the more glorious will the creations become.... Deep love gives them an insight into My reign and activity in the spiritual kingdom, they are no longer opposite Me as imperfect beings, but have become what I Am Myself.... love.... they are full of might and strength themselves, and in highest perfection are able to create and shape in harmony with My will through My strength.

No comparison can be given to people on earth about their activity in the spiritual kingdom since it is subject to completely different laws and spiritual activity has nothing in common with physical activity, with work on earth. Yet it is a blissful activity, an activity which signifies supreme happiness for the being which has become love, which can think, feel and want, which is able to see and hear, which feels like an individual being and yet is extremely happy in unity with other beings because it thereby increases its strength and love and intensifies its ability to be active. The inhabitants of the spiritual world exist in a state of utterly blissful harmony, a state which is constantly aspired to as soon as the soul has attained realisation on earth or in the spiritual kingdom.

I would like to place all beings into this state because I love them and would like them to behold the glories of My kingdom. For the activity of My love constantly applies to My living creations' happiness, My love is infinite and wants to give and delight, and thus I want to make My living creations worthy of being allowed to stay in spiritual creations; yet they themselves have to want it, they must shape themselves into love of their own free will so that they can be made indescribably happy in the spiritual kingdom for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

# Bliss on earth

## Attaining bliss already on earth....

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May 5th 1946

**I** already prepare heaven on earth for those who love Me with all their heart, who are absorbed in their desire for Me and thus carry Me in their heart. However, if I promise you heaven on earth, you should not understand it to mean earthly possessions but only the bliss of your heart, inner peace and the feeling of most secure salvation in Me. For My gifts are of a different kind than the world offers you, yet they make you infinitely happier and whoever receives them is already blissfully happy on earth. Then you are also free from every earthly worry because you know that the Father in heaven cares for you, then you no longer regard the world as threatening for you but you are as it were outside of all earthly events because you are already raptured into the spheres where My presence is perceptible to you, and thus you no longer fear anything. And you are full of hope, full of confidence in a blissful life in the beyond and humbly accept earthly life with its burden because it no longer weighs you down, for you are spiritually strong and able to carry great burdens with ease. As soon as your heart pushes towards Me you strive for the merge of your spirit with the Father-Spirit, and you will also seriously pursue the goal and never ever be left without strength by Me, for this merge is also My beatitude and the purpose and goal of all My creations and creatures. And if you seriously strive for it, it will already take place on earth, and this understandably also signifies a blissful state which, however, does not have an external effect, i.e., in the body's well-being, but in the soul's harmonious serenity, which finds supreme happiness in its union with Me and therefore turns its back on the world and all earthly pleasures. It looks at everything spiritually, it lives in the knowledge of pure truth, it knows its final goal and only regards earthly life as a transition to actual life, and it constantly draws strength from Me, Who also provides for it abundantly because it has become Mine and because I provide for My Own spiritually and physically, as I have promised. Thus, anyone who loves Me with all his heart, who keeps My commandments of love, belongs to My Own, and his earthly fate will truly shape itself such that it is bearable for him, while his soul will draw ever closer to Me and find supreme bliss in union with Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

## Light of truth is bliss....

B.D. No. 6683

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**W**alking in the light of truth must make you rejoice and be glad because then you will also experience My nearness and know that truth is a gift from Me which My love offers you because you have professed Me. You now also know that you are taking the right path, and in this certainty you are blissfully happy. But in what degree of illumination this light of truth will illuminate you.... that is, every single person.... each individual person, each individual must also feel this for himself. The truth can shake him deeply, and it can also only give off a gentle glow which strikes the human being's heart.... For I certainly speak to every individual Myself, but My voice touches every heart differently, and it is the person's love which is decisive, which radiates towards Me. And thus the heart also feels differently impressed, yet the human being who receives the pure truth as soon as he desires it always feels bliss. For this reason, however, the same word from Me will be perceived and evaluated quite differently, depending on whether the human heart opens up to Me or still allows itself to be captured by worldly impressions. The human being can already be indescribably blissful on earth if he repeatedly seeks solitude in order to intimately unite with Me.... Then I will also be able to

influence him with great strength of love, and then the light of truth will have a shining brightness and prepare the soul for undreamed-of bliss. Yet on earth only few people are able to kindle this degree of love in themselves, because again and again the world pushes itself forward, which certainly no longer needs to dominate the human being but which nevertheless emerges with its demands and thus also has to be observed to a certain extent as long as the human being lives on earth and has to fulfil his duties. But anyone who puts striving towards Me first will also be able to detach himself more and more from the world, and he will succeed in establishing such a deep and intimate bond with Me that he will forget about the world. And I will also guide him through the world in a righteous way.... But those who have already found the content of their life in the light of truth from Me will be granted joys which can no longer be called earthly. The light of knowledge is evidence of the transformation of their being back into the original state in which it was once created.... For it initially stood in knowledge, in the brightest light, it knew and recognized everything and was therefore also blissful.... As soon as it attains knowledge again, it must also be blissful again, the light must radiate through the soul and also let it feel the state of light-filled knowledge. The extent to which the human being himself is **aware** of this determines his degree of love.... the love he cherishes for Me and his neighbour in his heart. Therefore truth can also be offered to a person who does not recognize it as such because there is still little love in him.... Then the light of love will not reach the soul and cannot illuminate it inwardly. Therefore, anyone who is blissfully happy when he hears My word, who is inflamed with love for Me when I speak to him, should try to increase this flame of love within himself and his bliss will also increase, and only then will the light shine within him and spread a brightness which will make him ever more blissful.... Then he will have overcome the darkness and be a bearer of light himself, then he will be able to carry the light out into the darkness, then it can never go out because the eternal light Itself is in him and fills everything with light....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## Only love is bliss....

B.D. No. 8319

November 3rd 1962

**H**aving to do without My love is the most wretched state a being, which created My love, can find itself in. Yet it created this state for itself because it rejected My love, which is radiated to every being without limitation, until it resisted Me and closed itself to all illumination of love on My part. Then the unhappy state set in, which the being will remain in until it voluntarily opens itself again and lets My love radiate into it.... To be without My love is a state of death, a state of lifelessness and a state of deepest darkness. That I do not want to leave the creatures, which once came forth from My love, in this unhappiness is guaranteed by My endless love.... For it followed the being even into the deepest depth and will not rest until the being has ascended again from that depth with My help.... until it has regained the self-awareness it had lost in the depths.... and now, as an I-conscious being, voluntarily opens itself to receive My ray of love. And time and again it has been proclaimed to you through My word that this process of illumination with love can only take place on My part if you yourselves make an effort to live in love.... if you therefore voluntarily accomplish the change back to love, just as you once voluntarily relinquished love. At the beginning of your embodiment as a human being you are still unaware of the bliss of giving and receiving love, for your ego is only self-centred, self-love is still strongly developed, which My adversary implanted in you and which was the reason for your apostasy from Me.... Self-love certainly makes itself happy but it does not create a state of bliss, for self-love is not of divine origin but belongs to My adversary. But as soon as you try to change selfish love into unselfish neighbourly love, into giving, selfless, wanting-to-gratify love.... you will also feel the bliss of the activity of love, for you then establish the bond with the eternal love through your activity of love, and this bond must also irrevocably bring you bliss, because then I can shine upon you again as it was in the beginning.... For whatever comes forth from Me must cause bliss, because I am love Itself, which only ever wants to bestow bliss and which will not rest until the work of returning all fallen beings to Me is finished. Although you humans on earth should **always**

remember that you are infinitely loved, that you are loved by the highest and most perfect being, by the greatest spirit of infinity, Whose children you shall become and Who one day wants to create and work with you as your father, for your and also your own happiness.... You should feel this awareness of being loved with all intimacy strongly in your heart and already be blissfully happy about it, for then you will also voluntarily hand yourselves over to Me, you will desire My love and long for the happiness of a union with Me.... And then your return to Me is also guaranteed, for love draws to itself what it desires.... You humans on earth must therefore learn to recognize your God and creator as a being Which wants to be your father and is love itself in supreme perfection.... If you know about My nature, then you will also consciously connect with Me.... And therefore I also want to send you the knowledge about it time and again, and I speak to you about it, I convey My word from above to you in order to introduce you to the great mystery of My being, which you will only be able to love when you know that it itself is love.... Time and again My adversary will distort My image, he will try to portray Me to you as a God of vengeance, as a strict judge and as a merciless being Who condemns but does not redeem.... Yet the pure truth will always come to you from Me because I love you and also want to win your love. And love is truly stronger than hatred, and thus My greater than great love will also succeed in illuminating you as My living creations again, in igniting love in yourselves, and then the unification with Me will also come about one day, which is the purpose and goal of your earthly progress but which has to come about of your own free will, which is why you yourselves can prolong the time of separation from Me.... But I will always help you to take the path back to Me, and I will use all means which.... even if they seem painful to you.... are nevertheless based on My infinite love and will one day also lead safely to the goal.... For you came forth from My love and will also safely return to eternal love again....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## Conscious voluntary commitment with God is bliss....

B.D. No. 8659

October 30th 1963

I constantly seek to increase My living creations' beatitude, irrespective of their degree of maturity.... But the state of maturity is decisive whether they accept what I send to them in gifts of favour or reject them. My love light radiates incessantly into the whole infinity; it both touches the already perfect spiritual and constantly increases its happiness, but as it also radiates towards everything still wretched, only meets with resistance and therefore remains without effect. But where the resistance only decreases a little, the beingness feels a relief of its agony or fettering, which it has to endure until the resistance has completely subsided. And then it just needs to open itself willingly to My love illumination to be made happy by it and to ascend higher and higher, which also always results in increased influx of My love power. As soon as now My creature is again conscious of itself when it goes over earth as man or has also already entered the kingdom on the other side, then it has also established the union with Me and voluntarily opened itself to My love light ray, and then it will also feel the happiness, which My divine irradiation also has to prepare for it, because I always just want to make happy. And I will never now withdraw My love from My creatures and reduce their state of happiness when they once have entered this state. And therefore there can always only be an ascent; the state of happiness can always only increase as soon as the creature has consciously entered into union with Me. That is why this conscious union is what I try to achieve through means of most different kind, because until then the being can always fall back again, even if My love does everything to prevent it, but it cannot be forced, and the establishing of the union with Me is a completely free act of will.... It leads the being to beatitude, which constantly increases, but if it is not carried out then the being remains in an unhappy state and can remain in it for eternal times. But it is again and again illuminated by Me so that it gives up its resistance, only that the illumination remains ineffective with constant rejection. That is why you men do not know in what great responsibility you stand, because in earth life as man you have reached **this** degree that you consciously have to make the free decision of will, which can redeem you from all unhappiness, which can form you to a divine

being, which now constantly stands in connection with Me and therefore can also constantly be illuminated by My love power. But exactly this test of will.... if it is passed.... is the great turning point in your being, on your path of return to Me. Your earth fate is so determined for every single man that he **can** pass this test of will.... But My opponent will do everything to prevent man to seek the union with Me, and that is why man has to pass a fight on earth, because he alone decides whether I or My opponent triumph over him; neither I nor My opponent force his will, but each only seeks to influence him, but man himself has to decide. And when you now know that you therefore also decide about your state, whether it remains unhappy or shapes itself into a happy one, you will also recognize the great responsibility in earth life, and you would then have to do everything to free yourselves from your opponent, what you now again can only when you ask for power from Me, and this request is already a connection with Me, which you only need to strengthen to win the victory over the opponent.... For I truly will not leave you without strength if only you request it from Me.... For then you open yourselves to My illumination of love power, and you have passed the most difficult test of will; you now stride upwards and will also never ever fall back once your union with Me has taken place in spirit and in truth.... For I only respect and value that which is deeply felt in the heart, while words alone are of no value before Me. Nevertheless, I will not rest in touching you again and again, for I will wrestle with My adversary for your souls until the death of your body, so that an endlessly long, wretched earthly walk through creation will not have been in vain for you; again and again I will let sparks of love light flash upon you on earth and also then still in the kingdom on the other side in order to make you, My living creations, give up your resistance and voluntarily turn your heart towards Me.... And every single being, every single soul, is a great gain for Me as soon as I can illuminate it again with My love.... And what I do not achieve in one earthly walk I will nevertheless surely achieve one day, because I give up no soul, which once came forth from Me, I pursue it with My love, and whether eternities pass by.... one day it will surely return to Me voluntarily....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## **No beatitude without Salvation through Jesus Christ....**

B.D. No. 8784

March 19th 1964

**Y**ou humans should bear in mind that I want to help you attain the degree of maturity in earthly life which enables you to enter the kingdom of light after you pass away from this earth.... Indeed, sooner or later you will all enter this kingdom, yet the time it will take until then can still cause you inconceivable pain if you enter the realm of the beyond in an entirely unspiritual state and the gates into the realm of light are still closed to you. Although My mercy and grace apply to every single soul even if they lived a sinful life on earth, I cannot provide it with anything else than that which My justice permits, consequently, in the spiritual realm it can only ever take possession of spheres which correspond to its way of life and will still have to endure inconceivable suffering and agony in order to redeem its guilt of sin. And if it fails to find Jesus Christ in the beyond, its suffering will be endless; it will continue to descend further and will finally have to accept the fate of renewed banishment, because there is no other atonement for the original sin than through Jesus Christ. None of you realise the full significance of the act of Salvation.... And precisely this accounts for your immense spiritual hardship.... I want to help My living creations to find the path to the cross while they still live on earth, for this will guarantee the soul an entirely different fate.... For to attain forgiveness of the sin of guilt before the human being's death is the most worthwhile goal to strive for.... as it opens the gate into the kingdom of light and the soul will be able to enjoy beatitudes in abundance.... However, the human race is not aware of the immense significance the act of Salvation holds and My adversary makes a diligent effort to keep you ignorant.... And even if people believe that the man Jesus had lived on earth in the past, exemplifying to people the most perfect way of life and calling upon them to emulate Him, they still don't want to believe that an exalted mission had been the reason for Jesus' life on earth.... They don't want to believe that it concerned an act of greatest mercy, that Jesus, through His crucifixion, wanted to redeem and indeed redeemed an immense sin, which

could not be expiated by any other means than through an act of greater than great love and an inordinate measure of physical suffering.... which thus bridged the vast gulf between the kingdom of light and the realm of darkness. From then on everyone was able to cross this bridge providing he believes in Jesus Christ's act of Salvation as well as My human manifestation in Him. This human manifestation is another enigma which can only be understood by a spiritually awakened person, because people's state of sinfulness rules out all understanding for it, thus a person must first have an affirmative attitude towards Jesus' act of Salvation, appeal for forgiveness of his sin and in heartfelt contact with Him be taught by the spirit within, which can only express itself after the forgiveness of the original sin has taken place.... In that case My human manifestation in Jesus will be understandable to him, for he can be guided by the spirit into all truth and informed of all spiritual correlations.... Hence he can attain the realisation again which he once lost through his rebellion against Me. He will only gain the knowledge of all these correlations through his spirit. This knowledge can nevertheless be presented to a person, and if he received a **truthful** account about Jesus Christ, His act of Salvation and My human manifestation in Him, then the **truth** can also convince a person and make him take the same path, the path to the cross.... And he will better understand what he previously was merely told by an enlightened fellow human being. This is why I consider the spreading of the pure truth so important. It is, after all, My will that this truth shall also reach people who live a good way of life but who do not believe as yet, who will subsequently feel addressed by the truth and affected by the strength of truth and thus can also attain faith.

If you humans realised how much you could improve your fate on entering the kingdom of the beyond if you were redeemed from your guilt of sin by Jesus Christ, you would also grasp why I keep highlighting this problem, why I repeatedly explain the spiritual correlations and try to stimulate your intellect to think about it; for merely the slightest will to fulfil your purpose of life on earth is already sufficient for Me to guide you and create every opportunity for you to gain realisation.... And the final knowledge, especially, can only be granted to you through the working of My spirit, for under My adversary's influence people will always want to negate the most important thing: the **Salvation from all guilt through Jesus Christ**.... They certainly make concessions by admitting to His existence and also portray Him as a human being who attained highest perfection in His earthly life. Yet they do not want to believe that it concerns an entirely different problem.... that **without** Him the human race would forever remain separated from its God and Creator and that the souls' development in the beyond **could not** progress, instead they will remain in a sorry state as long as they are burdened by the original sin. Therefore they lead a wretched and pitiful existence until they find the divine Redeemer on the other side, until they comply with the light beings' efforts and without resistance allow themselves to be guided to Him, Who will lift them up from the abyss and forgive their guilt of sin as soon as they appeal to **Him** for it.... Thus they must first believe **that Jesus Christ redeemed the human race through His act of mercy, through His death on the cross**. Only this substantiates Jesus' mission on earth, but not purely His way of life.... which certainly is part of it, since no person can become blessed without love, and the teaching of love was the essence of every one of the instructions He gave to people, who He wanted to save from spiritual darkness, from the shackles of the prince of night.

People lived in profound ignorance, they did not recognise themselves as living creations of a supremely perfect Being, they did not notice their imperfection and only loved their own Self, and their selfish love impelled them into sinfulness, into sins they might well have been able to atone for in the beyond, even if it had meant an infinitely long time of suffering.... Yet these sins were not the reason for My descent to earth in the human being Jesus.... instead, it concerned the immense original sin of the past apostasy from Me, which no human being would have been able to atone for, even if he spent eternities in a wretched state.... **This** sin was the reason why I Myself came down to earth and accomplished the act of Salvation in Jesus, the man .... For **Love Itself** redeemed the guilt, and the Love **was** in the man Jesus.... Time and again I will inform you humans of this through My spirit, time and again I will try to explain to you the greatest mystery of all, and I will send out My disciples during the last days in order to proclaim the truth about Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Redeemer of

the world, Who sheltered Me Myself within Him and He and I are, and will remain, as One for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Bliss in the spiritual realm

**Grace.... Spiritual vision.... Blissful state....**

B.D. No. 1585

August 27th 1940

**I**t is like a revelation when the human being allows the divine grace to take effect in him, when he pays attention to the influx of the divine spirit in his heart and all earthly burden falls away from him. The soul detaches itself from the body's shackle and accepts the spiritual gift from above. It looks into the spiritual kingdom, it lives in a different world, and what it receives is living, utterly true spiritual knowledge. It is its nourishment and therefore indispensable for its spiritual wellbeing. And so it remains the most glorious gift on earth to be granted this grace, and if the human being desires it he will have overcome the obstacles of life on earth, for he will never relinquish this delectable gift for earthly pleasures. He will never want to distance himself from it again once he has gained an insight into the kingdom of light. His previous earthly path had lacked light despite earthly pleasures, for they had never completely satisfied his longing. But now all suffering has become bearable for him, because the heavenly Father's love compensated him a thousand-fold and offered him a far more glorious gift than Earth will ever be able to offer him. And yet very few people strive for this most precious gift. Their souls must first attain a degree of maturity which allows them to perceive these glories consciously, since a still very earthly-minded soul lacks the sensitivity for spiritual glories. The spiritual kingdom could be visibly opened up, but the soul would perceive very little of it because the thick layers still surrounding the soul will prevent it from gaining an insight into the spiritual realm. And so, this happiness-inducing state can only be experienced by people who have already dissolved their covers, whose heightened sensitivity also enables them to recognise what their physical eyes cannot see. This ability can be developed to the point of clearest vision, it is possible for the soul to see through everything of a material nature and only behold the spiritual substance, and therefore nothing will be a secret for it anymore, it will be able to behold even that which is deeply hidden, and the human being will live with a perceptive heart if he has so shaped his soul that its spiritual eye can see everything and impart it to the person. You will only understand the grace of such conscious immersion in the spiritual kingdom when you have entered this kingdom yourselves, devoid of all covers, radiant and aglow with the deepest love for your Creator, Who has prepared the most glorious things for you and wants to bestow them upon all His children....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

**Heavenly bliss .... Eternal glory ....**

B.D. No. 1792

January 28th 1941

**S**taying in bright surroundings makes the being indescribably happy; everything of a depressing and burdensome nature has been removed, it is no longer subject to any aggravation by immature spiritual beings, no shadows or dark states exist which could frighten it. Joy, harmony and brightly shining light abound everywhere. And heartfelt love and gratitude permeate the being which feels close to God, even if it has not yet entirely merged with God. Nevertheless, it may receive light and strength from Him, and thus it is already partaking in the eternal glory. It may accomplish a pleasing occupation; it may be active according to divine will by passing on to other beings what it receives itself. The beings constantly require the divine gift of strength for their higher development, and the beings of light are such stations of strength by constantly passing the strength from God on and thereby creating an inconceivable state of bliss for themselves. No human being on earth can either understand the light beings' activity nor the process of re-directing the strength to the beings in need

of strength and has therefore no idea about it; consequently, the thought of an eternity in blissful happiness is a fantasy to him that he would like to dismiss and thus he refuses to accept it as real. He measures everything with the yardstick that can be applied to earthly processes, but does not bear in mind that other laws apply outside of earth, that processes take place which cannot be grasped in a worldly way. After all, Earth is one of the most insignificant works of Creation and thus its inhabitants cannot imagine anything else but what they find on earth, for people's imagination cannot go beyond this. And in order to even roughly imagine the kingdom of light, people must be very far advanced already, yet even then they will barely be able to grasp the truthful description since completely new knowledge must be revealed to them, and the human being is rarely receptive for this. This is why these realms can only ever be described as eternal glory, for they are glorious and lovely to look at beyond all measure and place the being in a state which can be called highest bliss and, yet, the human being cannot imagine what it really is. The words 'heavenly bliss' and 'eternal glory' will therefore always cause serious doubt in people as to the truthfulness of such words, because they don't want to accept something as truth which is not understandable and explainable to them. On the other hand, however, it is impossible to initiate them and to allow them to gain an insight into the kingdom of light until they do their best in order to become bearers of light and strength themselves. They can certainly still achieve this on earth, yet it requires strong will and profound love for God, but then it will be much easier for them to understand these spheres which shall be their abode one day, for then they will have become brightly enlightened themselves.

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

### **The spiritual world.... paradisiacal state....**

B.D. No. 1812

February 15th 1941

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

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

**Y**ou will be seized by an indescribable longing for My presence once your soul has entered the kingdom of light, and the fulfilment of this longing is bliss. You will feel love for Me to an ever increasing degree and therefore also sincerely long for unity with Me, and so that you will find fulfilment I will draw close to you and you will feel My closeness as a blissful feeling of strength, as an increased impetus for activity, as an inner urge to make yourselves happy by distributing what you possess. In order for you to be able to distribute, I constantly provide you with spiritual wealth, I impart profound knowledge to you and therefore place you in an everlasting state of happiness which offers you variety in every way. You will be allowed to see and hear what you will never be granted to see or hear on earth. You will be blessed.... What love can offer you, that you will receive, for My love for you is boundless and constantly intent on turning happiness towards you. Yet you will only ever be spiritually considered, for earthly goods no longer appeal to you in the state of perfection. The desire for earthly goods is a sign of a lack of maturity of soul which can never earn you a state of light. But you will hunger and thirst and always have the desire to be satisfied, and your desire will always be satisfied by My love.... Shape yourselves on earth such that you only desire spiritual goods, try to overcome all matter, only attain spiritual gifts, and you will already be able to enjoy the state of bliss on earth, for as soon as earthly things are overcome I will never ever leave you, then My presence will be assured to you and with it the supply of strength which you will feel as bliss, which will impel you into constant activity for Me and My kingdom. Giving and wanting to please is right love, giving and wanting to please characterizes the degree of neighbourly love, and thus only the urge for pleasing activity can be called love, although the human being's desire is also for things which are only purely material; yet this love is a perverse love which does not lead to Me but distances itself from Me. I want to draw your attention to the fact that only love which has Me as its aim, which therefore expresses itself through unselfish neighbourly love, is strength-inspiring. Love for the world will never put you into a state of bliss which approximately equals that of the beings of light. And never will the desire and fulfilment be as blissful as in the spiritual kingdom, where I alone am the object of your love and longing....

(2.5.1948) Do you now understand why I constantly court your love? Why do I want to win you for eternity? I don't want to improve your lot on earth but I want you to be happy for all of eternity. You shall work together with My angels as beings of light and develop an activity which gives rise to wonderful things, which brings about creations of wondrous design. And thus you shall be allowed to use My might and strength without restriction, but this first requires unity with Me. I want you to become blessed through the use of My strength. I want to give unlimitedly, and you shall be so filled with My strength that you can create and shape like Me according to your will, which is then also My will. The integration of your will into My will is the first condition to find unity with Me, yet you will always think, want and act in free will if you have subordinated it to Me; you will never be active in a feeling of compulsion because this would impair your beatitude and diminish your perfection. In the kingdom of light My will fulfils all beings which nevertheless are active according to their own will, and all beings only have one aim.... to dwell close to Me. Yet it is impossible and incomprehensible for the human being to specialize life in eternity, to take cognizance of the activity of the individual beings, because this eludes all conception of human thought. The spiritual kingdom is a different world than the earthly one, and therefore the latter is also not to be mentioned comparatively. Only a certain degree of maturity of the soul makes the human being able to see and to receive and reproduce spiritual impressions. But if the soul leaves the body and enters the kingdom of light it will understand My infinite love and marvel at all the glories of which the human being on earth cannot imagine. Then My word will come true: No human eye has ever seen and no human ear ever heard what I have prepared for those who love Me....

Amen

# Preparing the heart for the dwelling place of God

## Conscious psychological work....

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January 7th 1957

I want to find a permanent dwelling within you so that I will be able to associate with you like a father with his children.... Only then will the original relationship be restored which you had with Me when I created you. But I can only take abode in your heart when you have purged and adorned it for Me yourselves, for I can only stay in a place of absolute cleanliness, where no impurities remain, for these prevent My presence as they are part of My adversary, who has to be totally expelled from you to enable My being there.

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

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

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

**I** want to take abode in your hearts.... I want to be present to you at all times, I want you to desire My presence and therefore also prepare yourselves as a temple in which I can dwell.... And this means that you free yourselves from all impure desires, from all faults and weaknesses, that you shape yourselves into love, because love adorns your heart and thus this now becomes a vessel which can now receive My love and My spirit.... which is and remains a dwelling place for Me Myself, and you will now also experience My presence.... by addressing you Myself and being in constant intimate contact with you. If I can be present to you then you have truly passed your test of earthly life, then you have returned to Me again, from Whom you once voluntarily distanced yourselves.... If I can be present to you, then all your thoughts and aspirations will only be spiritually directed, then you will often dwell with Me in thought, you will hold a dialogue with Me, you will never feel alone again but always be aware of your father's presence and thereby feel inner peace and bliss already on earth, For then earthly burdens and worries will no longer weigh you down, because you hand everything over to Me and are certain that I will take care of everything for you, Who is present to you, Who dwells in you and will truly also faithfully take care of you. Let Me take abode with you and prepare yourselves in such a way that you will show your love to your father from eternity.... Make your heart a temple of God.... shape yourselves into love, because eternal love can only take abode where love is.... because I can only be in My primal element and because I long for your love. But then nothing will be able to separate us anymore, then the child will be united with its father and then it will be allowed to hear Him at all times, it will be able to communicate with the father as it once did when I revealed Myself to My living creations in the word, when they constantly received My emanations and were indescribably happy. And your degree of love during earthly life will also determine the degree of bliss My presence can trigger in you. And when My word resounds in you and you receive the evidence of My presence then this shall stimulate you into ever deeper love, for you receive a delectable gift from the father within you which, again, is only love and shall awaken or deepen love.... And then you shall also prove your love to Me.... You should carry My teaching of love into the world, you should try to encourage your fellow human beings to live a life of love, you should also want to help them to become a temple of God.... You should also awaken in them the desire for My presence and stimulate them to be lovingly active on earth. And you will truly perform works of love which are pleasing to Me.... For I want to take abode in all people, I want to be able to speak to everyone Myself, because then I would have achieved My aim that you humans have changed yourselves into love, that you can now also unite with Me and become blissfully happy....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

**The happiness of the lord's dwelling in the heart....**

B.D. No. 1062

August 19th 1939

**I** look favourably upon the one who sacrifices everything on earth to Me, for since his heart is free from all earthly desires, I can now inhabit it.... and with Me indescribable happiness enters the heart.... which, however, is quite different from earthly happiness.... Those who have received Me into their hearts henceforth desire nothing other than My presence, and since they love Me so dearly, this desire will be fulfilled.... I let Myself be found by My child. I only want its love.... I want it to seek Me and long for Me, and then I am always ready to give Myself away.... I grant supreme happiness to the earthly child who has found Me; I take it to My heart and feed and water it with My love. But I can never grant supreme happiness to the one who still carries other desires in his heart. For every desire for earthly joy makes My abode in such a heart impossible, for the world and I are two opposing poles; the world certainly offers countless comforts from an earthly point of view, but it can never insert the feeling of an intimate bond with Me into the goods it distributes.... this would be so unthinkable because two such opposing concepts could never coincide. Those who love the world and its splendour and magnificence cannot tangibly feel the happiness that the presence of the lord

triggers. And conversely, man will detest everything earthly if he is given the grace of closeness to God in return. I embrace such a child with such heartfelt love that it is no longer felt by the body but by the spirit, and the latter suddenly recognizes its origin and forcefully joins the father from eternity.... It has looked into the light and thus from that very hour no longer fears the darkness either, and once the spirit has recognized itself and tangibly felt the loving approach in the eternal deity and thus glimpsed heavenly delights all earthly desire is killed, for everything the world offers appears stale and empty to the earthly child and it only ever and ever seeks union with the saviour.... For I promise My own unspeakable bliss already on earth if they carry Me in their hearts.... and no longer pay attention to worldly pleasures....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

# The tangible presence of God in people

Faith in God's presence.... light from eternity....

B.D. No. 7099

April 21st 1958

From every spiritual instruction you can gather that I want to give you light, that I want to guide your thinking correctly and make you willing to fulfil your earthly task.... For since you are without knowledge at the beginning of your embodiment as a human being, knowledge must therefore also be made accessible to you, otherwise it would be unreasonable of Me to demand something from you which you could not possibly fulfil. Every person is given little knowledge but it is up to him to increase this knowledge, for **higher** knowledge can only be imparted to him under certain conditions. And this is already a sign that the human being is making an effort to fulfil his earthly task. But the brighter it becomes in him, the further he progresses in knowledge, the more he detaches himself from darkness, from the realm of My adversary, who flees a light because it proves Me Myself and My presence. You must therefore first be convinced that I am already present to you when light comes to you in the form of My word.... The conviction of My presence will then also determine your whole being, you will attain inner peace, you will not feel powerless, you will feel a sense of secure safety and thus no longer fear anything, irrespective of whether it approaches you from outside or from within, whether My adversary tries to oppress you through intermediaries or whether you yourselves are still occasionally afflicted by passions or weaknesses which trigger mental battles in you.... Unconditional faith in My presence restores your inner peace and also gives you the strength to resist temptations from outside.... And you should always have this unconditional faith who are taught by My spirit.... The light you receive should also let you recognize the 'light from eternity', Which so obviously reveals Itself to you. You could truly consider yourselves overjoyed by this evidence of My presence, you would not need to live through anxious hours, you would not need to doubt My everlasting loving care for you and for the help you ask for yourselves. For My presence should be such certain proof to you that you belong to My own who are in My constant care. But you still think too little of My 'presence' and yet you experience My working on and in you again every day, which is only possible if I can be present to you.... But you could still make far more use of My presence, for I only want you to make conscious contact with Me, that you thus fully consciously recognize Me Myself as working within you and that, out of this realization, you now also consort with Me confidentially, that you no longer live a separate life but constantly know Me next to you.... And this certainty will have a wonderful effect on you, you will radiate peace, serenity, a constant willingness to help will fill you, and you will no longer let yourselves be distracted by anything that happens around you and in the world. You absolutely have to let this blissful certainty arise in you, for only then will you also possess a living faith; all isolation from Me will be lifted, you will be My own again as you were in the beginning. Then you will also have become free from the power which has held you captive until now. And it should be easy for you in particular to be and remain aware of My presence, who are taught by Me and thus may experience a **visible evidence** of My love, which is possible through My presence. I can only address you when I Myself am in you.... You would never hear My voice without My presence, and thus My spirit would never be able to work in you either, which is nevertheless My share and will remain forever. "I will remain with you until the end of the world...." Could I promise you My presence more clearly than through these words of Mine? And when it becomes light in you, when you attain realization, then this is always the **evidence** of a bond between you and Me, which you certainly have to establish yourselves but which is then also so certain that you can establish the most intimate relationship with Me, your God and father from eternity.... Believe firmly and unshakably in My presence and you will experience for yourselves how much easier your earthly path now is.... For you need only entrust everything that moves you to Me

and I will take care of it for you, because you believe in My help as well as you are able to believe in My presence. You would never be able to grasp this if I had not already given you a degree of realization, if some light had not already illuminated your soul, which just took its origin in Me Myself. And therefore it is impossible for a person in spiritual darkness to grasp the immense love of a God and father Who approaches people Himself in order to speak to them.... But where a small light is already kindled it can be intensified until finally all darkness disappears from the human being's heart because I Myself have taken abode in it.... because I Myself am therefore present to the person who has received a light from Me.... For I Myself am the light from eternity.... So where there is **light**, there must also irrevocably be **I Myself**.... and where I am there is no more cause for worry and suffering, for faith in My presence is also the surest guarantee that I Myself regulate everything in a way that is good and beneficial for the soul....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## Awareness of the presence of God....

B.D. No. 7101

April 24th 1958

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

Amen

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

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November 4th 1959

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

Amen

# Surrender of the will to God

## Inner prompting is God's instruction.... Subordination of will....

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October 27th 1944

**G**od informs you of his instructions through your heart.... As soon as you feel prompted to do something, as soon as you are driven to it from within, you will always be instructed by the voice of God, providing you are making an effort to live according to God's will, that you thus strive towards Him and entrust yourselves to His guidance. Then you will be directed by His will such that you have the same will within yourselves because you have consciously submitted yourselves to His will; only then may you comply with the prompting of your heart and your actions will be right and in accordance with God's will. Yet you must seriously scrutinise yourselves as to which power you give the right to guide you.... Heartfelt prayer protects you from the opposing power; however, whatever you do without having requested God's blessing, whatever you do purely to improve your body's well-being, whatever those of you do who are completely apart from God are not His instructions but His adversary's, and they will damage the soul. The person striving towards God need never be afraid of thinking and behaving wrongly, because his attitude towards God also allows him to be accessed by spiritual forces and entitles them to protectively walk by the person's side, thereby also averting the influences of evil forces. Only the desire for God guarantees divine protection for a person, and anyone being divinely guarded cannot go astray, he can only do what benefits his soul. He is guided by God Himself and every path taken by him is important and leads to the goal.

Although the person acts according to his own discretion, in as much as his will impels him to undertake this or that action, it is nevertheless God's will which manifests itself through his will as long as the person gives in to the inner prompting. If, however, he pays no attention to this urging then he resists it, he becomes undecided since his will has not yet entirely submitted itself to God's will. And this is what he has to beware of, for it is always the result of praying less often.... The more intimately he is in contact with God the more clearly he will see his delineated path and the more willingly he will follow the instructions revealed to him by God through his heart. Only the distance from God deprives him of the keen sense for the divine will, for in that case he has to rely on himself and will be unsure as to what he should or should not do. And God's adversary makes use of such situations by tuning into a person's thoughts, by trying to impel him to base his every action on his own advantage. And then the person will have to fight, he will have to struggle in order to restore his connection with God again which will gain him clarity of thought so that he will be able to resist the temptations. Anyone looking for God will not go wrong; however, the path of anyone excluding Him will lead him astray. This is why nothing should be undertaken without a prayer for God's blessing, then people's thinking will be guided correctly and every activity shall incorporate God's will....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Surrendering the will to God....

B.D. No. 5632

March 21st 1953

**O**ffer yourselves as a sacrifice to the Lord, passively hand yourselves over to Him.... desire that His will shall also be yours, that you no longer feel any kind of resistance in you, that you are totally devoted to Him.... This complete surrender of your will to God's will assures right thinking, right wanting and right doing.... But as soon as you harbour the slightest resistance you also divert, if only imperceptibly, from that which is God's will, because this very resistance creates the foundation where God's adversary can be active. It is thus an act of greatest effort if the human being is to

relinquish his own will and completely subordinate himself to divine will.... which, however, will always be easily achievable the more love becomes active in a person, for to be lovingly active is already coming into close contact with the eternal Love, it is unifying-oneself with It and thus simultaneously abandoning one's own will. This is why someone who lives a life of love no longer opposes God, it draws him to God, he humbly gives himself to the One Who created him, he knows no resistance, no disobedience to God, he only ever endeavours to comply with Him.

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

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

### God's influx of power requires devotion....

B.D. No. 7003

December 26th 1957

**E**ach one of you will have to surrender to Me if he wants to draw strength from Me.... and the degree of his surrender now also determines the measure of strength that now flows to him.... Your original relationship with Me ensured you a constant overflow of strength from Me.... you were so intimately united with Me through the love which filled your whole being that My love also constantly permeated you, that it therefore also filled you with strength and light and you were therefore immeasurably blissful. Nothing has changed on My part yet, that is, I am just as willing to permeate you with My love as I once was.... but you changed your nature and became incapable of receiving My love.... or you resisted Me and therefore My strength of love also lost its effect.... If you now give up your resistance My love will become effective again, and to give up resistance means that you give yourselves to Me in love again, as it was in the beginning. Your devotion to Me consists of complete submission to My will. You were created with a free will which once let you fall and which shall also let you take the path to Me again. This free will now determines your thinking, wanting and acting.... and through your free will you feel like independent creatures who are in control of themselves, who can shape their earthly life according to their own discretion and who therefore also often feel powerful enough to master their earthly life. But you should recognize that you are unable to do anything on **your own**. You should know that the strength was first given to you by Me in the form of vitality, and you should further know that you **can** also use this vitality wrongly yourselves, but that one can also increase it for you indefinitely if all your will and thinking is turned towards this one.... if you surrender to Me as you are and entrust yourselves entirely to My guidance.... if you let **Me** want and think **for you**.... Apparently this is a state of indifference towards your earthly existence, which can also be interpreted by your fellow human beings as indifference towards your earthly duties.... But I assure you that I will truly also let My angels, the beings of light, take care of these earthly duties for you, that everything will go its regular course once this heartfelt devotion to Me has preceded, which also gives Me the right to hand you and your earthly affairs over to those whose love will now become active for you because it is My will. Nothing shall burden you once you have re-established the right relationship between child and Me in which you once stood.... And no matter how

everything approaches you now, it should not oppress you but trustingly you should only hand it over to Me, for the slightest rebellion against it is already an emergence of your own will again, which you should nevertheless unconditionally submit to Me. Devotion to Me takes place when you are able to completely detach yourselves from desires and cravings of all kinds.... when your thoughts only ever concern Me, your spiritual perfection and your service for Me and My kingdom.... But as long as you still pursue your own aims, as long as earthly desires fulfil you or you try to shape your life on your own authority, your will still goes its own way, it has not yet fully subordinated itself to Mine, and therefore I cannot let My strength flow into it in full measure either.... And he will now also feel the lack of strength in the decrease of vitality because otherwise I will not completely win him over for Myself during the short earthly lifetime. And thus you humans can judge for yourselves what degree of maturity you have already attained.... whether you feel powerless or are completely permeated by My strength.... You will only understand the latter once you have experienced this influx of strength from Me, once you have felt My nearness in such a way that all weakness falls away from you and you feel as if you have been reborn.... Only then will you understand what I mean by devotion to Me, and then you will praise and glorify Me and thank Me eternally that you have visibly experienced My love which, however, still has to hold back as long as the complete devotion to Me has not yet taken place....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

# Spiritualizing the soul by overcoming the world and matter

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

B.D. No. 3414

January 22nd 1945

**I**t 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

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## Turning inwards.... Detachment from the world and its matter.... Achievement of truth....

B.D. No. 3968

February 5th 1947

**T**he greater a person's desire for truth the more deeply he will penetrate it. To God, as the Giver of truth, nothing is hidden, and therefore He also knows and answers every question moving a person's heart; and thus you humans can easily increase your knowledge if only you let God, the

Eternal Truth, speak to you, that is, if you attentively listen to your inner voice, which will always instruct you correctly. You have to look for the answer within yourselves, you should not expect it to come from outside, then you will be instructed directly, and you can be certain that it will be utter truth. Hence you should take notice of what He says to you:

Do you want to serve Me or the world.... do you want to gain My favour or do you want to attain other people's admiration? Your will alone determines your actions and innermost thoughts, and therefore a spiritual rebirth will only ever be possible when you are moved by the utmost desire to be in contact with Me, when you look for Me and completely withdraw from the world in order to unite with Me.

But how can you detach yourselves from the world since, after all, you have to live in it and see yourselves faced by earthly obligations which you should not neglect? How can you establish the heartfelt relationship with Me while you constantly live amongst your fellow human beings and are thus time and again required by them?

Only through turning inwards, through a withdrawal into seclusion which, however, can take place everywhere and at any time depending on your will, and which will proceed more sincerely and unhindered the less external impressions a person receives. A most intimate contact with Me requires detachment from all matter, for I Myself, as pure eternal Spirit, exist outside of matter, even though matter itself is My emanated solidified strength, yet it is always situated at a certain distance from Me.

Anyone who wants to look for and find Me first has to turn his will away from matter, but since he nevertheless still lives within matter, since he has a physical body, he has to withdraw into his innermost being.... Then he will find Me, and the complete detachment from matter will take place when the physical eye is shielded from every external impression, when it is closed and no longer receives physical images, for they are reflected in a person's soul and disturb its silent contemplation and union with its spirit. Spirit and matter are opposite concepts and will always remain in opposition to each other, and since I Myself as a pure Spirit want to be active within you, you first will have to achieve this inner separation from matter and then you will come closer to Me, but you will never be able to establish a close contact with Me as long as your eyes and senses are held captive by external impressions....

I want that you only desire My presence, that you have no space for anything else in your hearts, and that you muster the will to relinquish all earthly things for My sake and the sake of My presence, that you mentally detach yourselves from everything opposing Me.... And all matter is spirit in opposition to Me.... I also want human customs to be avoided where possible, for they distract from an inner composure if they are not thoughtlessly observed, or they will be automatically performed and are then equally worthless. Anyone who sincerely looks for Me first has to sever his contact with the world, and everything that is not spiritual belongs to the world, that is related to earthly matter, that is taken in by the human being's physical senses, thus everything that keeps the soul captive, that prevents it from uniting with the spirit within itself. Only when this detachment is accomplished it is able to talk to Me as it is My will, so that I Myself can work in the human being's heart with My love and grace.

And I truly favour the silent, profound worship; it can never be replaced by external customs and actions which automatically affect the human being's thoughts, which have to distract him from what is essential, from the purely spiritual contact with Me. I look into every person's heart and truly don't require any external evidence of your love for Me, and depending how you approach Me you will be considered by My love and grace, and you yourselves determine the extent. Although you will not act wrongly by performing external ceremonies, by observing human customs, but you harm yourselves by reducing the flow of My love and grace yourselves as long as any other thought but Myself still finds room in your heart. You should approach Me in spirit and in truth, then My eyes will look upon you favourably.... and then you will feel the blessing of such intimate contact in yourselves, then you will feel My presence and be happy.... And yet you will remain profoundly humble in your happiness,

because you will be aware of the extraordinary grace that is bestowed upon you by the fact that I take abode in your hearts, and humility will increase the amount of grace....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Allurements of the world and overcoming....

B.D. No. 7215

November 25th 1958

**A**nd if you crave the pleasures of this world, resist and remember that this is a temptation by My Adversary who presents you with everything beautiful and appealing about this world in order to lure you out of the spiritual realm where you have already found a resting place. As long as you live on earth as a human being the world will not remain without impression on you, but this impression can be very weak but also still so strong that you fall prey to the attractions, that the temptations are such that you cannot resist them. And this will always be the case when you loosen your bond with the spiritual kingdom, which is the case with every person at times, even if he is of good will. And therefore I draw your attention to the fact that you should always pay attention when the world starts to tempt you.... that danger is approaching, that you will get close to the one who only wants to corrupt you. It is true that worldly temptations seem so harmless, and you can easily deceive yourselves with the words that they are only harmless pleasures which mean no danger for your spiritual well-being. At first this is also true, but the harmlessness soon gives way to serious danger, because the human being is not satisfied with small harmless pleasures and the temptations always become greater once he has given in and deceived himself. The step is not great from one road to another, from the narrow path to the broad one, which offers so many charms that a man can seldom pass by. That is why it is good not to let one's eyes wander to where the path branches off and always leads back to the wide road. But this road leads downwards, and for this very reason it directs the gaze to the joys and beauties on the side of the road, so that no one recognizes that the road is going downwards. But the narrow paths, which are less passable and have fewer charms, lead upwards. And if the human being always keeps his gaze turned upwards, he will not feel the unattractiveness, the difficulties and unevenness of the path, but will be carried over it by helpful guides, so that the ascent can also be covered effortlessly by the one who seriously strives upwards. And furthermore, it will not take long for you to enjoy or even toil on your path through life.... and all the joys and worldly pleasures do not outweigh what the human being forfeits as a result, what he forfeits for his life in the beyond, which he is irrevocably approaching. All of your earthly life is short, even if you are granted a great age according to your own understanding.... For eternity lets you recognize that it is only a moment in this eternity. And in this 'moment' you only have to make a small renunciation of earthly joys and pleasures for the sake of your soul.... And the whole of eternity will grant you blisses which are immeasurable. And My adversary and the enemy of your soul knows this, and he seeks to prevent it by enticing you.... he who will make you blissfully unhappy again for eternities in return if you are at his beck and call and don't resist his temptations. And where the desire for earthly pleasures and enjoyments is still strong he also succeeds in his art of seduction, he is successful and diverts the soul from the spiritual path if it has already taken it.... Therefore I warn you urgently: Do not let yourselves be beguiled by the world and its pleasures.... let it be said to you that these are My adversary's means to win you over, for the goods and joys which come from My kingdom, which I Myself offer you, are of a different kind.... They are spiritual goods which may not yet appear so valuable to you in your body, the immeasurable value of which you will only recognize in the spiritual kingdom, but then you will also be overjoyed that you possess them and don't make them up for the sake of worthless goods and pleasures. And even if your earthly life is poor in earthly pleasures, don't regret it, for you will be all the richer once you have arrived in the kingdom which is **truly**.... which not only has pseudo goods but gives you unlimited, imperishable bliss. Then you will rejoice, and this joy will be different from what you could feel on earth, for **I Myself** will prepare these joys for you, Who loves you as a father and wants to make My children eternally happy....

Amen



# Maturing the soul through suffering

## Suffering as means of purifying the soul or love....

B.D. No. 7157

July 1st 1958

Whatever contributes towards the soul's maturity will often be experienced by you as a burden or hardship, for it is frequently the means of assisting the purification of the soul in order to make it wholesome and receptive to light. Nevertheless, an exceedingly effective means exists which is less painful for you humans: Acts of selfless neighbourly love.... Then the soul will mature very quickly, it will constantly acquire more strength and will reform and change its nature through love. However, for the most part you humans lack love, you still harbour much selfish love, you have not yet become completely unselfish in your thinking and actions, and therefore the soul's purification needs to proceed by other means, such as suffering and illness, worries and adversities, which will then burden you and demand all your faith in order for you to free yourselves of them again. For in profound faith you would be able to entrust all your problems and sufferings to Me, you would be able to hand them over to Me and subsequently also be certain that I will take them from you. But this profound faith is, again, only the result of love.... And thus it will always remain a matter of greatest priority, love cannot be excluded; love is the correct and most certain means of freeing yourselves from illness and suffering, from all kinds of worries.... Yet, on the other hand, you don't realise what blessings arise for the soul if you humans also patiently take all burdens upon yourselves, if you humbly endure everything for the sake of your soul's maturing.... For no soul is already so mature that it, on passing away, will be of such crystal clarity that My light of love would be able to permeate it without obstruction....

Blemishes more or less still cling to every soul, and the more of them it can discard on earth the happier it will be on entering the kingdom of the beyond and thank Me, its God and Father, for the time of trial on earth, regardless of how difficult it had been. And every day in earthly life is, after all, only an opportunity for testing, every day is a possibility for the soul to gather spiritual riches, and every day passes by and the length of time until its passing away from earth is getting ever shorter.... It won't last forever, but the state of the soul, if it is imperfect, can last eternally.... And if you humans would only ever consider the suffering you have to endure as a means for purification, as the condition for a cleansing of your soul from all weaknesses and flaws still adhering to it, you would truly bless the suffering and be glad of it, because it will result in your spiritual progress and one day you will also realise why it was necessary during your earthly existence. You should learn to look at every day as a step on the ladder to perfection.... but you will also have to climb it in order to reach the goal. One day you will realise how useless those days were when you didn't have to endure anything.... unless you spent them by being lovingly active.... Then the measure of suffering will also diminish, and there would truly not be so much hardship and misery in the world if people practised love, if they made an effort to carry out selfless works of love and thereby improved the maturity of soul in the most natural way. But if you have to suffer then be grateful for it and, despite everything, strive to shape your nature into love, for your life on earth is only short yet it is decisive for the whole of eternity.

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## 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

## Patiently bearing the cross....

B.D. No. 6149

December 30th 1954

**E**very person receives the cross he needs to help him attain full maturity of soul.... But it is truly not My will that you should be burdened too much, nevertheless, its weight corresponds to your free will. You can make it more difficult for yourselves if you oppose My will or easier as soon as you follow it. As soon as you carry your cross patiently, its weight will begin to seem less; if, however, you rebel against it, it will seem even more of a burden to you. Taking the path of the cross on earth is necessary for your soul until it's willingness to love no longer lets it feel suffering.... until it is even grateful for the small cross I have imposed on it and which it recognises as a Godsend and thus carries it patiently and without complaining.... Keep in mind that I Am aware of everything that burdens you, hence I also know what is appropriate for your soul's maturing.... And humbly accept that which is yet to come upon you and which must come upon you because the end is approaching and only little time remains left for your soul's perfection.... Bear your cross humbly, for it is an assured path towards ascent, and you can ease your own burden if you entrust yourselves to Jesus, the bearer of the cross, and appeal to Him for support.... Whatever I impose upon you is not so heavy that you will break down under it.... For I do not burden anyone with more than he can carry, but whether he wants to endure it determines how heavy he deems his cross to be.... The end is near, and that means that every human being's life comes to an end when the last day has come. But many are still far behind in their maturity of soul, and yet they can still reach perfection in a short time if only they seriously want it.... Their souls can still be purified through suffering and hardship, and everyone is offered this

opportunity where there is the slightest prospect that it will be successful.... And I take their destiny into My hand and through suffering and sorrow lead them to the goal as long as they merely allow themselves to be led.... as long as they don't offer resistance, thus rebelling against their fate and distancing themselves from Me even further.... Bear your cross with patience, all of you, for it is simply the means used by My love in order to help you, in order to protect you from death, in order to be able to bestow life upon you.... Gratefully accept everything as coming from My hand, for nothing happens without My will, without My permission, and everything that is imposed upon you shall merely lead you to the One Who can help you.... Everything shall lead you to Me, I Am your Father of eternity and thus will also help My children as a Father in every adversity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

# Transforming the soul into love through active charity

## Earthly task: Reshaping into love.... God's favour....

B.D. No. 5499

October 4th 1952

Nothing unfulfillable has been given to you humans in earthly life when you are asked to shape yourselves into love.... For you are supported by Eternal Love, and therefore it is easily possible for you to fulfil your earthly task, yet Eternal Love can only constantly bestow favours upon you and you need do nothing more than utilise these favours. If you utilise them then you will ascend with ease, but if you ignore them and therefore leave them unutilised then you will be without strength to ascend, and then Eternal Love cannot help you either because there is still resistance in you which renders its strength of love ineffective. You could already attain a degree of maturity in a short time if you sought to join the Eternal Love by working with love.... You should shape yourselves into love, that is your task in life, and for this it is only necessary that you first have the love of your own will for what is good and put this will into practice by serving your neighbour, by offering him help if he needs it.... Through this unselfish act of love the connection to God already takes place, Who is Eternal Love.... And now, through this connection, the path is created for the constant receipt of strength of love..., i.e., God, as Eternal Love, now provides you with the strength to constantly accomplish deeds of love, because this strength also influences your will, which always feels more impelled to work with love. Man becomes willing and able to love as soon as he has only once performed works of love in free will. Time and again God leads the human being into situations where he can be lovingly active. In His love He does everything in order to help the human being attain perfection; He takes care of all of the human being's feelings and accordingly arranges the individual person's fate; His gifts of grace are unmeasured and all merely aim to mature the human being's soul, yet the human being has to allow himself to be guided, he has to follow his feelings, he has to want what is good and never pass by opportunities which stimulate and require his willingness to help. For all these are favours through which God wants to help the human being to do that which makes him mature.... to work in love in order to establish the union with God and then to receive unmeasured strength which will ensure his ascent. Believe in God and think of Him and you will also be able to feel Him, because His love and grace constantly tries to have an effect on you and is able to do so, if only you are of good will and strive to fulfil His will....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

## Demonstrating the love of God through labouring charity....

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Only that is valid before My eyes which has love as its principle. You will ask yourselves in what way I want love for Me to be expressed, and I can only ever give you the answer: through active neighbourly love.... You should never harm your neighbour, you should never cause him suffering, you should never let him ask in vain if he needs your help, and you should never let him live in want of his soul, for this is a special work of neighbourly love that you come to the aid of your neighbour's soul while it is still languishing in darkness. What you do to your neighbour I regard as proven to Me and reward you accordingly.... I give you My love in return, and to be allowed to receive My love truly means everything as long as you live on earth. You will not always feel My love physically, it is something spiritual and can only be felt as blissful, you will only be aware of it at times, or else you will have constant evidence of My love and grace through the acceptance of My word, which I Myself dictate to you as a sign of My heartfelt fatherly love. Anyone who has this word of Mine can know

himself loved by Me even if he does not know the feeling of bliss on earth.... Then I have My wise reason for this, for I truly know every person's life of feeling, I know how easy it is to lose the bond with earth and only want to dwell in spiritual regions.... This is not beneficial for the soul, and therefore I still keep the hearts imprisoned, I burden them with earthly worries and thereby prevent them from sensations which would cloud the soul's clear vision but which is absolutely necessary because I Myself want to take abode in the heart and be heard and this should happen in a state of sober thinking. I come to you Myself, I occupy the heart of the one who has prepared it for Me and now instruct him from within, without external influence and external teachers.... Thus I express My love through this.... What is more understandable than that I also demand love, which you should now demonstrate towards your neighbour? (11.6.1949) Therefore, what you should do in order to please Me, in order to also gain My love, can only be borne by love for your neighbour, for you can do nothing else for Me Myself but acknowledge what has emerged from My strength of love and thus, if you want to love and honour **Me**, also love what I have created. And since I created the human being in My image and therefore, even if he has become imperfect, he shall shape himself into My image again, he is also worthy of the love of his fellow human being. You are all My living creations and should love each other, then you will also give Me as the father the right pleasure, then I will also be able to embrace you all with My infinite love, for then you will already accept the being which can join Mine, which is pure love in itself. Understand that without love no-one can become blissfully happy, because love is divine and a God-like being belongs to beatitude. And therefore you should be good towards your neighbour, you should helpfully try to remedy every need, you should not offend him, not harm him but always consider him your dearest brother to whom the father's love belongs again. Every thought, every action, every word should only ever radiate love, then you will gain My pleasure, then I will accept this love for your neighbour as love for Myself and return this love to you with all sincerity....

Amen

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

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**O** take My way of life as an example for all of you and follow Me.... Live a life of love, practice patience and gentleness towards your neighbour, be peaceable and merciful and only ever strive to win your fellow human being's love, for then you will also encourage him to take you as an example and to live a life of love according to My will. Only love can help you to become blissfully happy, and therefore you must change your nature.... You must overcome selfish love, you must merge into love for your neighbour, your whole will and thinking must be borne by love.... you must not think of your neighbour in spitefulness, you must not harm him, you must not make yourselves judges over him, you must also patiently bear his weaknesses and only ever lovingly help him onto the right path so that he also recognizes himself and endeavours to change his nature.... And My blessing will rest on all will and actions, you will now follow Me in truth, Who was full of love and always ready to help. Therefore, whatever you undertake must always be determined by love.... you must always ask yourselves how I would act in your place? And your heart will always give you the answer that you only ever let love rule and don't give room to any ignoble thoughts in your heart. But you should also always remain in truth and not let your neighbour walk in error either, you should help him to recognize his error because it cannot result in blessing. Therefore, what **you** recognize as error you should lovingly present to your neighbour and leave it up to him whether he comes to Me with it and asks Me Myself for right thinking, for clarification. I Myself have promised you that I will not leave you in error if you seriously desire the truth, and I will also always fulfil My promises and give you light where it is still dark in you. But then also expect the answer in your heart when you ask Me questions from your heart.... Let yourselves be addressed by Me Myself and you will also hear a clear answer within yourselves.... It is My will that you enter into a heartfelt bond with Me yourselves, that you come to Me yourselves, so that you hear My address within yourselves and then also prove

yourselves how you relate to Me. And I will always give you the opportunity to do so when you are moved by thoughts which you alone are not able to judge properly.... And then you should come to Me and ask Me.... and I will instruct you correctly so that you will feel clarity within yourselves and no longer question but act according to My will, because I put this will into your heart as an answer. And so you should all act yourselves who want to belong to Me.... you should also try to influence your neighbour if you want to be lovingly active towards him and protect him from error or wrongdoing. You only ever need the father, and just as I worked on earth with love, only ever taught love and gave love, so your earthly path should only ever be determined by love, then you will truly be true followers of Me, then you will work for the benefit of your fellow human beings, then you will truly be redeemingly active on earth....

Amen

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## Active in love signs of God's presence....

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**T**he inner urge to be active in love is the surest sign that I Myself am present to you, for 'love' impels you and I Myself am love.... And I will constantly impel you to be active in love if you allow My presence within you, if you first unite with Me in prayer and thereby call Me to you.... And then you cannot but feel love, for you will be illuminated by My strength of love, you will be constantly urged by Me Myself to work with love. What a delicious assurance it is for you to know Me Myself present to you.... And therefore you will now also understand that unkindness also means being distant from God, that I cannot be where love has grown cold amongst people and that therefore little hardship is alleviated because people lack this inner urge to be lovingly active. And yet, this activity of love is the purpose of your earthly existence, for it means the transformation of your being or reshaping into what you were in the beginning. Every day of your earthly life is lived in vain which does not bring you one step closer to Me through love, for the purpose of earthly life is the approach to Me, the complete union with Me, which can only take place through love. And anyone who has kindled love within himself, who has kindled it into bright embers, can say with certainty that he has found Me, for where love is I Myself must be, because I am love, and where I Myself am present it is also possible to speak of the return to Me, which is the purpose and aim of earthly life. What bliss could people prepare for themselves already on earth where it is possible for them to completely unite with their God and creator, their father of eternity, through love? You only need to ask Me to come to you, to accept you.... and truly, this request would not remain unfulfilled for it is the purpose of life.... it is the conscious change of will towards Me from Whom you once turned away.... And as soon as you express this will to Me through your prayer, I take hold of you.... Your call attracts Me and lets Me be present to you, because this call also only comes from a loving heart.... And if My illumination of love touches your heart because it no longer offers any resistance, your heart will also ignite and then you will feel inwardly urged to be active in love, for then I Myself can be in you and My activity will always be love. And therefore the loving human being will also have inner peace, for it is I Myself Who smoothes all paths, Who always stands by your side, Who now takes care of you, to Whom you can safely hand yourselves over and in Whom you can trust that He will guide you safely and unharmed through earthly life.... You humans can all ignite the spark of love I have placed in you and let it flare up into a bright flame. And from that moment on you will all feel that I Myself am present to you, and then you can also be free from every anxious worry, for then you will have found the father and you will also walk the rest of your earthly path by the father's hand. But no human being can expect to be able to win Me Myself without prayer and without loving activity, for I keep Myself away from those who don't remember Me and whose actions only ever betray unkindness, for he is still full of opposition to Me, his nature has not yet changed, he is still a follower of My adversary who is devoid of all love.... But everyone has the opportunity to recognize Me and to change his nature into love, for I Myself step into every person's path, although I am not recognized by him, but I do not lack admonitions and warnings, I also illuminate the hearts of those people.... to

kindle the spark of love in them with My warmth of love. But everyone must also allow the effect of love in his free will, he must give up his resistance against Me. Then I will also come to him and will not let up inwardly stimulating him into loving activity until he completely gives himself to Me and I have won him for ever....

Amen

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# Humility of the heart

## Humility....

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**A**pproach God in all humility and He will lovingly draw close to you. Listen to the voice of your heart, don't become arrogant in spirit when His love becomes obvious to you but always remain humbly devoted to Him, then the measure of grace He pours out on you will be inexhaustible, then you will truly be His children who have found the path to the father's heart.... Humility must completely fill you, and even the greatest gift of love must not let you become arrogant, for it is only His greater than great love which bestows that gift upon you but not your worthiness. What is weak is lovingly regarded by God as soon as it recognizes its weakness and humbly withholds itself from eternal love.... Then it will truly be showered with an abundance of grace which will secure you a high ascent. And thus a simple explanation is given to you humans when and how God bestows His gifts of grace; information is given to you as to what alone is necessary in order to receive a richest measure of grace.... Humility is presented as the virtue which is looked upon by God with eyes of love, which moves Him to empty Himself, to distribute an abundance of grace which surely leads the human being to the aim, to the union of the child with the father.... Just as a child approaches the father in all humility, so the human being must also feel humble towards the eternal father. But where humility fades, God also withdraws His grace. Humility, however, demands nothing for itself; humility feels so infinitely small in the face of the divinity, which it certainly suspects but does not dare to address. True humility will only produce a slur, it will not be able to express itself with words, for it does not dare to address words to the highest being, Which can already destroy with a thought what It once created.... Humility is silent and only falls down before the face of God, pleading for His mercy.... Humility waits patiently until it is raised up by His benevolent hand. And where you humans recognize this humility, there the flow of grace also flows uninterruptedly into the heart, there God's presence is evident, there the connection from earth to heaven is created, there God inclines Himself to earth and fills the vessel with His grace which is held out to Him openly, the heart which humbly surrenders itself to God in the knowledge of its unworthiness and weakness.... (27.1.1953) For humility of heart is the soul's highest adornment, it opens, as it were, the gate to the spiritual kingdom, it opens the source of grace, for where humility is there is also love for God, Whom the soul acknowledges as a supra-holy being, Whom it hardly dares to look up to but Whom it strives towards, to Whom it would like to make itself entirely its own: The soul's humble devotion to its creator and father from eternity is the shortest path to Him, for a powerful wave of love and grace carries it over all obstacles to the father's heart, Who graciously draws it to Himself because a humble soul is well pleasing to Him. True humility of heart need not be outwardly recognizable, rather it often hides behind an impenetrable nature, for true humility does not apply to people but to the God and creator from eternity, true humility does not venture forth, it walks silently, true humility does not dare to come forward, it walks quiet, solitary paths in modesty and never comes forward, it is without any self-love but always endeavours to make its fellow human beings aware of God's greatness and holiness, because it itself feels how small and miserable the human being is in comparison to His holiness. And it will find grace in abundance.... for its whole being is an abhorrence of the former sin of apostasy from God, Whom it would never ever want to offend and Who therefore grasps its will, which is fully turned towards Him, and draws the soul to Himself in the most ardent merciful love....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

**J**ust present your requests to Me in all humility and you will certainly find an open ear. For humility of heart results in the human being speaking to his father like a child, that his prayer is not a demand but a request which I will only gladly grant. As soon as the human being lives a spiritual life in addition to his earthly life, as soon as his thoughts are not exclusively turned towards the world but when the human being constantly reflects on his heavenly father in the midst of the world, he will soon establish the right relationship with Him. He will recognize Me as his God and creator and therefore approach Me in all humility but nevertheless always come to **Me** when earthly or spiritual worries beset him, because he knows that I alone can provide a remedy. And therefore he asks Me in childlike trust and will truly not make a wrong request. A humble person has already taken the path of return to Me, for what kept his soul separated from Me for endless times was pride as part of My adversary, whom it once followed to the depth of.... Hence, every person who still shows a spark of pride within himself is still under My adversary's control, and until he has discarded this characteristic, until he exalts himself towards Me, he will not be able to be accepted by Me either, for thereby he sets up the barrier himself, and he will hardly establish the right relationship of a child towards the father, because this requires humility of heart. And as long as the human being refuses to enter into humility of heart towards Me he will not be able to pray to Me with childlike trust, his prayer will rather be a request prompted by his own feeling of powerlessness to be able to help himself.... And such a prayer is not the right one, it will not reach My ear because the intimate bond between child and father is missing, the intimate relationship which, as it were, forces Me to consider the child according to its request. The acknowledgement of a God and creator can be the result of intellectual thinking which, however, need not be proof that the human being has already given up his inner arrogant attitude towards this 'God and creator' he has recognized. Whereas I am acknowledged as 'father', pride is also overcome there, the human being feels his lowliness towards Me but nevertheless comes to Me because love also dwells in a humble heart, which has thus recognized Me and pushes towards Me. And therefore I can also shower such a child with My grace which it gratefully accepts from My hands and which helps it to always reduce the distance from Me.... It is something significant when the human being has discarded his arrogance, when he himself feels small and yet can receive special consideration from Me. For he has now become My child in truth, which can also soon reach that degree of light which he once possessed. For his prayers will predominantly be for his spiritual well-being, he will certainly also trustingly turn to Me in earthly adversity, yet his spiritual progress is of greater concern to him and he will never stop asking for help to reach his aim on earth. But only a truly humble person can address such a prayer to Me, because he recognizes his weaknesses and shortcomings.... Yet you must also differentiate between inner humility or outward submissiveness which is of no value to Me and cannot earn you any influx of grace either.... And therefore every person should subject himself to criticism as to how his **inner** thinking and feeling is. And it will only be a blessing for him if he tries to purify himself from every arrogant thought, if he tries to withdraw himself from the power of the one whose arrogance once brought him down....

Amen

# Becoming children of God – childship to God

God's father love....

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**Y**ou could go through earthly life cheerfully and carefree with the right attitude towards Me, your God and father of eternity.... You need only ever feel like My children and all fear would leave you, all worries would become invalid, for a child's right relationship with the father eliminates all worries and fears. The child knows that the father has the strength to protect it from evil, from hostility and affliction, and thus you should also grant Me as your heavenly father, Who loves you, the power and the will that He will protect and guide you like a loving father does. You only have to imagine this father of yours as eternal **love** Which embraces you with all intimacy, Which only ever wants happiness and bliss for you and Which truly also prepares everything for you if you don't prevent Me from My activity of love. You are My children and will remain so forever.... yet I can only think of you like children if you see your father in Me.... As long as you keep yourselves far away from Me, as long as I am still the 'foreign God' to you, Who is infinitely far away from you, you are not yet in the right relationship with Me, and My love cannot embrace you as it would like to embrace the child. For My love also demands your trustfulness, your open heart and your will to intimately join Me and give yourselves to Me like a child gives itself to its father. Once you muster this inner trust towards your God and father and all fears and worries will leave you, you will walk your path through life joyfully and serenely and truly always be guided correctly, for then the father will have taken over the guidance because the child will have taken Him by the hand and can no longer go wrong. The God Who is **love** does not want you to be in adversity but He cannot avert this adversity from you if you withdraw yourselves from His care, if you consciously walk alone, if you don't call upon Me as 'father' to guide you Myself. A child has great power over its father if only it strives to gain His love.... the father's love certainly belongs to the child, but the child itself must desire it, it must likewise feel love for the father, and then it will also come to Him of its own accord and no longer want to separate itself from Him. Then the bond of love is tied, and then the child is embraced by a blissful peace. It feels safe at the father's heart and every worry and fear has left it. And as long as you humans don't establish this right relationship with your father, earthly life will also be difficult and full of worries for you, for then you will carry the burden your father would gladly take from you if only you would ask Him for it. Just try again and again to imagine such an intimate relationship as that of a child with its father, and then enter into this relationship with Me.... And you will certainly experience so much love that you can already call yourselves blessed on earth. But every external relationship hinders Me from working My love on you, and you are still in an external relationship as long as you don't trust Me, as long as you still have doubts that I could leave you without help, or as long as you think that **I** want you to suffer.... I love you and only want to make you happy.... Accept this love and let yourselves be blessed and carried over all difficulties of earthly life. You have the power if only you meet Me with **love** yourselves, then I will not refuse you any request.... I will do everything in order to make My child happy who fully entrusts himself to Me, for I am the father of you all and only want to be recognized and loved as a father....

Amen

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**E**xcept ye become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven....' It is an odd statement that I expected you to become children, after all, I gave you a whole lifetime, from infancy to old age, so that you shall mature on earth. However, you should not use a child's deficiency and lack of understanding as an example but the childlike trust towards the Father, which makes My Fatherly heart receptive, which I will not reject, which opens the kingdom of heaven for you.... It is the truly childlike faith which a child places into its Father, the trusting pleas which ensure that I will grant them; it is the humility of a child which can therefore receive an abundance of blessings. And can any love ever be more pure and unselfish than that of the child for its Father? A child does not first intellectually assess the feelings it has for the Father; it is driven by its heart to the Father and only the heart takes the direct path to Me and completely hands itself over to Me. And where the heart of a person is moved by such love, My Word is confirmed, for he will truly enter My kingdom, because I will never ever let go of him again, I will draw the child to My heart and bestow eternal life upon it in blissful happiness.... Furthermore, My Words are intended to tell you that you humans will hardly reach your goal on earth by using intellectual thinking.... that therefore increasing adulthood, the fulfilment of life or even intellectual conclusions cannot replace the childlike love for Me.... that the right kind of relationship with Me must be that of a child with its Father, for this relationship includes everything needed for the attainment of psychological maturity: Love, humility and complete submission to My will.... But how many people establish this heartfelt relationship with Me.... how many are capable of calling upon Me in their heart as a Father Who takes care of His child with burning love and helps it in every adversity and danger.... And how few take hold of Me with their childlike love and thereby inextricably chain Me to themselves. These people, however, have acquired the kingdom of heaven, for it automatically comes to those in whom I can dwell, drawn by the love of My child. And thus you will understand that I do not regard those who are great, instead, I bend down to those who are small; that I do not value what the human being achieves or has achieved with his human abilities and their training, instead, I only look into his heart as such, and that every ray of love I discover therein is pleasing to Me, for this ray of love has nothing to do with human abilities, it was solely kindled through the heartfelt bond with Me, which characterises the right Father-child relationship. And therefore only a 'true child' will take possession of My kingdom, as I have promised through My Word....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

**Childhood of God.... Jesus Christ becoming one with God....**

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March 26th 1947

**T**he human being's spiritual aim should be the attainment of childship to God, for he is given the opportunity to develop into a brightest being of light during his life on earth and to depart from earth in complete union with God. This is the becoming one with God, which Jesus Christ also achieved on earth and which all people can attain if they strive for it in all seriousness. It is not beyond a person's strength, it only requires the strong will to live as Jesus Christ lived on earth, in unselfish love for one's neighbour. Unselfish neighbourly love is what Jesus preached to people, and it is and remains the core of Christian teaching, it is the content of the gospel which His disciples were to spread in the world. But the effect of a Christian life of love is something incomparably glorious.... the human being has become a child of God, His heir, and he enters into all the rights of the father.... it can create and shape like Him and use its strength in supreme bliss, which it fulfils through the intimate union with God. There are certainly innumerable degrees of bliss, of light and strength; depending on the degree of maturity the souls are in a blissful state if they are only recipients of light and strength, thus once they have found entrance into the kingdom of light. But a child of God is infinitely more blissful, for it has reached the degree of perfection which allows closest proximity and connection with God. It no longer feels separated from Him, it feels one with Him and yet is aware of

its individual existence, it still possesses its free will which, however, has completely aligned itself with God's will, it is a blissful state of togetherness, a constant desire for and granting of God's love, it is blissful harmony, unceasing blissful activity and perpetual striving upwards, for perfection has no limit, and constant striving also belongs to bliss because it is never unsuccessful. And the human being can already reach this highest degree of happiness on earth if he has the serious will. But only a few strive for it, only a few humbly accept the fate which is imposed on them in order to be able to mature in a short time. For despite eager activity of love the soul has to be purified through suffering if it wants to be able to receive the light in all its fullness.... It must struggle on earth and endure much suffering and deprivation, it must walk the path Jesus walked on earth, love and suffer, it must carry the cross until the end.... Then the soul will merge with God, it will become one with Him, it will be His child and remain so for all eternity....

Amen

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# Bonding with Jesus Christ

## Bonding with Jesus Christ....

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**Y**ou may speak the name of the lord at any time, and you will always find a hearing with Him, because He only waits for you to turn your thoughts towards Him and He can lower His ray of love into your hearts. Because to the latter it belongs that your hearts open, and this happens by turning your thoughts to Him. Every spiritual thought is a connection of you with the kingdom of light. Every thought of Him, your God and father in Jesus Christ, is a bond with Him, which is the most valuable thing for you at any time, because every bond brings you power and light, which your soul feels even beneficially, even if your body is not able to feel anything of it. That is why you should turn to Jesus Christ even in the smallest needs, because you always establish the bond with Him, which will never remain unsuccessful. And the many small needs in human existence should only ever cause you to turn to Him.... because He wants you to remember Him always and everywhere, and because your bond cannot be intimate enough, you want to experience great blessings from it. You should come so far that you only go your ways with Him, that you entrust everything to Him, that you do nothing without Him, that you ask Him for advice, whatever you do.... that you no longer walk alone, but in constant company of Him, Who wants to be and remain your guide on your earthly life path.... because then you will also safely reach your aim. And even if your concerns are small.... the **bond with Him** is the only important thing, and even the smallest concerns shall cause you to do so, and your father will be pleased with you, with whom He desires to be connected for all eternity. For you had once voluntarily separated yourselves from Him and must therefore voluntarily return to Him again.... In your thoughts you have to turn to Him again, from Whom you once strove away in complete blindness of your thinking. But as humans you cannot be forced to do so, and that is why you stand in the world with **free will**, which you can now also direct towards the world and its charms, but then you yourselves are still very far from God, Who however wants to win you back for eternity. And every thought, which you turn to Him in the middle of earth life, is a beginning return to Him, which is now to be striven for more and more seriously, i.e. that you lift your thoughts more and more often to Him, from Whom you once went out. For this reason, however, the freedom of will also remains with you, because you are to find and go the way to the father out of love; He does not want to force you to do so, because only love is the only binding agent which re-establishes the old relationship as it was at the beginning.... Love alone connects the child with the father, the creature with the creator from eternity.... And God wants to possess this love from you humans, and He therefore entices you in every way and courts your love.... and whether this happens through hardship of all kinds, He seeks to persuade you to join Him, which will then also take place in love, which the father will now prove in many ways so that He wins the child's entire love and the union can now take place which eternally unites the child with its father. Let your thoughts wander upwards again and again, to Jesus Christ, your God and father from eternity.... And your life will soon take place more spiritually, you will easily overcome earthly life with all its difficulties, and you will soon live only for the spiritual kingdom, for the kingdom which is your true home and into which you will enter when your earthly course is finished....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

**W**here is your path leading to if you have not chosen Me as your leader?.... This is what you should ask yourselves time and again and desire nothing other than My becoming your leader, to Whom you can entrust yourselves and safely walk by His hand through earthly life. And truly, you will always be led correctly, you will not take wrong paths and distance yourselves from the goal, you will always take the right paths by which you can reach the heavenly kingdom, for then you will be travelling the path to the Father's house, to your eternal home. But you have to request My leadership.... I won't impose Myself on you, I will not try to influence you against your will to take or avoid these or those paths.... I want to be asked to be your leader always and everywhere.... I want you to appeal to Me that I should guide and lead you across all uneven paths, and I want you to entrust yourselves to My guidance without resistance, that you will follow Me on the path which I precede in order to guide you to the eternal home. For only one path is leading to it, which is steep and requires exertion, it necessitates strength, a firm staff and support for your safe passage....

Just let Me always be your leader and you will soon be incapable of going wrong, you will not need to worry that the path will lead you astray or become impassable for you and your failing strength.... If I precede you, you can follow without worry, for I know the best way to the goal, and I will truly shorten the path for you, clear it of all obstructions, carry you across all obstacles and always take you by the hand so that you will reach the goal safely and without harm. But you have to entrust yourselves to Me without reservation, you must not hesitate or fear to be guided wrongly, for you will never be able to find a better leader than Me in earthly life, regardless of how many loyal friends you find amongst your fellow human beings, but they nevertheless don't all know the path of ascent which leads to Me.... And this is why you should always just keep to Me, but then don't worry any longer, for once you entrust yourselves to Me I will reward your confidence and take you into My protective care on your earthly course of life. And you will barely notice your progress, for walking next to Me also means receiving My strength, being able to hold you by My hand and thus effortlessly covering the ascent, on account of which you live on earth. For this path has to lead upwards. As long as you walk on even ground, your path is not the right one, since your goal is up above and accordingly it also requires strength, which you can always receive from Me if you have chosen Me as your leader for your earthly course of life.

Yet this life is hard if you walk alone or give My adversary the right to join you, who will know only too well how to embellish the path and fill it with temptations, so that you won't notice that it does not lead upward but into the abyss.... Then you will be in great danger, for you will prolong your path of return to Me or make it entirely impossible, for I cannot be found below, and the path that is leading through lovely meadows, which is easy and travelled by the children of the world, is not leading to Me but inevitably into the abyss, from where it is incredibly difficult to ascend and will take an endlessly long period of time again. Nevertheless, you have to choose the leader yourselves; you need only ask Me to assume guidance over your earthly life, and I will be with you and displace the other one, when he wants to join you. For if you call upon Me as your leader you will also be relieved from all responsibility, then I will act on your behalf and direct and lead you onto the right paths, so that you will safely reach your goal: that you will return to Me in your true home, that you will enter into your Father's house where I Am waiting for you in order to unite with you again for all eternity....

Amen

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## **Childhood of God.... Jesus Christ becoming one with God....**

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**T**he human being's spiritual aim should be the attainment of childship to God, for he is given the opportunity to develop into a brightest being of light during his life on earth and to depart from earth in complete union with God. This is the becoming one with God, which Jesus Christ also

achieved on earth and which all people can attain if they strive for it in all seriousness. It is not beyond a person's strength, it only requires the strong will to live as Jesus Christ lived on earth, in unselfish love for one's neighbour. Unselfish neighbourly love is what Jesus preached to people, and it is and remains the core of Christian teaching, it is the content of the gospel which His disciples were to spread in the world. But the effect of a Christian life of love is something incomparably glorious.... the human being has become a child of God, His heir, and he enters into all the rights of the father.... it can create and shape like Him and use its strength in supreme bliss, which it fulfils through the intimate union with God. There are certainly innumerable degrees of bliss, of light and strength; depending on the degree of maturity the souls are in a blissful state if they are only recipients of light and strength, thus once they have found entrance into the kingdom of light. But a child of God is infinitely more blissful, for it has reached the degree of perfection which allows closest proximity and connection with God. It no longer feels separated from Him, it feels one with Him and yet is aware of its individual existence, it still possesses its free will which, however, has completely aligned itself with God's will, it is a blissful state of togetherness, a constant desire for and granting of God's love, it is blissful harmony, unceasing blissful activity and perpetual striving upwards, for perfection has no limit, and constant striving also belongs to bliss because it is never unsuccessful. And the human being can already reach this highest degree of happiness on earth if he has the serious will. But only a few strive for it, only a few humbly accept the fate which is imposed on them in order to be able to mature in a short time. For despite eager activity of love the soul has to be purified through suffering if it wants to be able to receive the light in all its fullness.... It must struggle on earth and endure much suffering and deprivation, it must walk the path Jesus walked on earth, love and suffer, it must carry the cross until the end.... Then the soul will merge with God, it will become one with Him, it will be His child and remain so for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

# Blessing of prayer

## Bonding with Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. 7489

December 29th 1959

**Y**ou may speak the name of the lord at any time, and you will always find a hearing with Him, because He only waits for you to turn your thoughts towards Him and He can lower His ray of love into your hearts. Because to the latter it belongs that your hearts open, and this happens by turning your thoughts to Him. Every spiritual thought is a connection of you with the kingdom of light. Every thought of Him, your God and father in Jesus Christ, is a bond with Him, which is the most valuable thing for you at any time, because every bond brings you power and light, which your soul feels even beneficially, even if your body is not able to feel anything of it. That is why you should turn to Jesus Christ even in the smallest needs, because you always establish the bond with Him, which will never remain unsuccessful. And the many small needs in human existence should only ever cause you to turn to Him.... because He wants you to remember Him always and everywhere, and because your bond cannot be intimate enough, you want to experience great blessings from it. You should come so far that you only go your ways with Him, that you entrust everything to Him, that you do nothing without Him, that you ask Him for advice, whatever you do.... that you no longer walk alone, but in constant company of Him, Who wants to be and remain your guide on your earthly life path.... because then you will also safely reach your aim. And even if your concerns are small.... the **bond with Him** is the only important thing, and even the smallest concerns shall cause you to do so, and your father will be pleased with you, with whom He desires to be connected for all eternity. For you had once voluntarily separated yourselves from Him and must therefore voluntarily return to Him again.... In your thoughts you have to turn to Him again, from Whom you once strove away in complete blindness of your thinking. But as humans you cannot be forced to do so, and that is why you stand in the world with **free will**, which you can now also direct towards the world and its charms, but then you yourselves are still very far from God, Who however wants to win you back for eternity. And every thought, which you turn to Him in the middle of earth life, is a beginning return to Him, which is now to be striven for more and more seriously, i.e. that you lift your thoughts more and more often to Him, from Whom you once went out. For this reason, however, the freedom of will also remains with you, because you are to find and go the way to the father out of love; He does not want to force you to do so, because only love is the only binding agent which re-establishes the old relationship as it was at the beginning.... Love alone connects the child with the father, the creature with the creator from eternity.... And God wants to possess this love from you humans, and He therefore entices you in every way and courts your love.... and whether this happens through hardship of all kinds, He seeks to persuade you to join Him, which will then also take place in love, which the father will now prove in many ways so that He wins the child's entire love and the union can now take place which eternally unites the child with its father. Let your thoughts wander upwards again and again, to Jesus Christ, your God and father from eternity.... And your life will soon take place more spiritually, you will easily overcome earthly life with all its difficulties, and you will soon live only for the spiritual kingdom, for the kingdom which is your true home and into which you will enter when your earthly course is finished....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

**W**here is your path leading to if you have not chosen Me as your leader?.... This is what you should ask yourselves time and again and desire nothing other than My becoming your leader, to Whom you can entrust yourselves and safely walk by His hand through earthly life. And truly, you will always be led correctly, you will not take wrong paths and distance yourselves from the goal, you will always take the right paths by which you can reach the heavenly kingdom, for then you will be travelling the path to the Father's house, to your eternal home. But you have to request My leadership.... I won't impose Myself on you, I will not try to influence you against your will to take or avoid these or those paths.... I want to be asked to be your leader always and everywhere.... I want you to appeal to Me that I should guide and lead you across all uneven paths, and I want you to entrust yourselves to My guidance without resistance, that you will follow Me on the path which I precede in order to guide you to the eternal home. For only one path is leading to it, which is steep and requires exertion, it necessitates strength, a firm staff and support for your safe passage....

Just let Me always be your leader and you will soon be incapable of going wrong, you will not need to worry that the path will lead you astray or become impassable for you and your failing strength.... If I precede you, you can follow without worry, for I know the best way to the goal, and I will truly shorten the path for you, clear it of all obstructions, carry you across all obstacles and always take you by the hand so that you will reach the goal safely and without harm. But you have to entrust yourselves to Me without reservation, you must not hesitate or fear to be guided wrongly, for you will never be able to find a better leader than Me in earthly life, regardless of how many loyal friends you find amongst your fellow human beings, but they nevertheless don't all know the path of ascent which leads to Me.... And this is why you should always just keep to Me, but then don't worry any longer, for once you entrust yourselves to Me I will reward your confidence and take you into My protective care on your earthly course of life. And you will barely notice your progress, for walking next to Me also means receiving My strength, being able to hold you by My hand and thus effortlessly covering the ascent, on account of which you live on earth. For this path has to lead upwards. As long as you walk on even ground, your path is not the right one, since your goal is up above and accordingly it also requires strength, which you can always receive from Me if you have chosen Me as your leader for your earthly course of life.

Yet this life is hard if you walk alone or give My adversary the right to join you, who will know only too well how to embellish the path and fill it with temptations, so that you won't notice that it does not lead upward but into the abyss.... Then you will be in great danger, for you will prolong your path of return to Me or make it entirely impossible, for I cannot be found below, and the path that is leading through lovely meadows, which is easy and travelled by the children of the world, is not leading to Me but inevitably into the abyss, from where it is incredibly difficult to ascend and will take an endlessly long period of time again. Nevertheless, you have to choose the leader yourselves; you need only ask Me to assume guidance over your earthly life, and I will be with you and displace the other one, when he wants to join you. For if you call upon Me as your leader you will also be relieved from all responsibility, then I will act on your behalf and direct and lead you onto the right paths, so that you will safely reach your goal: that you will return to Me in your true home, that you will enter into your Father's house where I Am waiting for you in order to unite with you again for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

**Call daily upon the name of Jesus....**

B.D. No. 7129

May 24th 1958

**W**ith Me and in My name you shall start every day, deal with every undertaking and thus fulfil your daily tasks, and you can also be certain that your work will be blessed, be it earthly or spiritual activity. But as soon as you walk alone, that is, without having asked for My assistance, you

will do a lot of pointless work, you will have to struggle with difficulties or it will not always be successful. Just a heartfelt thought of Me will already assure My assistance, and if you consciously call upon Me for My blessing and support then everything will turn out just right by itself, and you will be able to calmly carry out your day's work. You should always know that you are besieged by dark forces which are able to access you if you fail to surround yourselves with a protective wall by calling upon My name, by appealing to Me for blessing your work. And once they have gained access to you it will be far more difficult to repel them again than it would be if you had refused access to them from the start. For they weaken you will, which can only catch up with what it had neglected to do by summoning all its strength: by calling to Me for help.

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

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

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

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Blessing of prayer....

B.D. No. 4769

October 30th 1949

**Y**ou all don't make use of the grace of prayer often enough, you all don't speak to Me often enough, for every silent conversation with Me is a prayer which earns you inconceivable blessings for your soul. As soon as you mentally establish the connection with Me.... because every good thought attracts Me.... the supply of strength is also immediately possible, because I constantly emanate strength which permeates everything that opens itself to it. A connection with Me must always have a good effect for you humans, and therefore you cannot put yourselves into a state of receiving strength often enough, even though you feel little of it physically the soul is nevertheless immensely strengthened in order to be able to continue striving upwards. Even the will to approach Me, which is expressed in every thought turned towards Me, has an extremely beneficial effect, because I seize this will immediately and this therefore means a plus for the soul. The will turned towards Me will not rest until the connection with Me has been established, until the human being

quietly communes with Me, until a prayer rises up to Me which not only deals with earthly concerns but also appeals for grace and strength, for the soul's salvation. And I will always listen to My child because I want to make it happy spiritually and earthly. If you knew the blessing of a silent, humble prayer to Me you would make much more use of the blessings of prayer, you would often let Me be present to you through heartfelt remembrance, for this is an elevation into spiritual spheres, this is a dwelling in the kingdom of light, which you don't feel physically but one day you will become aware of when you have left the physical shell. Your soul is already there where it will one day dwell.... it leaves the earth behind for the time of prayer, the soul reveals itself before Me and lets Me clothe it with a garment of light which, although it is extremely transparent, is nevertheless a cover for the soul which is beneficial to it. The soul reshapes itself, so to speak, and the more often this process takes place, the more radiant the cover of light becomes, the greater the desire for Me. The soul no longer feels endlessly distant, it comes towards Me in a familiar way, it wants to hear and feel Me, it wants to receive light and strength.... It now, earthly speaking, holds silent communion with Me, it prays in spirit and in truth.... and, spiritually speaking, is in spheres of light, close to Me, only open to the emanation of Myself. Heartfelt prayer must bring the soul to maturity, for a person who intimately turns to Me also seeks to fulfil everything I ask of him.... Therefore often detach yourselves from this earth, let your thoughts wander upwards, seek Me in your thoughts, come to Me trustingly and faithfully.... Therefore, in prayer, quietly and devoutly listen to Me, listen to what I say back to you, and soon you will also learn to understand Me, you will hear My voice within you, you will then make use of the grace of prayer because you will directly connect with Me and every connection with Me will help you attain maturity of soul....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

# The power of loving intercession

## Simple form of prayer....

B.D. No. 3734

April 3rd 1946

**T**he simple form of prayer is pleasing to Me.... Anyone who talks to Me in elaborate words and sentences will not be able to generate the depth of feeling which alone finds its way to My heart. But when a prayer comes from the heart it is like a simple expression of innermost feelings and its simplicity will not fail to have an effect because I will hear that call every time and comply with it. I ask for a child's trusting prayer to its Father, which holds nothing back and is unpretentious and thus pleases the Father; whereas all stilted speech originates more from intellectual thought than from the heart and restricts the relationship of the child towards its Father. A devout prayer is a silent dialogue with Me in all humbleness and love, in trust of My constant assistance, of an affectionate answer.... Such a prayer finds My favour.... But I take no notice of formal prayers because they do not arise from your hearts and therefore cannot be experienced like a personal prayer. And it is not the length of a prayer which increases its effectiveness but only its sincerity....

You should indeed pray incessantly, however this Word should not be taken to mean that you should linger in the practise of long formal prayers, which are not of the slightest value before Me, rather you should think of Me constantly and communicate with Me. This will give Me pleasure and you can derive endless grace from it, because your permanent unity of thought with Me makes you receptive to My grace: when you start your day's work with Me, when you consult Me in everything you do and thus allow Me to stay near to you due to your own request which you prove in your thoughts every time you unite with Me in prayer. Your heart has to be involved if I Myself want to work on and within you. But you will not be able to achieve an effect with an empty prayer, even if you spend much time on it, because then I cannot hear the voice of My child, which alone receives from the Father what it requires and requests. And when you feel like My children your prayer will be childlike and simple too, you will not need formal prayers because they will not give you the comfort and strength, they will appear as empty talk to you. Because the right relationship with Me also urges you to use the right words, like a child speaks to its Father, and then your prayer is indeed pleasing to Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Silent prayer.... Public confession....

B.D. No. 6012

July 30th 1954

**L**et those who worship Me do so in spirit and in truth.... Only what comes from the very bottom of your heart is pleasing to Me and will reach My ear.... Hence, I only look into a person's heart and disregard the words spoken by the mouth if the heart is not involved. If you are able to completely withdraw from the world in order to enter into heartfelt dialogue with Me, then you are already praising Me without words through your willingness to make contact with Me, then you are sending Me in thoughts a silent prayer, true worship, which will be a great blessing for your soul, for the connection with Me lets you gain strength and grace which is experienced by the soul as help for its maturation. This sincere form of prayer is the true prayer which is pleasing to Me, for then you have voluntarily approached Me so closely that the strength of My love can touch you, drawing you ever more affectionately towards Me. If you want to speak to Me then the spoken word is truly unnecessary, for this can easily intend to hide or pretend something, which I certainly recognise but

which need not be evident to another person who allows himself to be easily deceived and then will use the same form of prayer himself....

Step into your closet if you want to pray.... Withdraw into complete silence, you will be able to find Me there far easier and communicate with Me like a child with its Father.... And you will tell Me everything without fear and in childlike trust.... And your requests will be granted to you because then your prayers will reach My ear.... For I have promised you this with the Words 'Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest'.... Thus I will keep My promise with anyone who comes to Me, and this more evidently so the more trustingly he approaches Me, the more intimately he unites with Me and entrusts himself to Me in silent conversation. The spoken language is intended for your communication amongst yourselves.... But I don't need words for I know everything, I look into your heart and read your thoughts, and thus you cannot deceive Me no matter how beautiful your words are.... just as no words are needed if you want to exalt and praise Me.... because a silent expression of thankfulness, a humble call upon Me, a life following My will, a faith brought alive through love will truly please Me and include praise and thanks as well.

Yet you shall confess Me to your fellow human beings with your mouth.... Where it concerns your attitude towards the faith you shall confess Me freely and openly and not fear the consequences of your courage of conviction.... For this confession shall in turn be an incentive for your fellow human beings whose faith is still weak, and at the same time it demonstrates that you support the truth, that you don't want to give an outward impression which does not concur with your inner thinking, with your conviction. You shall always be true and put Me and My name above all else if this confession is demanded of you....

But whatever you want to tell Me can be presented to Me by you silently and in secret, for I want to hear the voice of your heart and not just words spoken by the mouth without the involvement of the heart. And such prayers are tremendously powerful if they are sent to Me in unison.... if people come together imploring Me to grant a particular request.... if they all appeal for the same, if they send the same plea to Me, and even if it is just a short call.... I will hear it and grant it if they pray to Me in spirit and in truth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## Undoubting trust in God....

B.D. No. 7417

September 27th 1959

**A**ll your prayers will be granted to you if only you pray in the right way.... But as yet you do not know what to understand by the 'right way of praying'; otherwise you would live a completely carefree life on earth, because you would trust Me at all times. However, you lack this firm trust in Me, hence you cannot pray properly either, you doubt and still keep asking although you need only wait for help without doubting. Time and again tiny doubts still arise in you as to whether I will actually fulfil your requests, and then your prayer is already not as it should be in order to be granted. You should always know that My love for you is infinite and that love never denies itself.... If you pray in realisation of this, then you will also know that I cannot refuse anything you pray for, because My love wants to avert all difficulties from you, My love wants to make you happy, and My power is so great that nothing is impossible for Me, even if this seems impossible to you humans. Even so, you are unable to grasp My boundless love and this causes you to doubt, which weakens your trust in the fulfilment of your requests and thereby also restricts My working.... You only ever apply the yardstick which is applicable to you humans; you also limit My love because you have no idea what it means to love without limitation and to bestow limitless love. But no boundaries exist for Me, neither for My love nor My power, and therefore nothing is impossible for Me, just as I do not curtail My will to love those of you who pray to Me from the bottom of your hearts and with complete confidence that I will help, that I will grant your prayers. It is only your trust which must yet grow stronger.... the firm conviction that I hear your appeal and will come to help you, whatever it may be.... Your trust can

overcome everything, since then you will only work with Me Myself and thus you will also be able to undertake what you want.... it will always be blessed by Me.... You will clearly feel My hand after heartfelt and trusting prayer to Me.... You will be guided as it will be in your best interest, and all worries will fall away from you, so that you can walk through earthly life cheerfully and unburdened, always holding on to My hand and never letting go again because you constantly unite with Me in prayer. By simply finding this heartfelt bond with Me, you will be able to pray correctly, then you will speak to Me in the simplest way and I will hear you and not prolong the moment in order to help My child.... However, you must trust Me.... I must insist on this because every doubt prevents Me from My activity of love in you.... given that it is an eternal law that love must not meet with resistance, but that a lack of trust constitutes resistance which prevents the strength of My love from becoming fully effective.... I Am concerned for each individual person's well-being and each individual person can speak to Me like a child speaks to its father.... Thus anyone who does that will truly be well taken care of for time and eternity, he will always and forever receive help, for as soon as the child places its trust in Me I can take effect in him according to his will. And only then will he be able to pray correctly in spirit and in truth, only then can he be certain that his prayers will be answered, for I will not deny Myself to anyone who fully and trustingly calls to Me for help....

Amen

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## Belief in the soul's continuation of life....

B.D. No. 8059

December 9th 1961

If only people would believe that their soul.... their actual Self.... is immortal, if only they would believe that the soul as a human being on this earth is preparing its own fate in the kingdom of the beyond when it leaves its earthly body.... One day people will bitterly regret their indifference to their later fate, for one day they will realise what they had neglected to do in their earthly life, what they could have achieved had they believed the warnings and admonitions which were constantly given to them on earth. The indifference to their future fate is the great evil which threatens to pull many people into the abyss.... And therefore they shall only ever be informed of the fact that there is a continuation of life after death, that they cannot cease to exist even if they have to shed their earthly body.... their thoughts shall be directed towards this time which will come as certain as one day will follow the other.... If only they were able to gain the belief in a continuation of life after death they would also live more responsibly. This, too, cannot be **proven** to them, they can only **believe** it.... but they can gain a **convinced** faith if they think about it and question their actual purpose of earthly life.... Just a spiritually directed thought would suffice for a person to mentally receive an answer from the kingdom which is the soul's true home.... Yet such questioning thoughts have to be sent out by the human being of his own free will, for he cannot be forcibly urged into such spiritual thinking. But the smallest impulses are enough for him to question himself, and it will definitely only have beneficial results. Hence the human being will often have to suffer severe losses which can affect everything he loves.... earthly commodities or even people dear to him, the loss of which can motivate him to such thoughts.... And then even harsh strokes of fate will have become a blessing for him if they lead the person into a spiritual train of thought and thus enable spiritual powers to intervene, trying to instruct him. And if a person is asked whether he assuredly believes in the soul's continuation of life he will usually doubt it, even if he is religiously instructed in such a way, because he has not yet openly contradicted it. But he lacks the inner conviction and this makes him indifferent in his conduct, which should be aimed towards this life in the spiritual kingdom. But time and again the human being will have to deal with experiences which can and should direct his thoughts to the end which is certain for him and yet will not denote an end for his soul. And frequently he will also receive instructions by way of conversations or as printed material, although he can accept or reject them of his own free will....

And even the loss of earthly goods can make the human being think and wonder whether owning these is the real purpose of earthly existence.... Then it is possible that he will change his way of

thinking; then it is possible that he will not regard a continuation of life after death to be out of the question and afterwards he will lead a conscious way of life, because he believes that he will have to be answerable for it one day. And then the certainty that his body's death is not the end will steadily grow, for wherever there is the slightest will to live expediently on earth the human being will also receive help and he will not go astray....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

## **Fear of dying.... Beholding the spiritual kingdom before death....**

B.D. No. 6637

September 6th 1956

**S**piritual death is far more dreadful than physical death. And it is spiritual death which people unconsciously fear if they are frightened to die, for they fear what will happen to them after the death of the body.... this fear can befall the very person who does not believe in a continuation of life after death.... The soul feels that it is in a wretched state, and it transmits this awareness as fear onto the body, which therefore fights death as long as possible.

Fear of death is an involuntary confession of psychological immaturity, for the person lacks all realisation and therefore also confidence in God's mercy, in hope for help, which it certainly would always receive if it would call for help. The soul is in utter darkness and unconsciously fears to approach an even darker night. A fully matured soul expects its final hour with complete calm, it longs for deliverance from its bodily shell, it hands itself over to the One in Whom it believes, and commends itself to Him and His grace. And often such souls are allowed to take a glance into the kingdom that awaits them and can radiantly happy open their eyes, in order to then close them forever and to escape from their body into the kingdom they beheld. Fear of death is a distinct indication of the soul's state, and such souls must be given much help by their fellow human beings so that they will still awaken in the last minute and turn to the One Who wants to help and is able to help them....

Anyone who witnesses the death struggle and fear of a soul will be able to send a quiet, heartfelt prayer to Jesus Christ if he wants to help this soul to find inner peace.... For the soul will feel this help and reach out for the last rescue anchor, and it will be carried by the fellow human being's love when it leaves the body.... to Jesus Christ, Who will not close His ear to a sincere prayer for help. For this reason people should take especially good care of those who are afraid of dying and who thereby admit that they are still far from the light, from the right realisation and therefore also from God.... Fear of death confirms that they need help or they would be permeated by blissful calm when they feel that the hour of their departure from this earth is approaching.

And it is an act of utmost mercy and love to support a fearful soul, when nothing else can be done but to call upon Jesus Christ Himself that He may have mercy on this soul. This loving appeal will be heard and can save the soul so that it will be spared the darkest night....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

# Man has the responsibility for his soul

Effective medicine of the soul: God's word....

B.D. No. 5609

February 22nd 1953

**T**he recovery of a sick soul can only be achieved by a healing medicine, a medicine which contains everything the soul lacks, which has brought it into a state that expresses itself in weakness and suffering. The soul will only feel these sufferings and weaknesses upon its entry into the kingdom of the beyond, for previously the human being only pays attention to the body and all the soul's shortcomings recede in order to become even more prominent once it has discarded the body and only that remains which is the result of the earthly change.... the deficiently shaped soul, which now enters the kingdom of the beyond and experiences its poverty with extreme agony. It could have recovered on earth, i.e. it could have been provided with everything it lacked if the right medicine had already been given to it on earth, which would have shaped it well and could have put it into a strong state when the body passed away.... Yet it can still recover in the beyond through precisely this medicine, it can improve its weak, wretched state, albeit with greater effort than on earth, it can slowly make up for what it neglected to do on earth, yet never without the right remedy which will bring it strength and recovery. And this remedy is My word, which truly is the only medicine with a sure healing effect, which is indispensable for the soul, which gives it the right life, a life where it can create in light and strength and be blissfully happy.... The soul cannot **live** without My word, it can indeed vegetate, dull and wretched and completely powerless, because it cannot pass away, but it is not a life which requires activity and strength and light. With My word it accepts everything in order to be able to be active, for it accepts strength from Me directly and this strength impels it into activity, just as good medicine stimulates and invigorates the sick person so that he wants to take part in the work which appears to him as happiness. My word is simply the law of eternal order, and anyone who moves in My order from eternity will live, because a **life** is equal to activity according to My will. Anyone who violates My order either works wrongly or is prevented from working, he has become completely incapable of carrying out work.... My word is the divine law proclaimed to you which you must follow in order to be able to work in eternity. You must know about My law and therefore also listen to My word and live accordingly, then your soul will already have life within itself and can develop in the spiritual kingdom for its own and many souls' blessing. But if it arrives terminally ill in the beyond it lacks all strength for activity and is helpless and dependent on external help if it is not to sink into deepest darkness from which it can no longer free itself. There is no other means than this word of Mine, and even if intercession is made for these souls which are in distress.... it only helps to stimulate its will to open up when the means of salvation is handed to it.... For the soul must **want it itself**; no person on earth and no being in the beyond can take this decision of will away from it, it must inevitably turn to those itself who want to bring it the word which can heal and strengthen it. And you humans should pray for this will to become soft and compliant, and the soul will already feel this prayer as strength and accept the help offered to it. My gospel must be conveyed to all souls which want to attain eternal life.... For the acceptance of it is the entry into My eternal order and thus eternal life, for anyone who lives within My order will also be able to work according to My will, he will be able to work in strength and light and will no longer be dead in spirit but will live eternally....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

**D**o not forget those who have crossed over into the beyond in distress of soul. For they need your help. They are too weak to be able to help themselves and are eternally grateful to you if you assist them and give them strength through your prayer. Love must be the reason for this prayer, love for the weak, the unredeemed, which you do not want to let suffer, for which you want to reduce suffering as far as it is within your power. If you could take a look into the kingdom of the unredeemed souls on earth, deep compassion would fill your heart and your will to help would be stimulated if only a spark of love glows within you. For their fate is an unspeakably sad one which, even if self-inflicted, impels every compassionate soul to help. In frightening darkness they dwell, according to the degree of their imperfection, and their surroundings, if they are dimly able to recognize them, are barren and unfriendly, and yet they themselves are too weak to leave the place where they dwell and create a better state for themselves, and therefore their hardship is excessive because everything causes them agony. And you can reduce their torment by taking care of the poor souls in prayer, by trying to imagine their great hardship with compassion and remembering them in heartfelt prayer.... by further reciting the gospel to them in spirit, i.e. by trying to make the blessing of love clear to them and presenting love as the only means of solution. As soon as you succeed in igniting the spark of love in a poor soul it will be saved for eternity, for then it will be able to receive strength directly from the kingdom of light, the inhabitants of which are likewise busy working on those souls but can only take action when a small desire for light and a spark of love can be recognized in the soul and when love is expressed in such a way that it wants to help the suffering souls. Then strength will be supplied to it in increased measure and now the ascent in the spiritual kingdom will begin. But never ever should you leave the souls to their fate, for only love redeems, and only a loving attitude towards them can provide them with relief from their suffering. And therefore your prayer must come from the heart, it must not just be a lip prayer, but love for the weak, helpless must impel you to sincerely appeal to God for mercy and help for these souls, you yourselves must be driven by the feeling to ease their fate and you must often turn your thoughts towards them, who already feel this as a relief and sense every loving prayer as a grant of strength. Do not forget these souls, for they need you and will be eternally grateful to you if you have helped them from the depths to the heights, from the night of their surroundings into the light....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

**Strength of intercession....**

B.D. No. 5161

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

But this intercession has to be rendered consciously, i.e. with the intention of helping the souls to advance. You humans should know that your prayers are valuable, you should familiarise yourselves with the suffering of departed souls and with a loving heart pray for a gift of strength for these souls. They will surely experience this gift of strength and also gratefully feel the love intended for them which will cause them to love in turn, which will thus affect their environment like a small light that benefits all souls. You humans could do so inexpressibly much to release the souls if you have the will

to alleviate hardship and suffering.... For this will motivates you to pray from the bottom of your heart, and only this comprises redeeming strength. You should do everything consciously, external formalities or lip-prayers have no effect, because they exclude the conscious will to help. Only love is liberating.... this has to be said time and again.

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

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

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

# The true peace of the soul is peace in God

## Responsibility for direction of thought....

B.D. No. 3550

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**T**he human being's will itself determines the direction his thoughts take, and therefore he is also responsible for his thinking. Many different thoughts impose themselves, i.e., different spiritual emanations touch the human heart in the form of thoughts and want to be received. And now the human being's will has to become active and open his heart to the thought material which flows towards him, and he can now accept or reject.... i.e. linger longer with the thoughts he receives or quickly reject them. And this will corresponds to his nature, his spiritual state of maturity. And the more mature person will persist with good thoughts, whereas the still immature person takes pleasure in thoughts of a bad kind but would nevertheless also be able to accept good thought material, to overcome himself and eliminate the bad thoughts. All people are indeed tempted when the bad spiritual forces try to gain access and exert their mental influence. But their attempts fail because of the human will, as soon as the human being is good and does not like the mental emanations of the evil spiritual world. Although most people do not realize what thoughts actually are.... they believe that through intellectual activity they can assert their influence. They believe to generate them themselves through intellectual activity and would also be responsible for their thoughts with this idea, because even then the will would be decisive for the human being's direction of thought. And this will, if it is weak and undecided, can be strengthened through prayer for right thinking.... Therefore the human being is not defencelessly exposed to spiritual forces which want to cause him to think badly, but as soon as only his will is good, his strength will also be increased to defend himself against spiritual knowledge which is detrimental to his soul. For thoughts are the originators of deeds and thus also of the way of life the human being leads on earth. And therefore he should keep a watchful eye on his thoughts, he should always give account to himself in which direction he is urged by the thought material, whether it encourages good or evil action, and he should defend himself against the latter, if he is too weak he should take recourse to prayer, and he will always receive strength to resist, he will be guided into right thinking by the spiritual beings, which look after him and only await his appeal in order to be able to develop their strength and power, in order to resist the beings which oppress the human being and to impart the spiritual knowledge to him which comes forth from them and is good and valuable, because these spiritual beings are bearers of light and truth and their mental emanations, if they are received, guarantee spiritual higher development. And just as the human being's will is, so is his mental knowledge, for the will alone is decisive....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## Utilizing the divine word....

B.D. No. 6302

July 3rd 1955

**E**veryone will have to answer for how he used My word, how he let it affect him, how he adjusted to it when he had the grace to be addressed by Me Myself.... I will not condemn him if he did not recognize it as My word, nevertheless, one day he will bitterly regret having rejected a gift of grace which he could have recognized if he had been serious about doing the right thing and experiencing the truth.... But those who did not leave My word without impression, who felt it that they were addressed by Me and yet disregarded it out of convenience and carelessness, will have to answer, for they still resisted Me otherwise My voice **should have** touched them.... I address every person such that his heart will be touched if he is without inner resistance against Me.... Yet My word demands a

change of his nature, and if the human being is not willing to do so he closes his heart and also his ear, and then he renders My word ineffective.... "Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood will live for eternity...." I have spoken these words and made clear to you humans the importance of accepting My word.... For I Myself am the word Which became flesh, and I Myself come to you in the word and bring you nourishment for your soul, which you must not underestimate because it alone guarantees you **life** in eternity. You cannot live without this nourishment, you will perish to eternal death if you don't accept food and drink which give life to your soul.... You must accept Me Myself within you, and since I Myself am the word it will now also be understandable to you that you must not reject or disregard My word, that it will not remain without consequences if you pass by My word indifferently when it is offered to you.... You judge yourselves when one day you will recognize **what** you were commanded and how you behaved towards this gift of grace.... when you recognize that I Myself approached you in the word and offered you food and drink for your soul which you thoughtlessly rejected.... My word will testify against you, it will be resurrected on the last day, for a wasting, starving soul will one day stand before Me and testify by its condition how this soul has valued My word in earthly life.... And I cannot consider the soul other than according to its condition.... For it rejected what could help it to live, and what it now urgently needs in order to prepare a miserable life for itself it will have to struggle to acquire, and its remorse will be great for having forfeited on earth through its own fault what was abundantly available to it and would have earned it a glorious fate in the beyond.... I speak to people again and again, but only a few recognize the father's voice, and therefore only a few accept My word.... But these will be blessed, for they constantly receive food and drink for their souls, which now enter into life in glory when they leave the earthly body.... And thus the soul judges itself which disregards My word, for it can only be considered as it shapes itself in free will, and it will enter the kingdom of the beyond in a deformed state, and My word will bear witness against it....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### Importance of being responsible....

B.D. No. 7073

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**E**very human being is solely responsible for his soul. And therefore it is of utmost importance for him to know what he has to do in earthly life in order to save the soul from falling into the abyss, from eternal darkness and torment, in order to prepare a blissful fate for it, an eternal life.... He has nothing more to do than to free his soul from dense shells which surround it, to create the possibility for it again to let itself be radiated through by the divine light of love, as once before the being fell.... The human being must be aware that earthly life was given to him for this purpose, and thus he must also use this life for this purpose. And every day, every hour gives him the opportunity to do so, for he need only constantly practice unselfish love.... He has to try to free himself from selfish love, which let those dense shells grow around the soul. Whatever the human being undertakes on earth is completely worthless for eternity, for the transformation of his being, for the maturing of the soul, if unselfish love is not the motive of his activity. And everything that arises from the motive of self-love is only of use for the time of earthly life but not of lasting value for eternity. The human being should always observe which feelings dominate his thoughts and actions. And he will be able to ascertain that self-love still emerges powerfully and unselfish neighbourly love is rarely only the driving force in his actions. But with good will he can change himself and his feelings, he can consciously work on himself by forcing himself to put aside himself and his desires in order to help those who are in need instead.... And he will always see hardship around him, he will always have the opportunity to be of service, and it will also always give him more pleasure the more consciously he works on himself.... yet not for the sake of a reward but out of his own conviction to be inadequately shaped and to use earthly life in order to become perfect. He must strive upwards, then strength will also be supplied to him from above.... He must want that his earthly life is not lived in vain at the end of his days, and then he will certainly also reach the aim. As soon as the human being has succeeded in putting his ego

aside for the sake of his fellow human being he has already become a victor, and the soul's shells dissolve and can let in the divine ray of love, and then he no longer needs to fear having travelled the earthly path in vain.... But he must also do this very work on himself and know that he himself bears the responsibility. But the knowledge comes to him through the word of God.... If he allows himself to be touched by God's word, if he thinks about it and tries to follow it, then the work on himself already begins.... But anyone who does not listen to the word of God, who only lets it ring in his ears, who does not feel addressed by it, walks through life irresponsibly, even if he acts responsibly in earthly matters.... For he is only driven to this action by his self-love, which seeks earthly success, honour and fame but does not result in any spiritual transformation.... And such people will also hardly believe in the soul's continued existence after death and its torments in the kingdom of the beyond. For self-love makes it impossible for him to believe.... And therefore love for God and one's neighbour cannot be preached diligently enough, because only through such can the human being attain faith and the light of realization. Yet the human being cannot be forced into love either, it has to develop in him freely, but every human being is capable of it, because every human being has been given a spark of love for this course of his earthly life, thus only every human being needs to ignite it.... for which only his will is necessary. And the will is free but can be stimulated by the consciousness of responsibility. And the awareness of responsibility can also be awakened in every human being as soon as he seriously reflects on himself, on the creative power which brought him into being and on the purpose of his existence.... For anyone who **seriously** reflects on these questions will also receive a mental answer, and this answer will prompt him to live a conscious life with the purpose of the past perfection. And furthermore, every person will also receive enlightenments from outside which he can accept or reject.... But his own attitude is required, because only he himself can accomplish the work of changing his nature. But since every human being knows the damaging effects of an earthly, irresponsible life, he also knows the importance of a sense of responsibility.... And he can also value this for his soul.... and the transience of all earthly things should strengthen the awareness of responsibility for the eternal and imperishable even more.... Without love, however, man remains blind in his spirit and completely inactive. For the human being's work on his soul consists precisely of works of unselfish love, and as long as the human being's will is not willing to do so, the purpose of earthly life will not be fulfilled either, and the soul is and remains in greatest adversity, and the danger of sinking into the abyss again is great if it enters the kingdom of the beyond in this dark state.... unless the completely unselfish love of a human being on earth follows it into that kingdom and helps it to achieve a little light there.... But she will never be able to catch up or achieve what she was able to achieve on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

## Quiet and peace of the soul through deep faith....

B.D. No. 3656

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**Y**our heart remains restless as long as you do not firmly believe in My everlasting love and care for all My creatures. Only profound faith gives you peace and tranquillity of soul. And thus you must first try to gain it, then you will master earthly life even in the most difficult days, in earthly adversity and distress. Again and again I call out to you: What can happen to you without My will or My permission?.... My might is so strong that it can prevent everything I want; and My love for you is so great that I will also prevent what will harm your soul. If the body nevertheless has to suffer, then also consider this a proof of love, for it serves your soul for the best. And therefore don't fear earthly suffering but trust Me that I will also make this bearable for you if only you believe in Me, My love and might. Try to imagine that an opposing force from Me wants to ruin you and that I will never ever allow this out of love for you. The opposing force seeks to win your will and if it does not succeed in doing so, it rages against you.... If your will is now seriously turned towards Me I will also stand by you as protection and the adversary's activity will be unsuccessful. And thus you only ever have to believe that I am with you, that you will never be defencelessly exposed to his influence, and this faith

will give you comfort and peace, for I will not disappoint it. Your faith is the best weapon against the enemy of your souls.... I will not disappoint it and help you in every adversity, spiritually and earthly. But if you fear and doubt, the adversary will penetrate you and exert his influence. You can only achieve strong faith if you constantly unite with Me in prayer, for the constant call also gives you the inner certainty that I can help you, and you will also feel My love which wants to help you in every adversity.... Don't let earthly worries arise, for I will take care of them when the time comes, and only remember your souls and diligently care for them by strengthening and fortifying them through My word.... If you supply your soul with My word it will grow stronger in faith, and if you believe no earthly adversity will frighten you anymore. I constantly give you the assurance that I protect you in every danger of body and soul, and believe this word of Mine.... And peace and tranquillity will enter your heart, you will leave all worries to Me, you will also be able to transfer your faith to others, for profound faith radiates its strength and also revives your fellow human beings' weak faith. Don't be afraid but believe that I am powerful and love you.... And you will go through earthly life light-heartedly, always certain of My help, no adversity will frighten you even if you have to endure it for the sake of your souls, for I will end it when it is time, I will help you in accordance with your faith....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

### The true peace....

B.D. No. 6580

June 26th 1956

**I**t is not the world that can bring you peace, but I alone can give you true peace.... And therefore you should not neglect to approach Me Myself for inner peace for you and your fellow human beings. For on the part of the world many things will still assail you and worry your heart, but I can pour oil on troubled waters, I can lower peace into your heart so that you can truly live peacefully in the midst of the world, in the midst of greatest turmoil and commotion, because you feel My presence. Wherever I am there is peace, and therefore ensure that I can be with you, then nothing will be able to touch you and nothing will be able to shake you, for I Myself will spread My hands over you.... "I give you what the world cannot give you".... peace in Me.... And even if you have to go through this world, the confidence that I walk beside you, that you do not walk alone through the valley of the earth, gives you that feeling of inner peace, the peace in Me. And what can the world do to you if you feel safe in My presence.... if you entrust yourselves to the One Who is stronger than the world, if you win His love through your will to be and to remain His.... Then the storms may rage around you, you will not hear them because I command them to spare you. Only strive for this inner peace because it proves your bond with Me, and give Me the right to always walk next to you through this intimate bond with Me, or rather: Want to be **Mine** and only ever achieve the goal set for you, to mature spiritually. Then the world will take second place by itself because you turn away from it. But do not seek to find inner peace in the world.... For the world cannot give what it does not possess itself, because it is the realm of the one who tries to mix up everything and therefore also makes all people become peaceless who pay homage to his world.... For he does not love peace but will constantly seek to disturb it. And the more disturbing things are in the world the more clearly his activity emerges. And therefore I warn you time and again about the world, and I admonish you to take refuge in Me if you want to find peace, for all of you will still be in commotion because of the events which emanate from the world.... All of you will be in very difficult situations and will only be able to escape to Me so that I may give you what you are deprived of.... the peace of the soul.... And therefore you know **who** is at work when you are seized by uneasiness, when you are frightened and run into trouble, when you feel lonely and abandoned.... And then I only wait for your call to come to you and accompany you on your path through life. And then peace which the world cannot give you will enter your heart, which can only be found with Me and in Me, and which you will need in the time to come. Then your gaze will always be directed heavenwards, your thoughts will dwell with Me and in My kingdom, and the world will have lost its horrors for you....

Amen

