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Resurrection to life

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God's word most personal expression of Himself.... no death - eternal life....

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hey are words of eternal life which are given to you, for they come from the mouth of God Who wants to reveal Himself to you, His living creations. But God Himself is the life of eternity, therefore His life energy also flows continuously into infinity and takes shape in His creations and as the most personal expression of Himself in the word, He Himself speaks a language to you humans which you can all understand if your heart listens to His voice. And if you hear it in your heart or mentally you will live and never ever taste death in eternity. His word is life itself, because it proceeds from eternal life.... For God is from eternity to eternity the ceaselessly creating spirit, the ceaselessly working creator of heaven and earth.... i.e. spiritual and earthly works of creation, which bear His life within themselves and testify to His never-ending power. And thus His word is also strength and must also work as strength in the one who receives it into his heart.... And he has to escape death, he has to get into a state himself where he can be constantly active, where he can create and enliven because he is permeated by God's strength. And thus you humans have a source of strength, a fountain of life, from which you can always and constantly draw, and every powerless state must be alien to you if you refresh yourselves with the divine word, and you need not fear any weakness, neither earthly nor spiritually, for God Himself speaks to you through His word, and this signifies an increased supply of strength if you are worthy of this grace, if you desire this grace and listen for His voice which sounds subtly and softly within you. You will live and never ever have to fear death, and life means to possess fullness of strength and to be able to cope with every spiritual and earthly demand placed upon you. In order to live physically you have to take food and drink, but your spiritual life demands the same.... food and drink for the soul.... With this, remember God through His word.... He gives your soul the nourishment which sustains and matures it, which helps it from the weak, powerless state of death to a free, powerful state of life.... He feeds and waters you so that you may live.... Enjoy often the food that is offered to you from heaven, know that it is the most delicious thing that can be offered to you on earth, eat the bread of heaven and drink of the living water, and give thanks to the father in heaven for His love and grace which He bestows on His children on earth.... For He wants you to live for eternity, so that you will not fall into the state of death where His strength cannot touch you because you close your hearts yourselves. You are destined for eternal life and only His word can introduce you to it, therefore accept it, let the word Itself speak to you and be aware of the immense grace which God Himself bestows upon you, because He loves you from the start and wants to win you for eternity....

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"And the word became flesh"

'In the beginning was the Word....'

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I ime and again I want to emphasise the fact that I Am the work of the segment of the Word was with God.... How can you understand this? I Myself Am the be-all to which I gave life. I created similarlyime and again I want to emphasise the fact that I Am the Word of eternity.... I Am the Word.... Yet and end-all, everything that exists is emanated strength to which I gave life.... I created similarlynatured beings for Myself whose fundamental substance was the same as I Myself: divine strength of love.... And I was in contact with these beings from the very beginning through 'the Word'.... Thus the Word was 'in the beginning'.... when the beings were brought into life by Me.... Prior to this nothing existed which was able to hear My Word, although I always and forever carried the Word within Myself, for I Am a self-aware, thinking Being Which put Its will into practise and thus was able to create whatever came to Its mind as an idea or thought.... Although the beings which emerged from My strength were externalised by Me as independent I nevertheless remained in constant contact with them through 'My Word'.... I spoke to them, they understood Me and therefore they were immeasurably happy.... I Myself was the Word, for although they were unable to behold Me My Word nevertheless proved to them My existence, they knew that they came forth from the Being Which had created them and Which loved them tremendously. This Word of Mine was the real life in them; it was the incessant flow of strength which granted them supreme realisation, since through My Word everything became understandable to them, they grasped all correlations, they knew that they had emerged from the elementary Power and were in constant contact with this elementary Power, for It communicated with them in infinite love through the Word and they heard It.... I was the Word Itself, but It only manifested Itself when I brought these beings into life.... And thus there was a beginning for these beings, whereas I Myself Am forever.... However, there will be no end for My created beings.... They will continue to exist for all eternity, and their greatest beatitude will always consist of experiencing Me Myself through My Word, of being addressed by Me and be able to enter into a blissful dialogue. Yet a large proportion of the created beings forfeited the grace and beatitude of hearing My Word, they declined the flow of My strength of love and became incapable of hearing Me by distancing themselves from Me and preventing all communication through the Word, they closed themselves and became lifeless beings since they had no more contact with Me whatsoever.... They also deprived themselves of all happiness which only My formulated illumination of love.... My Word.... gave to them.

The heartfelt bond with Me also irrevocably resulted in the sounding of My Word, the withdrawal from Me, however, must also always be the same as the silence of My expression of love, of My Word.... Nevertheless, the entity will never cease to exist, but it will only be happy if it is able to hear My Word, in other words: I Myself Am the Word, and only My presence endows the being with beatitude, and My presence will always demonstrate itself if the being can hear Me.... And what I say to the being will make it incredibly happy, for it bestows on it brightest illumination, the realisation of its origin and the understanding of My nature, My reign and activity throughout the whole of infinity.... Such knowledge gives pleasure to the being, especially if it had previously been in an ignorant state for a long time, if it was separated from Me for a prolonged time and had abandoned every connection with Me as an isolated being and was therefore also wretched. As soon as it can hear My Word again, as it was from the start, it will also be able to be called blessed again, for to hear My Word is also the evidence of My presence, and My presence demonstrates that the being is approaching its original state again, as it was in the beginning.... that it has become the divine living creation again which emerged from Me in all perfection, which was called into life by My greater than great love in order to make it forever happy. The intimate bond with Me is only verified through the

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hearing of My Word, for wherever the Word can be heard that is where I Myself Am, Who is the 'Word' of eternity.... And I want to transfer all My thinking, intentions and activity onto My living creations, and this only ever takes place through the Word, through contact between the being and Me, which makes the sounding of My Word possible. And this Word is, again, a thought from Me expressed in a form.... I want My living creations to partake in all My thinking, intentions and activity, therefore My Word flows to them, and the beatitude of the beings rests in the fact that they may completely subordinate themselves to My will, that they have the same thoughts and will within themselves and that they are nevertheless totally free and independent beings, which are not subject to My compulsion and yet do not think and want differently, because they have reached a degree of perfection again which was theirs in the very beginning.... Only the most heartfelt bond with Me will also enable them to hear My Word, yet this will also guarantee the being beatitude and eternal life....

Amen

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Man needs the light....

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The spiritual light shines out into the darkness.... My word sounds down to earth and breaks through the night that is spread over the earth.... For My word is the light which shines from above and penetrates dark regions.... My word is the evidence of My love for people who walk along in spiritual darkness and who will be swallowed up by the abyss if a light does not point out to them the danger they are in...., for they walk along the edge of the abyss and are pushed ever closer to this abyss by My adversary and do not notice it because they are blind in spirit. Humanity has to be struck by a ray of light, it has to become sighted in order to now also take the right path which will only become apparent to it through the light. You humans must not believe that your God and creator leaves you to your fate, that He takes no part in your earthly course and its success.... For I am not only your God and creator but I am your father Who loves His children and wants to lead them out of every adversity and danger, because He knows that you are blind in spirit and constantly in danger of sinking into the abyss. And this constant danger is the darkness in which you walk, for you are completely without realization of what you are, what you were and what you shall become again. For you lack the light.... the truth from God.... You lack the knowledge which I alone can give you, because you once rejected it and are therefore to blame for your darkened state. I first have to give you this light again because you cannot acquire it yourselves.... which you certainly could if only you would kindle love within yourselves, which is a true light and gives you knowledge.... But you live without love and therefore also remain in darkness. And if I want to lead you out then I must kindle a light for you, I must give you a light.... I must bring the truth to you, even if you are not worthy of it, if you don't do anything to attain it yourselves.... But My love for you is great and it is the last time.... The danger that you will sink into the abyss has increased, and whatever I can still do to save you from this fall into the abyss I do.... And thus I let a light shine down to earth, I give you the truth even though you don't deserve it because you don't strive for it yourselves. But I know about your spiritual blindness into which My adversary has plunged you, and thus I kindle a light in you, and as soon as you don't resist it, as soon as you accept the light, the darkness around you will disappear and you will recognize the path which I show you, which you should take: the path of love.... I convey My word to earth and constantly address you that you should fulfil My commandments of love and that you will then also find your way out of the spiritual darkness, that you will feel at ease when you have escaped the darkness of night and entered the light of day. Because you are in completely dark territory, that is why you need a light.... And yet, you must receive it voluntarily, you may not reject it otherwise you will not be able to feel any effect of the light. And if I can only send you a small ray which makes you realize that the path you are taking is not the right one... if I can only convey so much truth to you that you learn about your God and creator and your relationship with Him.... then you can already increase the glow of light yourselves by desiring to know more, and this desire will truly be fulfilled by Me. Only a small glimmer of light shall penetrate you, and the benefit of light will then cause you to kindle

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it in yourselves by practising love, because you recognize it as the origin of light. And if only this is achieved, that you humans fulfil My commandments of love, then the dark night will also be broken through, for the light of love will shine brightly into the night and chase it away, and the sun of the spirit will rise and all danger will be banished. And that is why I must send a light from above to earth, for on earth twinkling lights only appear from time to time which give off no light and therefore mean no benefit for people. The light must emanate from **Me**, from the eternal source of light and strength, and truly, such light will penetrate everything if only no resistance is offered to it.... But anyone who desires to stand in the light will also be illuminated by it, and through My word he will be introduced to vast knowledge which corresponds to the truth. And this knowledge will convey to him again the realization of what he once was and shall become again.... And it will make him seriously strive, for he will recognize the path which is now brightly and clearly shown to him and which also safely leads to the goal, to perfection, to union with Me....

Amen

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"God sent His son to earth...."

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sent My son to earth.... A Being Which emerged from My eternal primal love, Which turned Its whole love towards Me when a great host of My originally created spirits fell away from Me, Which recognized Me as Its father of eternity although It could not see Me, wanted to prove Its greater than great love to Me by wanting to bring the apostate children back to Me through a work of a unique kind.... And because His love moved Him to do so, I allowed it, I gave My consent for this being to descend to earth, for It to go from the kingdom of light, where It was immeasurably blissful, into a dark region.... into the kingdom of My counter-spirit Lucifer, who was the first of the fallen beings to become My antipole. I sent My son to earth Who offered to serve Me Myself on earth as a cover because I wanted to bring help to all fallen beings in their great spiritual adversity. For their way back to Me had been cut off, they would have had to remain eternally at a great distance from Me in a state of endless torment and wretchedness.... But they were all My creatures which had come into being out of My love and might through the will of the first-created being.... Lucifer.... who originally found the greatest bliss in creating creatures using My strength.... That this original spirit, which I had put forth as My image, fell, I could well have prevented, but I did not.... for in My love and wisdom I foresaw a process of complete deification of the fallen beings with the ultimate goal of **childship** to God, which, however, had to be achieved by free will.... However, the will of the fallen beings was so weakened by the influence of My counter-spirit Lucifer that the beings were incapable of once again reaching up from the deepest depths if I had not given them help, which was now also given to them on My part by the being in a state of compulsion.... thus according to My will.... through the material creation.... But even then the beings were still completely powerless because they once rejected My strength of love and could only gain this strength for ascent through love.... However, they had become incapable of love.... In My overwhelming mercy I probably put in a spark of love in their last stage on the path of return to Me.... Nevertheless, the immense burden of original sin, of rebellion against Me as their God and father in the state of brightest knowledge, remained on each of the fallen original spirits, for it had to be redeemed according to the law of divine justice, atonement had to be made which these fallen beings could never make themselves.... And therefore an original spirit remaining with Me offered to accomplish this work of atonement on earth because His love for Me and for the fallen brothers was so immense that He was willing to take upon Himself everything that this work of atonement required in terms of pain and suffering.... For He wanted to walk the earth as a 'human being', He wanted to embody Himself in Jesus' human shell and walk a path of suffering which required utmost love and which also made the manifestation of the Eternal Deity Himself in Him possible.... For I could only be where love is.... I could only unite Myself with love and therefore choose a vessel for My dwelling which had completely shaped itself into love.... Jesus' soul indeed brought love for Me with it to earth, but the region it entered at His birth was Lucifer's kingdom, and

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the soul was oppressed by him, everything surrounding Him was Lucifer's share, and because He had taken on the task of carrying out a mission as a human being to save His fallen brothers, He was not allowed to use the strength of love which was at His disposal as 'My son' in order to defend Himself against the oppressor and to shake it off.... but He had to wrestle with His fellow human beings and redeem the oppressor through a life of love.... which was therefore not so easy to lead because the unspiritual tried to hinder Him and His human outer shell reacted in the same way to all temptations.... thus His soul had to fight against it until the love in Him broke through ever more strongly and He thereby also spiritualised His physical shell, thus His light of love shone ever brighter and He did what the adversary wanted to prevent Him from doing:.... that He endured superhuman suffering and death out of love, thus He opposed My enemy with love and defeated him through love.... that He satisfied My justice and paid the purchase price for the souls which the adversary could now no longer hold captive.... Love, then, accomplished this work of mercy, which completely filled Him, and this love was I Myself.... But 'My son' had to pass through this darkness, through Lucifer's kingdom, and therefore had to leave behind His light and strength, which He possessed as a non-fallen original spirit. He had to.... like every human being, start earthly life in the same weakness, for He was meant to show people the path which leads back to Me again.... the path of love and suffering, which truly the man Jesus preceded His fellow human beings and I was able to take abode in Him because His soul was not burdened by original sin and His love gave Him the strength to also spiritualise His human body, thus He passed through earthly life without any sin.... For sin is only that which violates love.... And since I place a spark of My divine love in every human heart, every human being is also capable of igniting love and fanning it into highest embers.... Thus nothing impossible is required of you humans, because only weakness of will can prevent you from working with love and you can always ask Jesus Christ to strengthen your will, because this is one of the blessings He acquired for you through His death on the cross. And you humans must make use of these blessings of the act of salvation so that His act of mercy will not have been offered to you in vain, so that you will recognize Me Myself in Jesus, Who took abode in His shell in order to redeem you from your guilt of sin....

Amen

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The mission of Jesu

The bridge into the spiritual kingdom.... Jesus....

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The bridge into the spiritual kingdom was built by Me when I descended to earth in order to redeem humanity. You all may cross this bridge if you want to follow Me.... And thus understand this right: Anyone who follows Me, who has chosen Me as his leader will be able and shall travel the same path as I have taken Myself, and he need not fear to go wrong. And thus even as a human being I maintained contact with the kingdom whence I had come. Admittedly, at first My origin was also hidden to Me, the human being Jesus, I lived on earth and knew no more than other people, yet My soul persistently searched for God, My soul constantly returned again to My true home.... to the kingdom of the most blessed spirits....

And My yearning of love for God was so great that He came to Me and soon also informed Me of My mission on earth. Hence I already recognised at an early age that I and all other people were only guests on this earth, but that in the hour of death the spiritual kingdom was opened again for everyone, only its spheres were very different. I had this knowledge as a human being on earth and was often able to look into these spheres. I saw the abundant bliss as well as the extreme agony of the spiritual beings, and My soul yearned but it was also appalled. I beheld the spiritual world due to the degree of maturity My soul had already attained on earth, and therefore My soul was no longer endangered by entering the different spheres in the spiritual kingdom. I Myself had already established the bridge by changing My nature into love and was therefore able to safely cross the bridge into the spiritual kingdom.

And thus I want to explain to you that the love within you humans is always able and will establish a bridge into the spiritual kingdom, then not you yourselves but the spirit of God awakened through love will guide you across, because it wants to introduce you to the kingdom which is your true home and which offers you incomparable treasures, that you may receive in this kingdom.... Then you can also safely and without worry take a glance into the realm of darkness, for then your love will want to help all those who need this help. The bridge leading from earth into the spiritual kingdom has to be understood literally as well as figuratively.... I have prepared the path for you which will lead to God, which you shall take by following Jesus. However, through My resurrection on the third day I also demonstrated to you that I have overcome death, that there are no limits for the living, the immortal part in you, that your soul at all times may and shall stay in the spiritual kingdom and that My spirit, if you awakened it, will guide you into areas which otherwise are inscrutable for you. Yet it is different when such contacts to the spiritual kingdom are established without faith in Me, without spiritual aspiration and without love.... Then people enter a bridge without permission, hence they unlawfully take possession of it in order to glance into the kingdom, which is hidden from them. People like these do not acknowledge Me, consequently they cannot be on the bridge which I have established through My crucifixion.... Yet they also see a bridge leading into the spiritual kingdom, an illusion, which My adversary makes them believe because he wants to entice them to him, which he easily succeeds in doing.... by plunging you into ever deeper darkness, because no light can be found in darkness.

But anyone who desires light will be met by the beings of light, and they will provide him with an abundance of light, with the pure truth, which can only ever come from God's kingdom, from the kingdom of eternal truth. From the kingdom of darkness comes nothing but harm, from the kingdom of light only blessings; you shall close yourselves to the kingdom of darkness but open yourselves to the kingdom of light, for I Myself call to you from this kingdom: Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavily laden, and I will give you rest. And if I call you to Me then you must also enter the bridge

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which I Myself have established from earth into the spiritual kingdom in order to smooth the path for you which leads you to ascent, to Me, but which can only ever be found through love....

Amen

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Jesus taught love on Earth....

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Jesus' soul brought love along with it to earth and therefore He was able to take excessive suffering upon Himself, since love gave Him the strength to do so. He knew that people were especially lacking love and were therefore weak and powerless. Although they also sheltered a tiny spark of love, hence they were **capable** of love, nevertheless, they were unwilling to love because it was smothered by My adversary.... who increasingly stimulated their selfish love and prevented selfless love from coming through. Consequently Jesus exemplified a life of love to people.... Jesus only treated His fellow human beings with kindness, He healed their afflictions, He comforted them and helped wherever help was needed.... He was unselfish and always willing to ease people's fate on earth....

He taught them **why** they should live a life of love, He warned them of the consequences of a heartless way of life, just as He repeatedly demonstrated to them the effects of a life of love and provided the proof Himself by being capable of great feats of strength, by healing the sick and performing miracles by virtue of His constantly increasing love.... for He was closely united with God, the Eternal Love Itself.... And therefore Jesus taught people to establish the bond with God, their eternal Father, which can only take place through love and through heartfelt prayer....

All this had become unfamiliar to people and only a few lived a life of love, but they soon recognised Jesus as the promised Messiah, they recognised in Him the Father.... This love had kindled a small light in them which subsequently was nourished by Jesus' teaching and made the darkness recede.... And this doctrine was meant to be spread among the human race, for this reason He educated His disciples Himself, sending them into the world with the instruction to proclaim Him, His act of Salvation and the Gospel of love, because people should be shown the right path which leads to eternal life....

However, Jesus would never have been able to accomplish this act of Salvation had He not been full of love, but love achieves everything, no limits exist for love.... nothing is impossible for it, nothing exists that love could not overcome.... for as a human being it would have been impossible to survive such an extent of suffering and pain as was imposed upon Him.... But the strength of love helped Him to be victorious.... by virtue of love He endured the most bitter suffering and excruciating death on the cross and only gave up His life when the act was accomplished....

Only then was it possible for a person to release himself from the adversary who kept him in bondage as long as the guilt of sin had not been redeemed.... Only after Jesus' crucifixion were people able to appeal for strength and reinforcement from Jesus Christ, in Whom God Himself, as the Eternal Love, had died.... People are no longer at the mercy of God's adversary and his arbitrary use of power, they can detach themselves from him if they pray to Jesus for help and through a life of love acquire the strength to fulfil God's will.

Consequently, it is most important in earthly life that the Gospel is proclaimed to people, which removes the dense darkness from people and lets them find faith in Jesus Christ as Son of God and Redeemer of the world, and which will always grant the strength to complete the earthly path successfully.... For love is strength, without love a person remains weak and cannot reach his goal, on account of which he lives on earth.... But neither can there be light on this earth without love, for it is the realm of God's adversary who spreads dense darkness with the aim of preventing the recognition of God and not to lose his followers but who can be recognised in the light as an enemy....

Where love is preached, the faith in Jesus Christ can also be awakened if only people are willing to live up to the commandments of love. And thus the labourers in the vineyard of the Lord shall

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diligently work and spread the Word of God, which will always consist of the divine commandments of love, because people must be informed of the fact that only love will gain them spiritual advancement, that only love will grant them the strength to improve themselves, and that love also bestows upon them the light which reveals extensive knowledge so that they will consciously travel their earthly path.... conscious of their task and their goal.... and do their utmost to strive for it.... As soon as they acknowledge Jesus Christ, as soon as they know that God Himself has accomplished the act of Salvation in Jesus Christ and then consciously hand themselves over to Him, they will also be released from their original sin and reach the goal on earth and the final union with their God and Father of eternity....

Amen

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Redemption of guilt through death on the cross....

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From the night of death you came to life through My death on the cross. Darkness was your fate **L**' and would have remained so if I had not taken pity on you and opened the gate into the kingdom of light for you again by redeeming your guilt of sin Myself, by shedding My blood for you, by paying the purchase price for your souls to the adversary who had held you captive for eternities until I Myself redeemed your guilt on the cross. Now he had to release you, he could no longer keep you in bondage if you are willing to release yourselves from him, if you take refuge in Me, Who accomplished the act of salvation for you.... Your guilt of sin of the past apostasy from Me was immeasurably great, and thus the work of atonement also had to be unusual.... And a soul of light, an original spirit that came forth from Me, offered itself for you.... His fallen brothers.... to make atonement for you in order to lead you back to Me Myself again, in order to clear the path into the kingdom of light for you again, which otherwise would have remained eternally blocked for you. This soul of light descended to earth, it took on a human shell, it lived a life of love as a human being and thereby prepared itself to become a vessel in which I Myself could now take shelter.... And I took abode in this human being Jesus and accomplished the work of salvation in Him.... The man Jesus took immense suffering upon Himself, for He wanted to atone for all of humanity's guilt of sin through His path of suffering, which ended with the most bitter death on the cross.... He wanted to make satisfaction for My righteousness because He knew that no being could stay close to Me which was still burdened by sin. And I accepted His sacrifice because love brought it.... For love was in Him, and love was I Myself.... This act of becoming human in Jesus will always remain a mystery for you humans, for only when you have fathomed the 'essence of love' will you also be able to understand this act of love of My becoming human.... For I Myself, as 'God', could not suffer, the atonement had to be made by a 'human being' who was capable of suffering and also willing to suffer, for I could not determine a human being to make such a sacrifice for his fellow human beings.... But Jesus, the human being, was full of love, and this **love** determined Him to freely offer Himself as a sacrifice of atonement to the father, Whom He loved with all the ardour of His soul. Thus He accepted Me completely into His heart, for every thought, every breath, was meant for Me, from Whom He had come forth.... But he who abides in love abides in Me and I in him.... thus it was I Who completely filled the man Jesus and Who therefore also offered the sacrifice, Who accomplished the act of salvation for all people of the present, the past and the future. The man Jesus took immense suffering upon Himself in order to atone for the great guilt, and I was satisfied with this act of love and redeemed the great guilt, and the path to the kingdom of light was cleared, the bridge from the kingdom of darkness to the height was built, which can now be entered by every person who wants to ascend from the abyss.... And I conquered death, which he had brought into the world who first apostatized from Me.... I have risen from the dead, I have conquered death and acquired life for every human being who only acknowledges Me as redeemer of the world, who consciously avails himself of the graces of the work of salvation, who bears his sins under the cross and asks for forgiveness of his guilt.... I have risen from the dead to give you humans the evidence that you, too, will rise to eternal

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life if only you believe in Me, if only you let yourselves be redeemed by Me. Then there will be no more death for you, then you will be free from all guilt because I Myself have redeemed it as the man Jesus...., then the kingdom of light with all its glory will be open to you...., then you will truly have emerged from the night of death into the light of life, and then you will also never lose this life again, for you have now received it from My hand, Who has loved you from the beginning and will love you for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The work of redemption through Jesus Christ....

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Ou cannot occupy your thoughts often enough with Jesus Christ's act of salvation, for it was the most powerful thing that has ever happened and will ever happen on earth.... I Myself, your God and creator, your father from eternity, embodied Myself in this human being Jesus and walked the path across earth as a human being.... You will not be able to grasp this until you stand in the highest abundance of light; yet as a human being it shall be held up to you again and again that this great event took place because of you.... And you truly cannot think often enough about the infinite love which prompted Me to put on flesh in order to be able to come close to you, who otherwise would have passed away in view of My light if I had not veiled Myself to you in order to be able to dwell with you.... I Myself.... the greatest spirit of infinity.... entered this earth and took on the form of a human being because it was necessary to accomplish a work of atonement for you and your immense guilt of sin in order to pave the way for you humans back to Me again, from Whom you had once voluntarily distanced yourselves. And this work of atonement was truly unique, for the most bitter suffering and pain ever endured by a human being, Who was pure and sinless and full of love, was inflicted on him.... He was tormented physically and mentally and patiently took all these torments upon Himself in order to atone for the great guilt of sin of His fallen brothers.... And in this man was I Myself.... I could not suffer as a spirit, therefore I took on the shell of a human being in order to take upon Myself the suffering which meant the redemption of the guilt of sin and which could not be avoided for the sake of justice, which demands at one ment for every offence against My love.... This is why your God and creator, your father of eternity, embodied Himself in this human being Jesus, this is why I Myself lived on this earth as a human being, because I wanted to bring salvation to you, who otherwise would have remained eternally separated from Me due to your guilt of sin and would never have been able to take the path back to the father, because the path to the kingdom of light was closed to you as long as your guilt had not been redeemed.... Yet as long as you humans stay on earth you cannot grasp the full depth of this great work of mercy.... because your thinking is limited and you are still in darkness, i.e. in a state without knowledge.... until you yourselves have found forgiveness through Jesus Christ, until you yourselves have been redeemed by Him through His blood which He shed on the cross for humanity's guilt of sin.... only then will it become bright in you, and only then will you be able to muster understanding for the great work of love of your God and creator of eternity.... only then will you also be able to understand Who walked the earth in the man Jesus, Who redeemed you from sin and death.... And ever brighter light will shine in you the further you progress in your maturity of soul.... if you live in love as the man Jesus exemplified to you.... Then you will also often dwell with Him in your thoughts, you will recognize Me Myself in Him, you will sing praise and thanks to Me in your heart that I Myself descended to earth in order to bring you salvation, which only I Myself could bring to you by sacrificing Myself in Jesus for you and your sins. My death on the cross was a unique act of love which was accomplished for all times, for the past, the present and the future.... And it will never be repeated.... But in the spiritual kingdom it can be experienced at any time by the world of light, by all beings who have entered the kingdom of light and who can also measure the immense love and grace of their father, who caused that great act of love.... And they will praise and glorify Me and My name, for in their abundance of light they recognize the significance of the work of salvation, and full of love and gratitude they participate in it by seeking to lead the

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unredeemed spiritual beings to Jesus Christ and thus to Me Myself, Who was and remained in Him in order to be and remain a visible God to all created beings for all eternity....

Amen

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Spiritualization of the body of Jesus

Resurrection of the flesh....

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The will for truth guarantees correct thinking and correct understanding.... You, who want truth, will receive the purest truth, you need not fear any error and thus will always be blessed if you want to spread the truth. Let Me know what you cannot understand as yet.... what gives rise to doubt.... and I will teach and enlighten you....

The doctrine of the resurrection of the flesh.... as you humans would dearly like to understand it.... becomes untenable as soon as you have penetrated spiritual knowledge to some extent, as soon as you have come closer to the truth and tried to explain the meaning of My Words in a spiritual sense. What I said is eternal, unchangeable truth.... but the meaning you try to read into it is truly not in My Word.... But every person will be able to grasp the spiritual meaning of My Words if only he sincerely strives for truth. Anyone who prays to Me Myself for understanding, who tries to penetrate the truth, will soon plainly and clearly realise the spiritual meaning of the Word, and he will not get stuck to the letter.... 'Resurrection of the flesh....' These words mean the same to you humans as 'life after death'....

To you, the word 'life' has the same meaning as 'to live in the flesh' as long as your spirit is not yet awakened, as long as the real meaning of 'life' is still unknown to you. People who do not believe in a continuation of life believe that their existence ends with their physical death. Being in their physical body means 'life' to them. However, they know that they will lose this shell through death but they do not believe in a trinity of body, soul and spirit.... Only the body exists for them, the 'flesh', and once this has died the expression 'life' is over for them. Resurrection of the flesh signifies the resurrection of the body to them. They only associate this with their physical body, and it is a difficult doctrine.... the 'resurrection of the flesh', which people are expected to believe....

Nevertheless, it can be a blessing if, due to this teaching, the human being believes in resurrection.... in life after death. As a result of this belief he will also change his nature and this change can result in an awakening, in an illumination by My spirit.... And then he will also understand the Word 'resurrection of the flesh....' Then he will comprehend its spiritual meaning.... Resurrection means: to awaken from death into life.... to arise from a state of sleep.... to step out of darkness into light.... And thus, for the first time, everything that was concealed by the darkness of night will come into light.... It will arise and reveal itself.... it will come alive in order to bear witness.... In the state of death nothing happens that could be declared. However, what happened in life, in the state when you lived on earth in the flesh, now becomes evident, it reveals itself, it arises to give evidence for or against you.... And not, that the physical body of flesh rises again from the dust in order to shroud you once more for a new life. For this body of flesh is just a transient shell for the immortal soul, which cannot die but it can be spiritually dead on its departure from earth. Nevertheless, it can still awaken to life in the spiritual realm.... thus still rise from the dead even there.... if it finds its way to Jesus Christ, Who will then give it 'life'....

Even Jesus became flesh when He came to earth, and even this flesh had to suffer earthly death. Jesus rose from the dead to confirm to you that your life will not end with the death of your body, that your soul, too, can arise to eternal life.... but to confirm the truth of His Words He let His body rise from the dead too.... and yet, it was not a resurrection of the flesh, for His body had spiritualised itself. The soul had donned the garment of the spirit and withdrawn all spiritual substances from the earthly body since, due to His life and death, it had already become completely spiritualised.... Thus the body's physical substances, which are essentially spiritual substances too, had already achieved their

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final objective on earth and thus could join the soul and.... because it had been Jesus' will.... also become visible to His disciples in order to strengthen their faith. And since a perfect spirit is not earthbound, Jesus could rise into spiritual spheres.... when He ascended to heaven....

You humans, too, will have a body after your resurrection.... a spiritual garment, and this will be in accordance with your flesh, for 'you will reap what you have sown....' If you have sinned in the flesh, the garment of your soul will give it away. If you have done good works out of love, you will be radiant and thus recognisable too. Yet your soul will never again put on the heavy earthly garment, which was its abode during the short earthly time in order to be able to survive in the material world.... Anyone who knows the meaning and purpose of the material creation, who knows about the fallen spirits' development through this creation for the purpose of ascending to Me, will not need such explanations, but he needs to be able to refute a doctrine which is absurd due to wrong interpretation....

But if you absolutely want to speak about the resurrection of the 'flesh', let the explanation suffice you that My Word will rise again to bear witness for or against you.... I Am the Word that was made flesh.... and I approach every human being in the Word.... And when the last day has come, when every one of you will have to be judged, My Word itself will judge you.... you, who received My Word and considered it in accordance with your will.... The flesh will rise again.... because it was offered to you as nourishment, you were meant to 'eat My flesh' and 'drink My blood', you were meant to accept My Word eagerly and let it strengthen you.... And you will have to justify yourselves before Me how you have used My gift of love. This explanation also corresponds to the truth, and it should encourage you to use your life in the flesh on this earth by accepting His food and drink, Who is the eternal Word that became 'flesh' for your sake....

You will find wisdom shining forth from every explanation, even if you humans have not yet penetrated into spiritual knowledge. And if your spirit is awake, you will readily accept every one of My explanations, for they will satisfy you, whereas the wrong interpretation of My Word will only stir a will of resistance in you and must do so, because this wrong interpretation stems from My adversary whose aim it is to confuse a person's thoughts, to divert him from the truth and to remove any belief in life after death. A wrong interpretation such as this also proves the spiritually low level of people, and also of those who bring My Word to them even though they have not yet penetrated the meaning of My Words themselves.... The letter kills.... only the spirit gives life.... And all of you should ask for this spirit, you should pray for enlightened thinking and strive for pure truth, and your prayer will certainly not go unheeded....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Easter....

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April 17th 1960

And I rebuilt the Temple again as I had promised.... I arose from the dead on the third day, and My body also left the grave because it was My will that people should take notice of My resurrection. They did not believe in life after death and I wanted to provide them with the evidence that it had also been possible for Me to conquer death so that they would believe My promise that every person who believes in Me will arise into life. For this reason I let the body in its spiritual state arise from the grave, I appeared to My disciples who were able to see as well as touch Me because they should believe that I arose from the dead as I had previously announced. But only those whose spiritual state permitted it were able to see Me, for I was no longer physically among them, instead, body and soul had spiritualised themselves and therefore were only visible to those who were able to behold Me with spiritual eyes because I had opened their spiritual vision. And this, on the other hand, was the reason why people doubted, that they argued and voiced the suspicion that My body had been unlawfully removed.... just as even today My resurrection on the third day is still doubted by those who do not understand the soul and body's process of spiritualisation. People do not believe in a

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resurrection of the soul and yet, all people will experience the same process, when their body dies, of the soul leaving the body and entering the kingdom of the beyond, for it cannot die, but its state can be entirely different depending on its way of life. Had the latter resulted in maturity, the soul would arise into life.... to a new life in the spiritual realm.... My soul was fully matured, it had united with the Father-Spirit of eternity and during earthly life also knew how to influence the body to adapt to its desire, so that the body would already have attained the spiritualisation of all substances on earth and thus was able to arise after death with the soul, of which I provided the evidence on the third day. Yet even this process can only be **believed** because it can no longer be proven. But anyone who is spiritually awake, who knows of the human being's purpose and goal on earth, also believes in My resurrection on the third day with convinced faith, for he will be informed by My spirit which, after My resurrection, also illuminated My fully mature disciples who had spiritual vision, because it was My will and because they were already prepared such that the event of the outpouring of the spirit, My ascension, no longer signified a coercion of will. Therefore only a few individual people were able to behold Me after My resurrection and I strengthened these individuals for this unusual event. They saw Me.... and I wanted it this way, because My disciples were meant to go into the world in order to proclaim My Gospel and because they were to bear witness of My resurrection on the third day. However, I did not appear to the unbelievers, for they would not have been able to endure My abundance of light which would have illuminated their spiritual darkness. But anyone who hears My Gospel, who believes in Me and My act of Salvation shall also be able to believe in My resurrection from the dead, and it will indeed be possible for him to believe it because the spirit in him, which emanates from Me, educates him in the same way and grants him a living faith. He will not require any other evidence, inwardly he will be completely convinced that his soul will arise into life, consequently, he will also live his life on earth consciously, he will strive towards unity with Me, he will keep to Jesus Christ and in Him enter into contact with Me Myself.... he will strive spiritually and constantly try to live up to My will.... and he will not need to fear death because he will know that he will arise into eternal life....

Amen

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Jesus' resurrection and spiritualisation....

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You can confidently accept it as truth that My body simultaneously spiritualised itself with My ▲ soul, that I was therefore able to arise from the dead because nothing of a physical nature remained in the grave which might have had to continue the process of development. During My life on earth I had also become master over My body, I had spiritualised all substances, that is, as Jesus, the human being, I had handed them over to My Father of eternity; nothing existed in My body which resisted the Father in Me, and I did not suffer the agonies on the cross for My sake.... for the sake of spiritualising My body.... but only in order to atone for humanity's sins with it. However, My body was still humanly inclined so that it felt and endured the immense pain.... Nevertheless, after I had accomplished the act of Salvation for the human race with My death on the cross, I also wanted to provide you with the evidence of My spiritualisation which resulted in My resurrection from the dead.... Thus body and soul were able to arise because they had achieved the act of spiritualisation and nothing was capable of keeping this spiritual being in the grave, for the spirit penetrates everything, even the most solid matter. This spiritualisation of the body was certainly possible for Me because I was completely imbued by love and because love dissolves every impure substance, for.... where love is present.... nothing of an impure nature can persist, because love guarantees a unification with the Eternal love, since it consumes everything, only leaving the pure spirit behind, which thus can unite itself with the Primary Spirit of eternity. I remained in this love, and if you humans likewise shape yourselves into love, you will also be able to spiritualise your body, you will place all material substances into the right order and all inherently bound spiritual substances therein will turn to Me as the Eternal Love and give up all opposition, which had once hardened its substances and had been the

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cause of its banishment into matter. But this spiritualisation of the body will only be achieved by a few people while they are still on earth, nevertheless, it is **possible**. Then the body will also be able to arise at the same time as the soul, it is just that it will not often be perceptible to you humans because it is not necessary for your salvation of soul to experience unusual things which are generally not comprehensible to people.

However, the fact that I Myself have risen from the dead, that My body stepped out of the grave as well, can be believed by you, for My life as a human being truly was such that it was possible for the body's spiritualisation to take place, that nothing needed to remain behind in order to go through a further phase of development. I had found unification with the Father of eternity.... I was completely pervaded by Him, I no longer lived outside of His nature, I was merged with Him for all eternity. But the 'nature of God' cannot be made understandable to you, for He is a Spirit Which permeates and pervades everything.... He cannot be personified, nor is He visible, He is strength and light on such a scale that it would consume everything had it not shaped itself to a high degree of love, which was in Me during the time of My life on earth as a human being. And therefore this light and strength was able to infuse Me completely without having to perish, but also My spiritualised body maintained its form despite the abundance of divine spirit, so that I remained visible to the beings which face Me with a high degree of maturity.... The Great Spirit of eternity, Which permeated the whole of the universe had manifested Itself in a human form.... I had became visible for My created beings in Jesus Christ, for I Myself Am also a Being which you will only understand when you yourselves, full of love, have entered into union with Me.... And then you will also grasp the problem of My resurrection, the spiritualisation of body and soul and My complete merger with the Father-Spirit of eternity.... Only then will you understand the unity of Jesus and the Father.... Only then will you be totally united with Me and you will recognise Me Myself, your God and Father of eternity, in Jesus Christ.... For He and I are One, and he who sees Me also sees the Father....

Amen

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Resurrection of Jesus

Resurrection....

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Be glad and rejoice for He has risen from the dead....' These were the words of My Own and they believed in Me that I was Jesus Christ, the Anointed of the Lord, that I was really and truly God and had redeemed the world through My crucifixion. I had risen from the dead.... Thereby I had given them the evidence of the truth of My Words: 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up....' I had broken the power of death.... However, My resurrection was only meant to be the evidence for people that life does not end with the death of the body.... They should learn to believe in life after death, and therefore I allowed people to witness what every single soul will have to expect after its earthly demise. For everyone lacked this faith, even the priests and scribes referred to the prophets' death as evidence that even the most pious people will ultimately fall prey to death.... For they had no idea about the consequences of people's conduct, they doubted the resurrection of the soul, and therefore the teachings of the man Jesus were incomprehensible and inconvenient for them. And I wanted to clearly show people the spiritual consequences of following My teachings....

I was Lord over life and death.... During My life on earth I raised the dead and yet, people didn't believe that I had power over life and death.... And so I proved it to them, using Myself, that I was also Lord over death.... that life cannot be taken from **that** person who has already gained it spiritually, even if his **earthly** life is taken away from him....

But I also raised the physical body as a sign that nothing earthly adhered to it anymore, that it was also spiritualised and thereby had the inherent strength to arise in spiritual form.... Nothing earthly clung to My body anymore, as it had purged itself completely through appalling pain, because everything of an earthly nature had changed itself into spirit and this spirit was subsequently able to arise fully alive.... For this reason the body was able to emerge from the grave, for nothing kept it on earth....

The whole of humanity was intended to be informed of this process that, as well as why, it was possible to come back to life after physical death, for on this information.... on this faith in My resurrection.... also depends the faith in My divinity, the faith in My mission on earth as the Son of God, and, as a result of fulfilling this mission, they would attain complete union with God....

I have really and truly arisen from the dead and visibly showed Myself to My Own.... and thereby I proved to people that I had conquered death as a human being, that the one who had brought death into the world did not have the power to keep My body on earth, which, through the act of Salvation, was already clothed in a spiritual garment.... And this act of Salvation was made for the whole of humanity.... Consequently, no soul can be kept back by My adversary which - having been redeemed by My crucifixion - has escaped his power.... It need not fear death; it will arise to eternal life and can be jubilant and rejoice, for it knows that its Redeemer is alive and that He will give life to everyone who believes in Him and His resurrection....

Amen

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Resurrection on the third day....

To what extent you humans acknowledge My act of Salvation determines whether you believe in life after death, in a resurrection from the grave into the kingdom of the beyond. Because the act of Salvation, My suffering and crucifixion, found its culmination in the resurrection on the third day, which was meant to verify all My earlier teachings. It was meant to provide people with the evidence that life is not over when the body dies but that spiritual life begins once a person lives in accordance with My teaching. Admittedly, My resurrection is doubted and only taken notice of as a myth.... And neither can it be proven, such teachings can only be believed or rejected. This belief is also a result of My act of Salvation or an indication that the person is redeemed by Jesus Christ.... because he believes in Him as the divine Redeemer and therefore also utilises the blessings of the act of Salvation. However, the fact that My body visibly vanished from the grave does not mean that 'the flesh' had risen from the dead, instead My physical shell had completely spiritualised itself due to My suffering and crucifixion. It was the spiritual garment the soul had put on, which I only made visible to people in order to show them that death had finally lost its fear because I had conquered it. My life on earth intended to show people the path that leads from the abyss to the pinnacle....

To every one of My teachings I attached the promise that eternal life would await them.... But I required faith in Me in Jesus Christ.... Yet I found little of it, and even My disciples had little faith, and they were frightened to death when I handed Myself over to My enemies.... Their faith was not yet strong enough to believe that I was also Lord over death, consequently they did not remember My Words that 'I will rebuild this temple in three days....' Every one of My closest followers was seized by great sadness, something had fallen apart for them when they had to witness My death on the cross.... I wanted to help them, I wanted to strengthen their faith again and at the same time provide them with the evidence that I Am Lord over life and death....

For this reason I made something visibly take place which, however, is granted to all souls.... that they cannot die but wake up in another kingdom, which is in accordance to their life on earth. The soul leaves the body but this, still being immature, stays behind. Therefore a person has no proof of a resurrection after death and neither can it be given to him, on account of his freedom of will. But I was able to resurrect My body simultaneously because its substances had spiritualised themselves, and thus My resurrection on the third day need not be doubted. However, not all people were able to see Me, I only appeared to My Own because I had announced My resurrection on the third day to them, and because their degree of maturity allowed for it.... But those who found My tomb empty looked for many other reasons to explain the disappearance of My body, and therefore they were not compelled to believe. I had risen from the dead.... People had only been able to kill My body, and even this was no longer subject to natural law after My crucifixion, for it was liberated from all constraints....

But a human being on earth only rarely achieves the degree of maturity which enables the body's substances to align themselves with the soul after the earthly death of the body, and therefore the belief in a resurrection is extremely fragile or associated with wrong concepts. Therefore it has to be preceded by the redemption through Jesus Christ, because someone who is still burdened by the guilt of sin is still completely under control of My adversary.... And he will suppress every thought of a possible resurrection, he will only ever influence the human being in a negative sense and thus also portray My act of Salvation and My resurrection as implausible to them. The fact that the resurrection on the third day took place all the same will hardly be doubted by anyone who whole-heartedly professes Jesus Christ and His act of Salvation, since My spirit will tell him so. And thus his thoughts will be guided correctly by Me, since I can work through My spirit in every person who has found his way back to Me in Jesus Christ. He will not taste death anymore either, because he will enter into the life which Jesus Christ promised him.... He escaped death because he escaped the one who brought death into the world. And he escaped from him because he fled to Me in Jesus Christ. From the moment of his surrender to Jesus Christ he has risen from the dead, only now has he come alive, and he will eternally not lose his life again.

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But even the disbeliever will not cease to exist, he, too, will only lose his earthly body and not his soul's existence, it will merely enter the kingdom of the beyond in a state which is similar to death.... The grave will keep it locked in, and if Jesus Christ Himself does not roll away the heavy tombstone, it will stay there. But the divine Redeemer died for everyone on the cross, and one day the hour of resurrection will come for every soul, because one day it will call for Me in Jesus Christ, and I will not let its call go unheeded.... Then it will rise from the grave and awaken to life, then the darkness of the grave will recede and it may behold the light.... Because I died for all human beings, and even those who rest in their graves will take notice of the fact that I arose from the dead and that I will give life to anyone who desires to live....

Amen

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Descent to hell....

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The more you think about the price I paid in order to purchase eternal life for you, the more you **L** must question what happened to the souls which lived and died before My crucifixion and whose souls were still dead in the true sense of the Word, precisely because I was as yet unable to grant them life. Their souls still **belonged** to the adversary; they had not been bought back from him as long as I had not accomplished the act of Salvation.... Depending on their way of life these souls were also in a realm of the dead where they.... aware of their existence.... lived in a way which could not be described as 'bliss'. But the sphere where they stayed could not be called 'hell' either, where those whose conduct during their life on earth had thoroughly proven them to be Satan's followers. It was a vestibule of hell, not a place of peace and beatitude but neither a place of profound darkness and torment. Their consciousness also occasionally experienced bright moments when they were able to communicate with each other, when they remembered images from their earthly life and they also became aware of the fact that they would not stay in this sphere forever but that one day they would be saved by the Messiah, Who had already been announced to them by prophets on earth.... And the souls which, as a result of their way of life, had also recognised and faithfully served God, waited for this Saviour Thus I descended to them after My crucifixion.... They, too, received the knowledge of My love's act of grace and mercy, for My blood was also shed for them and I wanted to buy their souls back from their present master as well.... However, they had to voluntarily give their consent for this, consequently, I did not come to them as a radiant spirit of light Whom they had to follow on account of the compelling light, instead, I came to them as the suffering Christ with all the signs of My crucifixion, nevertheless as a human being Who had allowed himself to be nailed to the cross out of love for His fellow human beings.... They, too, first had to believe without compulsion that I was the promised Messiah; they had to follow Me just as voluntarily as My disciples did at the time of My life on earth.... They were all certainly able to suspect Who I was but complete certainty was denied to them which, however, would have determined their decision had I descended into this realm after My resurrection shrouded in light and glory, had I clothed Myself in the exceedingly radiant spiritual garment whose light no being was able to resist. I descended to hell.... All those in the vestibule of hell followed Me, for they only needed a tiny light which I gave to them through all My signs of the bitter crucifixion.... But I also descended into the deepest pits in order to also get there as a human being full of love Who had sacrificed His life for His brothers.... However, I found little credence and only a few left the tangle of depravity.... For they all were still firmly held captive by the enemy's claws who, inflamed with rage, had to recognise My victory over him and thus did everything in his power in order to keep his followers in the abyss.... because then he knew that I was stronger than him and that I had succeeded in loosening the chains of those who wanted to follow Me. He was no longer able to stop them and he will never ever have power over those souls again who want to release themselves from him for the sake of Jesus Christ. But he will lose more and more followers.... because I died for all people, and one day all people will also be redeemed from him.... For one day even he will

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surrender to the strength of My love, one day he will also desire My love Admittedly, eternities will still pass by, yet to Me a thousand years are like a day....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Ascension of Jesus....

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lso My ascension is a doubtful event for you men because you cannot believe it that only a process happened visibly, which all souls that have become perfect experience, which you just cannot follow and that is why also My ascension seems to be unbelievable to you, but which actually happened, however only visibly again for the ones who are Mine, for My disciples and all who believed in Me and in My mission, who believed it that in Me the highest being hid Itself, and that is why they also could experience everything unusual without them having been forced to believe. And purpose of My visible ascent upwards was only that that My disciples, to whom I had given the assignment to go out into the world to announce My gospel, could stand up for Me and My word in all strength of faith, because they saw Me with their bodily eyes go up to heaven, and thus they experienced the crowning of their faith that I disappeared before their eyes, that they could clearly see and recognize Me and that I was suddenly no longer there, because the spiritual kingdom had received Me again, the kingdom where I reigned in power and glory.... My body had spiritualized itself, and it was this spiritual cover which was visible to disciples until I disappeared before their eyes. Yet this ascension of Mine had left no emptiness in them but only brought them the confirmation that every word they had heard from My mouth had been truth. And that is why they also stood up for every word full of conviction and they became right announcers for Me, who could speak filled with My spirit, who therefore also mentioned everything of it, what took place with the work of mercy.... that they therefore testified of Me and the work of redemption. The fact that My ascension is again and again doubted by people is due to the fact that the actual purpose of the human being is unknown to them, that the spiritualization process of the body is alien to them and that they will not be able to gain information about it until they seriously decide to increase their spiritual maturity themselves. Then also this process would be believable to them, which was nothing else than the passage of the spiritualized body into the kingdom on the other side, where life is continued in all bliss. But for this the belief in a survival of the soul belongs first.... Who does not have this faith, he will also not want to believe in a process, which should be a proof for you men for the survival of the soul after death. But My disciples did not lack this faith, it is just that such visible evidence of My presence had not yet been given to them.... But that is why I could let the process become visible to them, because they had already penetrated into knowledge and now only experienced the confirmation of it. They were certainly saddened to now finally know Me there, where also their true home was, but they knew it that I wanted to prepare the place for them, where also they were to stay one day, to reap the fruits of the earth change, which consisted in the spreading of the gospel and showed many men the way up. And however difficult the ways were, which they had to go, they had nevertheless experienced Me; they knew it that I was now with them, that I directed their thoughts and again and again gave them instructions, which were to make their mission easier for them.... For no-one could any longer rob them of the faith that I was God Myself, that they also now receive the strength from Me directly, and thus they were also filled by My spirit, as I had promised them.... They knew that they only still had to fulfil their mission in order to then likewise leave the earth valley and be able to enter the kingdom of light.... Yet to you people of the end time all this seems like a legend which you cannot believe, yet My ascension into heaven has indeed taken place, which will be understandable to everyone who has already penetrated further into spiritual knowledge and who himself makes an effort to spiritualize his body.... Then he, too, will ascend to the eternal light, only that it will remain hidden from his fellow human beings and must also remain hidden so as not to force them to believe.... But those disciples were already alive in their faith, and I knew it that it only helped them to strengthen their faith, why only those were allowed to experience My ascension, for whom it no longer meant compulsion of

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faith. And so you should also accept it that it truly took place, and you will also be able to do it when a little knowledge has been presented to you about it, which meaning and purpose your earth life has at all.... Then everything will also become understandable to you for which the completely ignorant cannot muster any understanding....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Resurrection of Jesus....

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eath has been overcome, and so you humans will also rise after the death of the body, and your soul will live forever. For I have given you the evidence that I rose from death on the third day because I overcame the one who brought death into the world. I Myself have promised you eternal life if only you believe in Me, for without redemption through Jesus Christ, in Whom I Myself died on the cross, your soul cannot awaken from the state of death.... For so long My adversary still has control over you, who does not want to let the soul come to life.... And even if you humans doubt that I truly rose from the grave you can still attain life if only you abide by the teaching I gave you on earth.... if you live in love, for then you will awaken from the night of the grave, then the light of day will shine for you, then your soul will also have attained eternal life. But I had previously informed people that I would rise from the dead on the third day, and My promise was fulfilled, and numerous people witnessed that the grave was empty, that nothing had remained in it.... I only wanted to provide you humans with the evidence that you can also spiritualise your body if you follow Me, that there need no longer be any death for your body either when all its substances have spiritualised themselves and joined the soul, and that you can then truly enter the kingdom of the beyond alive, as My ascension has also proven to you. The fact that after a long time you are no longer able to believe what happened at the time of My life on earth and when this life on earth ended for Me is due to the state of unkindness in which humanity now finds itself.... But anyone who lives in love also knows of his own accord that everything happened as it was conveyed to you, for he is told by his spirit which introduces him to the truth.... And nothing will be able to dissuade a person who has been taught from within from believing in Jesus' suffering and death, in His resurrection and ascension. And this person will have no fear of bodily death, for he knows that he cannot perish but will only now return to his true home where he will live for eternity.... I have overcome death, for without My act of salvation you humans would have remained in the state of death forever, because you would have remained eternally distant from Me and thus My love and vitality would not be able to shine through you.... But I gave My life in order to purchase life for you in return, so that you need never fear death again but will enter eternal life when your soul leaves the earthly body.... Yes, you too can take your body with you into the kingdom of light and bliss if you spiritualise it in earthly life, if you dissolve all dross from the soul through love, if you can also determine the body to completely hand itself over to Me and to live in My following.... Soul and body can rise from the dead, as I have proven to you, yet you will only rarely succeed in this total spiritualisation in earthly life.... But that it is possible is why I died on the cross and abolished all horrors of death for all who acknowledge Me as the Son of God and redeemer of the world, in Whom I Myself descended to earth to suffer and die for the whole of humanity.... And this act of salvation has found its conclusion with the resurrection, which was intended to be the evidence of the truth of My teaching for all people, for I predicted My resurrection on the third day. The fact that there is no longer any concrete evidence for it has to be in order not to curtail people's freedom of faith and will, but they can create the evidence for themselves at any time if they live according to My teaching, thereby awakening their spirit and now receive teachings through this spirit which concern that act of salvation until the end, until the resurrection on the third day. Human beings will not be able to provide you with proofs, but the spirit within you.... which is of divine proportion.... can introduce you to the truth, and then you will be able to understand and believe everything which otherwise seems unacceptable to you. But as soon as you can believe in My

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resurrection you will also know that your life does not end with the death of your body but that your soul will be resurrected to a life which will last forever....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

'Jesus, my Redeemer lives'

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The spiritual world is rejoicing and glad about My act of Salvation, for that which had taken place on earth is repeatedly revealed about to all being a control of the con on earth is repeatedly revealed anew to all beings of light and they praise and glorify Me as their Saviour from sin and death Who opened the gate into the kingdom of light for them They realise the spiritual significance of My suffering and dying, of the crucifixion and the resurrection on the third day They know that a 'resurrection' is assured to the human race as a result of this greatest act of mercy, that it is not doomed to eternal death and that one day the hour of redemption will strike for all people after an infinitely long time of harshest captivity. And so their gratitude, their jubilation and their love for Me is immeasurable and increases as soon as they participate in the act of Salvation, which they may repeatedly experience again as happening now because in the kingdom of light no time limit exists, and thus they also experience all past and future events as happening in the present. And if people on earth would likewise try to associate with the process of the crucifixion and resurrection, they, too, would derive the greatest blessing from it, and joy and profound gratitude would enter their hearts in view of the fact that I Myself in Jesus Christ delivered you humans from sin and death. For this was a unique process, no human being has ever taken such immense suffering upon himself, and no human being has ever travelled in complete innocence the most bitter path to the cross which ended with His death on the cross, even though people very often come into situations in which the cruelty of fellow human beings presents them with a seemingly unbearable fate. Yet the spiritual processes which also played a part in Jesus Christ's act of mercy intensified His physical suffering many times over, because the soul was profoundly enlightened and therefore able to understand everything both the spiritual adversity, which all people had fallen prey to, as well as the spiritual state of those who tormented Him and carried out this abominable work on Him, who abused his pure body for their appalling cravings and evil instincts, and who He experienced as emissaries from hell. However, He persevered until His death And on the third day He arose again in all glory from the grave which was unable to keep Him imprisoned And so His resurrection was the culmination of His act of Salvation, for all those who want to let themselves be redeemed through Jesus Christ can rest assured that they, too, will arise from the dead to eternal life Although prior to this people's lives had not come to an end with their physical death either, because the soul cannot die, it exists forever. But whether the state of the soul will then be a state of life or of death entirely depends on the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ Only He can give life to the soul, and only He is the gate to life in beatitude Therefore, a soul can also enter the kingdom of the beyond in a state of death and will indeed remain in this state until it calls upon Jesus Christ, appealing to Him for life 'And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die ...' The hour of physical death can already be the hour of resurrection for every person, no-one needs to fear his hour of death, because One has conquered death and this One promises life to every person who believes in Him And so, even people on earth would be able to rejoice and be glad were they to grasp the whole significance of Jesus Christ's act of Salvation and take part in it Then death would have lost its sting for all people and all people could join the light beings' song of praise 'He has truly risen Jesus, my Redeemer lives '

Amen

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Jesus, overcomer of death

Jesus' resurrection took the sting out of death

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very person's final hour is preordained.... And yet he need not fear it because it is not his actual Lend, instead, he will arise again.... because his soul will merely discard its earthly shell, which was only a shackle for it in earthly life, and enter the kingdom of the beyond unburdened, providing that its way of life on earth corresponded to My will.... that his soul therefore attained a specific degree of maturity on earth. Thus, there is no end, even though there is death, i.e. a dead state of the soul, the soul will not have perished. This is the reason why I died on the cross and arose on the third day again, so that the human being, that is, his soul, can also experience the resurrection, so that it can arise from the grave and enter the kingdom again, which is its true home. The fact that the soul will not cease to exist is an irrevocable law because.... everything that came forth from Me.... is and will remain imperishable. And the soul is the spiritual being which originated from Me, thus it continues to exist even though the body will die, but the fact that it can arise after its physical death in light and radiance only became possible after My crucifixion and My resurrection, because before this it was still burdened by the original sin of its past apostasy from Me.... There was still darkness, the dark of the grave, which the soul was unable to escape.... the tombstone had not yet been removed by Jesus Christ, the divine Redeemer... in other words: the atonement for these souls had not been rendered as yet and without atonement the guilt of sin could not be redeemed.... Consequently, there was also darkness in people's souls, they lacked all faith in a resurrection after death, they were engulfed by the bleak night of the grave and death had become a fearful event.... And I rose on the third day from the dead to provide people with the evidence that the body's death is not the end, that the soul will rise again and merely leave the body behind, which is not so spiritualised as yet that it can take it along into the spiritual kingdom as I was indeed able to do because body and soul were clothed in a spiritual garment and the body no longer needed to go through a further maturing process on this earth....

Through My resurrection I wanted to take people's fear of death away, I wanted to prove to them that the soul merely changes location when it discards the earthly body, when the inevitable hour of death strikes. For this reason I have risen from the dead, for I conquered death, i.e. the one who had brought death into the world. And so no person needs to be afraid of the hour of death, for it is only the entrance into the actual life which is everlasting.... Death has lost its sting.... Nevertheless it is necessary that the human being acknowledges My act of Salvation and accepts the blessings I acquired for you through My suffering and dying on the cross.... that he allows himself to be redeemed by Jesus Christ, that therefore his original sin will have been atoned first so that Jesus Christ can subsequently push the tombstone away for the soul to rise from the grave's darkness into bright light, that it thus will enter eternal life.... Anyone who fears the hour of death is still subject to this immense guilt, he has not found salvation through Jesus Christ as yet, he has not released himself from the darkness enshrouding him, he still lays in the grave of his sin, even though his body still lives on earth.... For he will lose all fear of physical death when he has placed himself into My arms, when he sincerely appeals to Me to take care of him at the hour of his death.... For he will blissfully fall asleep in peace with his God and Father, he will leave only his body behind on this earth while the soul will arise, it will ascend to the light, it will not feel the darkness of the grave surrounding it, for Jesus Christ Himself will take its hand and lead it out of its physical shell, He will guide it through the gate of life. And it will know that it, too, has risen from the dead, that it will now live in eternity.... The fact that the human being Jesus rose from the dead is certainly true, and those who believe in Him as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world, as My Emissary in Whom I embodied Myself on earth, will not be afraid of their own hour of death, for Jesus Christ gave them the promise that He will go to

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prepare a place for those who believe in Him.... Thus they will also be raised to eternal life and He Himself will fetch them as He has promised....

Amen

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Overcoming death.... resurrection....

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nd your life will be a blessed one, for to have risen from the dead is to have overcome him who was once to blame for your wretchedness, who cast you down to the depths.... To be raised from the dead is to have risen from the depths to the heights, to be able to enjoy light and life and to have escaped darkness eternally. And life is unceasing activity.... you will receive strength and be able to create and work in light and freedom, you will enjoy life, for your activity will make you happy, you will be able to create like Me, and what you want will come into being.... As long as you are still bound in form, be it as a human being or in the works of creation, you are still in the state of death, even though as a human being this state is already somewhat relaxed.... even though as a human being you already possess vitality which you only need to utilize correctly in order to attain eternal life. But I first had to buy this eternal life for you with My blood.... I first had to die on the cross for your sins and then rise from the dead on the third day, because I also had to overcome death and the one who brought death into the world. And only now were you able to come to life, which you will never lose again.... But therefore no being will ever be lost, for the act of salvation was accomplished for all people, and therefore the miracle of My resurrection also applies to all people, I overcame death for all people so that all who are still dead in spirit shall attain life. With My resurrection I have proven to people that death need no longer have any terrors, that there is no death, by which is to be understood a complete passing away of the 'self'.... Every person will come to life one day, and it is only up to him whether he spiritualizes himself during his earthly life, as My soul and also My body did through a life of love. For love is true life, love is the strength which stimulates unceasing activity, and every person who wants to reach life from the state of death has to practice love. Then there will be no death for him either, he will only leave the external shell, he will step out of the grave which meant earthly matter for him, his body of flesh, and he will enter eternal life as a free spirit which can dwell everywhere, which can always be active, which is no longer bound to place and time and which is therefore also inexpressibly blissful....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Death is conquered.... Jesus and God is one....

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You shall only take the way to the cross, and then you need fear no more death.... For you will rise again and live forever.... Jesus Christ is your redeemer from sin and death, He is the saviour Who lifts you up out of darkness; He is the one Who faced the adversary in battle and overcame him. And thus He also overcame death, which the latter brought into the world. Jesus walked the path of the cross for you and your sins, and as soon as you carry your guilt of sin to the cross, then you belong to those for whom He shed His blood, for whom He died on the cross in order to redeem your guilt of sin.... But you must be willing to let yourselves be redeemed, you must acknowledge Him as the redeemer Who became the shell of the eternal spirit of God, Who united Himself with God and thus also accomplished the act of salvation with the power of God.... For the 'power of God' is love.... The man Jesus was full of love, thus full of the divine spirit of love, through love He was intimately merged with the eternal love Itself, and thus He was one with God, or also: the eternal Deity Itself manifested Itself in Jesus, It completely filled Him, and thus the deification of Jesus' soul took place, the complete unification with the father-spirit of eternity, Who is love in Itself.... Thus God Himself accomplished the act of salvation in Jesus, God Himself redeemed people's immeasurable guilt, and

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everyone can now be released from his guilt who confesses Him in Jesus, who acknowledges Jesus as the divine redeemer, in Whom God Himself manifested Himself because He.... Whose fundamental substance is love.... completely filled the human being Jesus.... God thus became a human being and Jesus became God, for Jesus was merged with eternal love, Jesus and eternal love were one. Therefore, the path to God, the return to the father's house, is only guaranteed through the cross. The human being has to carry his guilt under the cross, he has to ask the Divine Love in Jesus for forgiveness, for redemption of his guilt.... And truly, the way will be free for him to the father, man will rise to life. For death is the consequence of sin, and death has been overcome by Jesus Christ, by God Himself, and the soul of man will attain eternal life and never ever lose it. The original sin of the former apostasy from God cannot be expiated by the human being himself, for he is bound by the one who brought death into the world.... he is still under the power of God's adversary, who himself fell into the deepest abyss and took countless beings with him, who followed him voluntarily but who no longer have the strength to voluntarily detach themselves from him again.... And Jesus Christ regained the strength of these beings on the cross, He gave His life for them so that their will was strengthened.... He paid the ransom through His death on the cross so that the adversary can no longer keep a being bound which seeks to escape from his power if it takes the path to the cross.... The call to Jesus Christ is enough that He places Himself between the human being and the adversary and supplies everyone with the strength to walk the path upwards towards the kingdom, which is his true home.... For now the kingdom of light is open, at the gate of which Jesus Christ Himself stands and receives everyone who only wants to come to Him and asks Him for forgiveness from all guilt. For Jesus says of Himself that everyone will live who believes in Him.... He will not taste death, he need no longer fear it, for Jesus has conquered death and He will give life to anyone who only desires Him and seeks to free himself from His adversary. Yet without Him there is no redemption, without Jesus Christ there is no forgiveness of sin, without Jesus Christ the human being remains burdened with his original sin and he will never ever find the entrance into the kingdom of light, for God's adversary will not release him and he also has power over him who once voluntarily followed him into the abyss. Therefore no man shall overlook the cross, no man shall pass by the cross.... every person should also carry his guilt under the cross and hand it over to the one Who died for the sake of humanity's guilt of sin.... Who took all suffering and torment of the act of salvation upon Himself in order to pave the way for people to the father, from Whom they once voluntarily separated and plunged into the abyss. And everyone will find redemption who calls to Jesus for mercy, for in Jesus was 'love', and love forgives all guilt.... Love gives eternal life to all who acknowledge Jesus Christ as God's son and saviour of the world.... because love itself was in Jesus....

Amen

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Jesus' promise of life

God wants that we live....

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or bliss I created you, for life.... but not for death, for an unworthy existence which does not correspond to My love and wisdom, which can never be called a perfect state and yet is your fate, you who have fallen. In all perfection you came forth from Me.... But what you are now is by no means perfect anymore, rather, it has to be described as opposite, for you have taken on a completely different form, you have become creatures through your own fault which have no right to call yourselves 'God's creations', because what I once created was supremely perfect and what still exists now has completely deviated from this perfection.... And yet, it still belongs to Me, for it is My strength which expressed itself in My creatures.... And this strength belongs to Me for all eternity.... But in the state you are in now you are endlessly far away from Me, and this means that you have thereby also lost 'life', because to live means to utilize strength in love and wisdom, but you neither possess strength to work nor would utilize such in wisdom and love.... You are dead creatures even though I Myself was your origin. But I want you to live, to be close to Me again so that I can provide you with light and strength.... which you shall use according to My will.... For this is your destiny which you will also fulfil one day and then you can also be called indescribably blessed.... I created you for life and if I want you to return to life again I must take care of you Myself, for you will never reach it by yourselves because you are powerless and without strength you will never be able to ascend into the spheres where there is uninterrupted life.... I Myself must supply you with the strength.... but you must accept My strength, you must let yourselves be radiated as once when you were still close to Me and blessed.... You must turn to Me again as you once voluntarily turned away from Me.... You must acknowledge Me as your God and creator from eternity, as you once left Me because you refused to acknowledge Me as the source of strength, as the father Who called you into being. You must change completely.... You must become again what you were from the beginning, if you want to be full of light and strength and eternally blessed.... if you want to live and work according to your destiny. And this transformation must be brought about by your free will, just as this free will once surrendered everything that made you a divine, perfect being.... I Myself want to give you life again, for My love does not want to leave you in the dead state which can never ever mean bliss or fulfilment.... But you must also be willing to accept life.... you must completely hand yourselves over to Me without resistance so that I can shape you into My image again.... which, however, is impossible as long as you resist Me. Give up your resistance and I will give you an eternal life in all glory.... Escape death by calling to the one Who Himself is life from eternity. Do not let yourselves be held in the depths, in the night of death, but call out to Him Who can loosen your bonds and give you freedom. Acknowledge Him against Whom you once sinned by your turning away, by rejecting His love, which means life for you.... He will turn His strength of love towards you again and again if only you desire it and hand yourselves over to Him.... I will awaken you to new life and you will never ever feel powerless. And soon you will also recognize where you came from, what you were, what you are and what you should become again.... And you will fully consciously strive for the former perfection, you will desire to live and also receive life, you will be able to create and work in light and strength and want to bring back to life what is dead and wretched.... you will give Me all your love and now be and remain My children forever....

Amen

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Promise of life.... death.... powerlessness....

To one can live to whom I do not give life, but he can be and be in a state of death.... For to be dead does not mean to be completely past, but to exist in complete powerlessness and yet to know of one's own existence. But the right life is to be able to work in light and strength and to be blissfully happy and to use one's strength in the same will as Me. And only I can give this right life to the being through the supply of light and strength, thus the supply of the unlimited flow of life. But this supply of strength depends on the being itself, because it requires a certain ability to receive and willingness, because My strength is not supplied to a being against its will and because the being's design also has to be such that the flow of strength finds a suitable vessel, otherwise the being would be forced into activity and then could not be happy. Without strength, however, the being is in a state of torpor, in a state of death, in complete motionlessness, and yet it feels its state as agony because it has already known the state of freedom and thus has gone back instead of forward as was its destiny. Yet I did not give death to the being but life.... But the being itself voluntarily strives away from Me as the giver of life and towards death, that is, it resisted My flow of strength of love and fell into a state of powerlessness without knowing that this signifies eternal torment and darkness. The being itself must desire again what it once spurned, it must of its own free will request My strength again which it once rejected, and it must fulfil this task as a human being in earthly life.... to acquire My strength of love and to shape itself such that this strength of My love can flow into the being, so that it will now be revived by My strength again and can now be active and be blissfully happy, so that it will therefore 'live' and never lose its life again. Thus every being which is permeated by My strength of love will live, and every being which lacks this strength of love is dead. But death never means extinction, a state of forgetfulness, insensibility or rest.... Rather, it is an inconceivable state of agony which can only be remedied through the supply of strength which revives the dead and gives it the ability to be active again....

But you shall live forever.... This was My promise, thus I can give you life and I will give it to you as soon as you open yourselves to My flow of strength of love, as soon as you no longer resist it as you once did. But I cannot force you to accept My strength of love.... And therefore countless beings are dead because they don't desire life themselves, because they don't do or haven't done anything themselves to acquire strength in order to acquire eternal life. And therefore all these beings are in great adversity, in deepest darkness, when they could live in light and strength and glory.... Yet as long as they spurn Me I cannot convey strength to them, I can only keep extending My helping hand to them so that they will take hold of it and let themselves be revived by Me.... This is why My love will constantly be active to influence these beings, and My love will always succeed in saving them; yet eternal times can pass for the beings until they long for light and strength themselves, until they want to escape the state of death and can now be awakened to life.... which they then will never lose again.

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Promise of life.... Jesus Christ....

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I will give life to those who flee death, who turn away from the one who brought death into the world and who believe My promise that they shall live forever if they let themselves be awakened by Me. I alone can fulfil this promise, I alone can command death to release you and I alone have the strength at My disposal which you need for life. Whoever therefore wants to live, let him come to Me and receive life from My hand.... whoever truly wants to live, let him desire strength from Me and he will be able to draw it without limit. I want to give you life, for I love you and therefore want to wrest you from death, I want to change your soul's lifeless state and give it the ability to be active for its own happiness.... I want it to be able to work in light and strength on earth already and one day in the spiritual kingdom.... But I can do nothing against your will.... Only when you want to escape death

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yourselves can you be fed with My strength, only when you turn away from the enemy of all life will he have lost his power over you and you will walk towards eternal life. Only when you direct your steps towards Me will the strength flow to you which guarantees you life, for you then open yourselves to My flow of love's strength and your hearts can now be filled with the water of life.... and you have escaped eternal death. But alone, without help, you will never be able to accomplish the release from the enemy of your souls, for your will is weakened and gagged by him, he keeps you down and you cannot rise on your own. And you would never be able to awaken to life if one did not have constant access to you.... One Whom the enemy cannot prevent from coming to you because He is stronger than the one who holds you captive.... But this one can only help you and release you from him if you want it yourselves, and so that you want it, touch His hand and let yourselves feel the benefit of His love. He steps into your path so that you will pay attention to Him and give Him the right to redeem you.... Jesus Christ, Who through His death on the cross earned the right to penetrate even the territories of His adversary in order to loosen the fetters of those who want it. My merciful love also comes to the souls in the depths.... be it on earth or in the kingdom of the beyond.... Where there is greatest adversity the saviour is near, there Jesus Christ obviously shows Himself so that people will take the path to Him Who alone can lead them out of the night of death into the light of life. He is the life Itself, Which took on flesh on earth in order to bring to life those who had fallen prey to death.... In Jesus Christ I Myself approach you humans and truly bring you life as soon as you let Me help you, as soon as you turn your eyes towards the cross and receive the strength to rise up, to resist and to free yourselves from captivity with My help. For I have redeemed you from sin and death.... I have purchased eternal life for you on the cross....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

"I am the way, the truth and the life...."

B.D. No. **7305** March 12th 1959

To human being has life unless he receives it from Me.... for I am the life and from Me all life emanates. At the beginning of his archailtrand it. emanates. At the beginning of his embodiment the human being still belongs far more to death, and he shall first attain true life on earth. He has to take a certain path for this, and this path is again Me Myself.... He has to accept the truth from My hand, because I am also the eternal truth. And thus there is only one path to truth and life, and this path is called Jesus Christ, for every human being must first be redeemed by Him if he wants to attain eternal life. This is why I came to earth in the human being Jesus Myself to show people the path, to lead the way, which everyone should only follow Me, thus to attain life in truth. However, before they are redeemed by Jesus Christ they still walk in the night of death, they don't know the truth, they don't know the right path which leads to life, and if they knew it they wouldn't have the strength to walk it..... But Jesus Christ gives them this strength, He guides them and sets them free from death so that they can enter into blissful life. This is why I said: "I am the way, the truth and the life...." Without Me no-one can attain truth and life, for as long as he does not have Me as his guide he takes a different path which certainly does not lead from death to life. But the human being must also want to reach life, and he must fight against the one who tries to keep him in death, who will do everything to prevent him from finding the right path, the path to life. The human being must want to live himself and turn to the lord of life, asking Him for strength and guidance, because he alone is too weak to travel this path. For the path goes upwards and requires strength.... the path is arduous and not tempting, and therefore it also requires the person's firm will to cover it for the sake of the goal. For the goal is glorious: the goal is a life of bliss, of light and strength and freedom.... But no human being needs to despair or be afraid that he will lack strength if only he turns to Jesus Christ, to the one in Whom I Myself walked the earth in order to redeem you humans from sin and death, from weakness and darkness.... Whoever turns to Him turns to Me, if only he believes that I am the way, the truth and the life.... if only he believes that only one can give life, Who Himself is lord over life and death.... and when I speak of "life", I speak of the life that lasts forever, not of the short earthly life that was given to you only for the purpose of acquiring eternal life.... I

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want you to live for eternity and for this life of yours to be a blessed one, but you must take the path via Jesus Christ and you will most certainly attain life in all freedom and truthfulness, you will be united with Me again as it was in the beginning, you will live forever and now no longer lose this life....

Amen

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Faith in Jesus Christ

"He who believes in Me shall live for ever...."

B.D. No. **5523**

November 2nd 1952

I e who believes in Me will live for eternity.... These are My words which also gave rise to Adivisions because the spiritual meaning was not properly recognized. I demand faith in Me in order to be able to give people eternal life.... But what is meant by faith? Not the confession with the mouth, not the intellectual acknowledgement of My act of salvation, but the inner conviction of the truth of everything I taught you humans on earth is to be understood by 'faith', and this inner conviction can only be gained through love.... Thus faith also necessitates love, and thus love is the first thing. But it is also fulfilled by those who believe in Me such that I can grant them eternal life. Right faith therefore promises life because it includes love within itself. But intellectual faith does not lead to eternal life, and it is this intellectual faith which can still be found amongst people if need be but which I cannot evaluate such that it brings the human being eternal life. I want a living faith which, however, can only be gained through love. For the human being only lives when he feels certainty in himself through love, a faith which is truly happy, which now determines his whole will and thinking and results in a way of life which earns him eternal life. To believe intellectually is no evidence of maturity of soul, for the human being may have been pushed onto christian ground through education, thus he cannot reject Me Myself, My earthly life as a human being and My act of salvation with conviction, he regards everything as true.... And yet, his heart need not be touched by it, it is an historical occurrence for him which he cannot deny but it is not felt by him for what it is. It does not touch his heart, which is only impressed when love comes to unfold in him. Then faith in it will trigger beatitude in him, then something will come alive in him, only then will the human being feel himself in the midst of My working on humanity, only then can he speak of faith which leads to eternal life. I certainly first require faith in Jesus Christ, the divine redeemer, because only through Jesus Christ is the path to eternal life, because faith in God alone is not enough due to the burden of sin, which cannot be redeemed without Jesus Christ.... Therefore I spoke the words, "He who believes in Me shall live forever...." Mind you.... I, Jesus Christ, as redeemer of the world, demanded faith, but 'faith' is always only to be understood as living faith through love, which is why people first have to fulfil the commandments of love which I gave to people in order to show them the path which leads to eternal beatitude.... But then they will also be able to believe and in this faith enter into eternal life....

Amen

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Living faith in Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. **6427** December 16th 1955

You will never be able to detach yourselves from your adversary if you don't call upon Jesus Christ to help you in the battle against him. Hence you have to acknowledge Him and His act of salvation by calling upon Him, and thus you also have to believe that I embodied Myself in the man Jesus.... you must believe in My incarnation in Jesus.... And this faith must be a living faith which was only awakened to life again through love. Hence you can only be redeemed through love, for without love you will not believe, even if you want to testify to faith in Jesus Christ with words. Anyone who walks away without love has no will to fight against the adversary, since he is of the same mind as him. Yet a person can have a weak will.... and this weak will prevents him from practicing love and detaching himself from the adversary.... But he should nevertheless know about the redeemer Jesus Christ and call upon Him to strengthen his will. He should only know for the time being that he will

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always find help with Jesus Christ.... If he calls upon Him, then his will will soon be strengthened and he will increasingly change to a life of love, and then his faith in the divinity of the man Jesus, in His act of salvation and in his own possibility of redemption will come alive, and then he will represent Me and My name with the conviction which only a living faith can give.... This is why the knowledge of Jesus Christ is necessary.... even if it is initially only a knowledge about the earthly event, about the life of a human being Who gave His life out of inner conviction.... The thought of this person can already be the first step towards a connection with Him, which once opens the gate to beatitude for him.... For as soon as he mentally occupies himself with His earthly life and is of good will, these thoughts will no longer let him go.... For it is Jesus Christ Himself Who now seeks to bind him to Himself. I know the human being's every thought, and I Myself can draw close to him 'in Jesus' if he has not yet found a close bond with Me as his God and father of eternity. But the establishment of this bond is possible through the 'man Jesus'.... which is why He should also be mentioned purely historically.... only then can I still mentally influence him to try to find the reason for the way of life and the actions of the man Jesus.... And then he can also come to the conclusion that his life and death was based on a 'spiritual cause'. And only then is it possible to win him over, for now he is no longer inaccessible to the teachings if they are truthfully conveyed to him. But anyone who wants to completely deny that the man Jesus walked on earth can hardly still gain knowledge on earth, because it will never be possible for him to give his will the right direction, which is still completely under the adversary's control. And the latter will also never want to acquire the knowledge.... otherwise he would also receive knowledge in any way about Jesus' earthly progress. For I truly have enough possibilities if only the human being seeks to learn about it. But it is always a blessing when My word is proclaimed as Jesus' teaching of love when He Himself is proclaimed throughout the world.... so that every person has the opportunity to think about the truth, about the historical fact and about His mission, if he acknowledges such. Every person who wants to can also come to faith, and every person's intellectual faith can also become a living faith. But only living faith will earn you humans redemption from sin and death.... Living faith in Me in Jesus Christ and in My act of salvation opens the gates into the kingdom of light and bliss for you; and you should all try to attain this living faith so that you can enter My kingdom of eternal life....

Amen

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Redeeming strength of Jesus' name....

B.D. No. **7066** March 14th 1958

You humans should seek salvation in My name.... you should know that you cannot find salvation anywhere else but with Me, that you definitely have to acknowledge Me Myself in Jesus Christ, that you thus have to believe in the divine Saviour and His act of mercy. I came to earth Myself in Jesus, the human being, through His mouth I Myself instructed the people, My strength manifested itself within Him, through Him I performed miracles, I raised the dead to life, I healed the sick and helped people in times of earthly hardship.... in Him I Myself died on the cross, because Jesus the human being Jesus had received Me within Himself in all fullness, because He had shaped Himself into love and thus became a suitable vessel for Me in which I could achieve the act of Salvation in order to make

Amends for the whole of humanity's guilt of sin. Hence the name of Jesus is the name of your God and eternal Father, hence you have to gather in My name and let Me Myself dwell amongst you if you want to achieve bliss, which once had made you unspeakably happy.... but which you still lack as long as you live on earth. It is therefore not enough just to believe in 'God', because such faith is indeed the acknowledgment of a Creator Who brought everything into existence, including yourselves; however, this faith does not lead you back to Him, but you now have to acknowledge the Saviour too, Who first had made it possible for you to walk the path to your God and Father. And only in this way can you come to your Father.

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Thus you have to believe in Jesus Christ and His act of Salvation, only then will you have the right faith, and only then will your faith lead you to Salvation, i.e. your soul can only then be returned to its former state, because it needs the help of Jesus Christ for this and without help it cannot ever reach the goal.... Consequently you have to look for salvation in My name.... And then you will also understand why it is necessary to tell people about Jesus Christ, that it is not enough to want to explore or prove the existence of God, because this belief can be gained by every human being looking around himself with open eyes and contemplating creation and its origin.... But the main fact is the redeeming strength of Jesus' name.... You humans first have to know the significance of the act of Salvation so that you then can step under the cross of Jesus and call upon the name of Jesus as the name of your God and Father for the salvation of your souls.

Because Jesus' arrival was the dawn of a new era, the time had come when, due to His crucifixion, the gate to the kingdom of light was opened and the first fully redeemed souls could return to the Father.... Because many souls stood before the gate to bliss who first had to be freed from their guilt of the original sin in order to dwell once again as blessed spiritual beings where they had originated from. And this final return into the Father's house was made possibly by the divine Saviour Jesus Christ, Who therefore also has to be acknowledged by every human being who wants to regain his original state. Jesus Christ Himself is the gate into the kingdom of heaven.... and His name is declared throughout the spheres of light, for I Myself Am within Him, He and I are one.... And anyone who utters the name of Jesus with profound devotion speaks to Me directly, and I shall truly bring salvation to him.... And therefore you will not make a wrong request when you say the name of Jesus with complete faith and thus submit your request to Me Myself.... Because when you believe in Him and His act of Salvation you will also have become redeemed from your encumbering original sin, and then My love will prove itself to you again, and your childlike call upon My name will also ensure that I will hear you and grant your request.

I Am always and forever your God and Creator.... but I could only become your Father through the act of Salvation, because only then could you receive the strength to change of your own free will into perfect beings, only then could you turn from 'living creations' into My 'children', if you use free will to return to Me.... and only with My death on the cross could this free will be strengthened. Therefore your salvation rests solely in My name.... Therefore you will only then be on the path of return to Me when you have taken the path to Jesus Christ, because only this path leads to Me, back into the Father's house....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

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

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To one comes to the father except through Me.... These words alone should make people realize the importance of acknowledging Jesus as the son of God and redeemer of the world, and yet they have completely lost their impact, for humanity does not respect them, otherwise it would not so thoughtlessly reject Him Who calls Himself the bridge to the father.... The words of scripture are for most people only letters without spirit and life.... They speak them without being aware of their meaning, they completely disregard the lord's words and therefore do not find their way to the father either, because they do not believe in Him with the conviction which would result in heeding the divine word. No one comes to the father except through Me.... Yet people lack the will to reach the father, which is why they do not seek the **path** to Him either.... which is also why the divine redeemer Jesus Christ is of no significance to them. This attitude leads to downfall, to spiritual death.... Since they do not reach the father, they remain in the power of the one who is God's adversary, they remain in the depths because they do not desire to ascend. It is an exceedingly regrettable state that people do not show any striving upwards, that they do not think about their earthly task and that they are also indifferent to Christ's teaching, the gospel, that they do not accept any of His words as important and

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think about them.... that they cannot attain realization because they do not seek enlightenment, because they are completely indifferent to what God wants to convey to them through the scriptures and what the man Jesus, as God's spokesman, preached to people.... And no-one thinks of the fact that he only stays on earth in order to bring about the return to the father, and that he is constantly offered the opportunity to do so, which he rejects in his rigid mind because he does not believe. The distance between the human being and the father is great, yet **one** offers Himself for guidance, for mediation.... One has built the bridge which makes the path to the father passable, and this **one** offers His help to all people.... But He is not listened to, He is not heeded, if He wants to remind people of Himself.... Blind and deaf they pass Him by, although He calls out to them: "No one comes to the father except through Me...." He says of Himself: "I am the way, the truth and the life...." Therefore, anyone who seeks truth and life must take the path via Jesus Christ, he must make use of His mediation, he must request strength from Him to be able to cover the earthly path with the success which is the purpose of life: to find union with the father which only ensures a life of bliss, a life which lasts forever. People do not know what fate they are facing through their indifference and unbelief, they do not know what they are forfeiting by not respecting the divine word, by not taking refuge in the one Who alone can save them from ruin.... They don't know and don't believe the words of those who know and want to help them. And even if the word sounds from above, they do not accept it, for they listen to another voice, to the voice of the world with which God's adversary addresses them and to which they willingly open their ears.... They seek not life but death.... they reject the one Who promises them life, and therefore they will remain in sin and death, because without Jesus Christ there is no redemption and no return to the father's house....

Amen

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Belief in the survival of the soul after death

Belief in the survival of the soul....

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he certainty that there is life after the death of the body makes it much easier for people to bear **L** earthly suffering, for they then only regard earthly life as a preliminary stage to beatitude, to the actual life in the spiritual kingdom. For them earthly life does not mean the highest, and therefore they do not attach so much importance to adversities and suffering, just as they pay little attention to earthly goods and the pleasures of the world because they know that these are transient. The life of the soul after death is a happy thought for them, and even death itself loses its terror because they do not fear it but only regard it as an entrance into spiritual life. Therefore, a person who believes in the soul's continued life on earth has an advantage in every respect over those who deny the soul's continued life. The latter only seek to exploit earthly life in an earthly sense, and they only strive to live long and well on this earth, since they consider themselves to have passed away with the death of their body. But the human being can only gain the convinced belief in the soul's continued existence through his own reflection, it cannot be conveyed to him by fellow human beings, instead, the human being can only be stimulated to think, and he must come to the conclusion of his own accord that God's creations must be enduring, otherwise the creator would have delivered a defective work. Yet everything the human being looks at is again a work of creation in a more perfect form than already existing works of creation, thus a constant upward development can be observed in it, which understandably cannot stop with the human being but continues in the spiritual kingdom. Yet this cannot be proven to the human being if he does not accept his own feelings as proof, which more joyfully affirm the thought of a continuation of life after death than the thought of a complete end with the conclusion of earthly life....

So the human being must believe what cannot be proven to him.... and yet he can still have the inner conviction of it which now also allows him to live consciously without doubt. For a person with faith in survival after death will arrange his earthly life completely differently than a person without faith in it, because he sees higher spiritual development as the purpose of earthly life, because he recognizes a state of spiritual maturity as the aim, which is the prerequisite for a blissful life after death. He now pays more attention to his soul, whereas the human being without this faith only seeks to maintain physical life and only pursues earthly aims. He is touched by everything that concerns the body, be it joy or suffering, because he does not find the compensation for it in his soul life. Emotionally and mentally he is indeed also in spheres which lie outside of the earthly, yet he is not aware of the fact that this is a search of the soul for which earthly aims alone are not enough. But the body's desire will always prevail and fetch the soul back from these spheres, and it will also succeed before the belief in its continued life has awakened and it then resists the body's desire. The adversity of the coming time will therefore be much easier to bear for people who firmly believe in survival, while others will be seized by despair since they consider their temporal end to have come and the knowledge of it triggers a paralysing horror in them. For faith will always be a source of comfort and strength, faith will never depress but uplift, faith will not be a weakness of will but a strength of will and likewise generate a strong will. Faith is not something human but something divine, although the unbeliever tries to smile disdainfully about it.... He lacks the strength which flows from strong faith. And therefore this faith should be struggled for first, for as soon as the human being believes himself to be immortal he also works for the salvation of his soul and is not satisfied with the successes of earthly life. However, the immortality of his soul can only be made credible to him when he is active in unselfish love.... otherwise selfish love will prevail and this will always reject the belief in a continuation of life after death, because the soul is aware of its inadequate state and therefore rather fears a continuation of life. And therefore love must be preached first again and again so that the human being's thinking will

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change and he will come close to the right faith, so that he will only learn to recognize earthly life as a transitional station and consciously strive for perfection in order to be able to enter the life in the beyond in a state which will ensure him eternal life....

Amen

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Transformational work.... ability to think.... belief in continuation of life....

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have created you not only for this world but for eternity. Your life on earth as a human being is Lonly the smallest phase in your existence, it is one of the infinitely many stages you have to go through before you can live an eternal life as blissful spiritual beings.... You can no longer perish, even if you are still so inadequately formed by your own will. But your aim is perfection, and in order to achieve it you have to pass through the countless stages of your development.... one of which is earthly life as a human being. If you humans believe that your existence only lasts from your birth until the death of your body, your belief is a sign of even worse deficiency, for then you lack all knowledge which, however, brings with it increasing maturity. As a human being you are capable of thinking and thus you can attain realization, yet this presupposes a right way of life which you determine yourselves through your free will. Hence, as a human being you have the opportunity to change your still imperfect state at birth into a state of perfection, you have the opportunity and also the ability to do so because I have endowed you with gifts and also provide you with graces so that you will reach your aim.... If you now make use of the possibilities, even if you are unaware of the success, then the belief will soon come alive in you that the time on earth is only a transition.... Thus you no longer believe that your life will end with the death of your body, and this belief is already proof of the progress of your soul, which is your actual self and to which the description 'immortal' therefore applies. This self cannot pass away but it can be in constant transformation, and this work of transformation is your task during your earthly life if a stage of development is not to pass by unused. At the beginning of earthly life this self of yours is still a dead being... without realization and without life, because it first has to be awakened to the right life by a flow of strength emanating from Me and because this flow of strength can only touch it when it wants it itself.... Therefore the intellect, the thinking faculty, was given to people, and the body's vital functions could now be driven by the human being's intellect to let the will become active in one direction. Life approaches the human being such that he is urged from within to be active in love, even if his intellect is not yet strongly developed.... and, depending on his will to give in to this inner urge, it enlivens the still ossified soul, which can now also give the will the right direction because it is already illuminated by the smallest deed of love by that strength which gives it life. Thus love awakens the soul's life, love gives the will the right direction, and love also gives the human being the power of realization which becomes all the more evident the more consciously the human being lives a life of love which pushes him more and more towards Me and also guarantees him right thinking and willing.... This is why a person who lives a life of love will also never deny a continuation of life after death, because his thinking cannot go astray, because My strength of love flows into him with every work of love he performs.... Every work of love connects the human being with Me and gives him brightness of spirit, the soul is no longer dead, it lives and knows that it cannot perish eternally.... and it also conveys this certainty to the human being's intellect, which now cannot help but represent the belief in a continuation of life with all eloquence, but which also believes with conviction because life is in it, and which has also reached a degree of maturity at its demise on earth which assures it a life in eternity, which signifies a state of tireless activity for the soul, which makes it inconceivably blissful and consists of constant activity of love....

Amen

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f 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

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The soul's continuation of life after death....

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April 22nd 1959

You can be certain that you will live even if your body falls prey to death.... But the state of your life after your physical death depends on yourselves, whether your life will be a happy one which could truly be called life, or whether you will find yourselves in darkness and helplessness which are comparable to death, albeit you will remain conscious of your existence and therefore will have to suffer agonies. But it will never be the case that you will completely cease to exist, that you will no longer be self-aware and that your existence will be obliterated. And precisely because you continue to exist you ought to ensure that you create a happy situation for yourselves while you are still living on this earth. Your future fate in the kingdom of the beyond is a matter of your very own

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will, since you create it yourselves by your way of life on earth. If it is a life of selfless love for other people you can also be sure that a blissful fate will await you.... But if you only live to please yourselves, if you lack this love for your neighbour and therefore also for God, you can expect a painful fate indeed. Then you will be poor and wretched because you will lack everything.... light, strength and freedom, and all you will experience is indescribable torment.

The fact that you humans on earth have such little faith in life after death also determines your conduct, for you are irresponsible towards your soul because you do not believe that it will continue to live after your body has passed away. And you do not believe that the soul is, after all, your real Self. It will feel exactly the same as it did during its earthly life, it will long for happiness and light and suffer bitter regret once it has gained but a glimmer of light whereby it recognises its real task on earth and in retrospect blames itself dreadfully for not having fulfilled it.... Whereas souls who may enter the spheres of light will sing praises and give thanks and are able to occupy themselves in full strength and freedom for their own happiness.

The soul will never perish, but how it will experience its continued existence is decided by people themselves while they are still on earth. For this time was given to you in order to improve the state of your soul which, at the beginning of its embodiment, is still rather imperfect. Hence, the work of the human soul should consist of providing for itself a true, immortal 'life', so that one day it can enter in freedom and light the kingdom where it can be active in accordance with its state of maturity, which is in fact possible at various degrees but which can only be called 'life' when it is allowed to enter the kingdom of light. But it is also possible that the soul will still be as imperfect at the end of its earthly life as it was at the beginning. Indeed, it can even have grown darker, and then its state will be comparable to the state of death, for it will have misused its earthly life, it won't have taken advantage of the grace of embodiment, and yet, it will not pass away.... This is a very sad, pitiful situation and yet, it is its own fault, because only the human being's will decides the soul's fate, and this will is free. If only people believed that they will continue to exist after the death of their body.... they would live more responsibly on earth and endeavour to ascend from the deepest abyss.... But no person can be forced into faith, yet everyone will be helped in order to become a believer....

Amen

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Life or death

Death of the body beginning of real life....

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If you successfully cover the earthly lifetime for your soul, then death will no longer frighten you but you will welcome it as a gateway to eternal life. For only then will actual life await you, a blissful activity in blissful communion with like-minded souls awaits you, and you will be able to work in light and freedom, in strength and fullest knowledge. Then death will also be overcome for you and you will be blissfully happy in the vision of God. You must have attained maturity of soul.... And you can only achieve this by fulfilling God's commandments, by living a life of love for God and your neighbour. Therefore you should only strive to help your fellow human beings in spiritual and physical adversity, you should give them love and not miss a single day when you have not accomplished at least one good deed, then you will shape yourselves more and more into love and be increasingly more filled by God's strength, Who will now also turn His love towards you more, because love will always kindle love again and you will assimilate yourselves to God's fundamental being until He can draw you to Himself, until you have united yourselves with Him and will never be able to separate from Him again, because love wraps an unbreakable bond around father and child which you will never want to loosen. The actual life only begins with the death of the body, for every cover falls off you, you are free and remain free and will now live for eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Life or death.... free will decision....

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ou are given the choice to live or to face death.... It is completely up to you which state you want Let to choose. You can live for eternity.... you can remain in agonizing helplessness, succumb to death, but in the consciousness of your existence feel this death to be extremely agonizing.... Both ways are open to you, the way to life and also the way to death.... And you yourselves determine your fate for eternal times. But to live means to be able to be active in light and strength and to be constantly blissful.... to stand in fullest realization, to know the truth and to be constantly permeated by divine strength of love, which thus ensures eternal life.... Thus you can acquire this life on earth but it requires your willingness to accept light and strength from God and then also to utilize the abundance of light and strength correctly.... to live in such a way as is evident through the transmission of truth as pleasing to God.... Only one has promised eternal life to mankind, and this one said of Himself: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.... whoever believes in Me will live for ever...." He, as Himself the truth, has also shown people the way that leads to life.... He has taught love as the only way to life, and His teaching must.... as emanating from the eternal love Itself.... be accepted and followed if He wants to reach the aim.... to a life of light and strength.... And thus it follows that death also awaits the soul which does not take this path of love; it will eternally remain without light and strength and therefore be eternally unhappy, but through its own fault, for every human being is free to choose life or death, and it only receives what it has desired. Eternal life has to be acquired, it cannot be given to you humans against your will.... But you will be helped to acquire it by being enlightened by God through His word as to what you should do in order to attain life.... If you were completely without knowledge of it, then no blame could be attributed to you when you sink into the state of death.... But you will be made aware throughout your earthly life of what God requires of you.... Every person is made aware of the divine teaching of love.... who does not pay

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attention to it does not believe in the one Who taught it on earth, and he will never have the life He promised to those who believe in Him. Through his will he deprives himself of the light and strength which are necessary for blissful activity.... And he will enter the kingdom of the beyond without strength when the hour of physical death has come for him.... Then his soul will also be doomed to death because it has chosen death itself of its own free will....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Death or life.... Overcoming the world....

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e who loves the world will lose his life, he who despises it will gain his life.... For the world L brings death to the soul, but overcoming the world awakens it to life.... You humans certainly stand in the midst of the world, and it is your earthly task to carry out the position where you have been placed also in an earthly manner. Nevertheless, apart from this task you can fulfil your actual earthly task: You can give life to your soul by valuing another goal higher than the world, by striving spiritually in the midst of the world. However, this actual earthly task of yours first requires of you to overcome the world, i.e. it must not dominate you but you must be and remain master over everything that belongs to the world.... you must only pay attention to it as far below you as it should serve you. But you should focus your attention on the spiritual kingdom which you can acquire if you live right on earth. You can choose between life and death, for you alone determine the state of your soul after the body's demise. But you can never gain life if you are enslaved by the world, if nothing else occupies your thoughts but only the attainment of earthly goods and goals.... Consider this well and strive to give life to the soul.... You cannot possess or gain both the earthly and the spiritual kingdom at the same time, you must decide for one or the other, for both kingdoms are opposites as are the demands each kingdom makes on you. But remember that one kingdom is transient whereas the other lasts forever.... And do not use your strength, your worries and efforts for something worthless which you will lose again, but use all your vitality to gain eternal values. Life or death is the result of your earthly life, and you yourselves determine this.... So let yourselves be admonished and warned time and again and be reminded of the end of your life, which you cannot escape, which is present to your mind as a certainty. If you want to live forever and not need to fear earthly death, then you must also already on earth take care of this life by paying more attention to the soul than to your body.... by trying to awaken and maintain its life and just allowing the body to live in want, which cannot live forever after all.... And therefore you must not pay too much attention to the world, which only serves the body but not the soul. If you regard the world as your enemy who only wants to hand you over to death.... because the world embodies God's adversary.... then you will also lose all love for the world and turn your thoughts to the kingdom in which God reigns, Whose concern is only ever to awaken everything that is dead to life so that it can be eternally blissful in His kingdom.... Then the world will also no longer be a danger, then you will have overcome it, then you will be able to stand in the midst of the world and yet gain for your soul the life that lasts forever....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

Life and death.... longing for God's love....

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In a world of hatred and unkindness you should long for My love which will never be withheld from you, which you can receive from Me at any time because only your will is needed to accept it.... You should long for My warmth of love because you live in the coldest environment which is not suitable to give life or to sustain life but is like a tomb of death where everything that is still alive also comes to death. You should flee to Me of your own accord, to My heart, so that you are safe in My love. But only a few remember the one Who is always ready for them, Who wants to give them love in

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abundance. And only these few will come to life and also keep life. For only love guarantees life, but lack of love also means certain death. I would like to embrace all of you with My love so that you could arise to life, I would like to give all of you what you are so desperately lacking: a love in whose glow everything that has solidified comes to life. But as long as you still resist Me, as long as you don't let yourselves be embraced by My love, you will also remain in a state of rigidity of death and you will never be able to come to life. But the world is still capable of suffocating every little spark of love, for My adversary reigns in it, who is completely devoid of love and also does everything in his power to imprint his nature in you, who incites people against each other and only ever impels them to think unkindly. And people are hostile towards each other, they try to take advantage of each other, they strengthen selfish love and will only ever strive for self-interest but never serve their neighbour in selfless love.... They are in the midst of the world but do not fight against its dangers, they let themselves be driven willy-nilly by the one who is without love.... And they don't think of Me, Who in infinite love follows people's goings-on and wants to help them to leave the area of death and turn towards life. And only love will ever achieve this, only love will give life and truly make people happy, for unkindness will never be able to provide true happiness. And it should truly not be a question for you humans Who can give you true happiness. You should not look for it in the world but in Me, Who is love and life from eternity and can truly also give you life if you allow Me to radiate My love into you, if you no longer resist it yourselves but voluntarily open your hearts to Me, if you come to Me yourselves and desire to be safe in My love. And from that moment on you will also feel the life within you, you will truly be reborn because My flame of love has also ignited in you and everything that was dead in you will come to life. And now you indeed still live in the midst of the world but yet no longer in the realm of death, and your warmth of love is also able to give life to the dead, which you embrace and want to snatch from its rigidity of death. For the fire of love has great strength, and a loving person is able to carry out great rescue work even in seemingly dead territory. For a loving person is always in contact with Me and thus also constantly draws this strength.... Thus he can also turn My love to the numb as a mediator where I Myself cannot find access.... Yet My fountain of love is inexhaustible and blessed those who come to it themselves, who want to come to life and therefore take refuge in My proximity in order to escape death.... Their hope of finding life with Me will never be disappointed, for I spread My arms in ardent love and draw all to My heart who suffer from the unkindness of their fellow human beings, who long for love and therefore press towards Me, Who now truly also kindles the spark of love in their hearts to the highest fervour....

Amen

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Wandlung vom Tode zum Leben

Transformation from death into life....

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guide all that is dead into life.... For the origin of everything in existence was life.... It was a state guide all that is dead into life.... For the origin of constant activity in light and strength, for the strength of My love.... the foundation of everything in existence.... also permeated that which emerged from Me as a being, and this strength had to become effective in continuous activity. This activity consisted of constantly creating; however, the kind of creations cannot be explained to you since they were spiritual creations which your still limited thinking is unable to grasp. But it was active, and this activity was the evidence of 'life'.... When the beings turned away from Me, when they opposed My strength of love, they gradually fell into a state of inactivity, and thus their state of life became a state of death.... They hardened within their substance and became immobile, rigid and incapable of all activity.... But then they could no longer be called happy.... And countless beings are still in this state of death, which once came forth from Me in all perfection, which were abundantly happy because they were able to be effective in light and strength without restriction.... but which nevertheless voluntarily gave up their perfection when they opposed Me and rejected My illumination of love, when they followed My adversary.... who, as My first-created being, also detached himself from Me... into the abyss. Hence their state of life became a state of death.... However, I will not leave them in this state forever, I will try to bring the dead back to life and will not rest until I have reached My goal that everything which had once fallen away from Me has returned to Me.... until it has come alive again. But this process of return to Me will take an infinitely long time, which certainly will come to an end one day but the duration of it is determined by the being itself. For I have to take free will into account, which is the possession of every being as a sign of its Divinity and which therefore also determines the form and duration of the process of return. Everything you see around you, thus every work of creation, only emerged for the purpose of this process of return, for I devised a plan of Salvation which My love and wisdom recognised as successful and which is implemented by My power. I want to bring everything that is dead back to life.

And that means that all that which is rigid, all that which is incapable of activity, must gradually be allowed to become active again. But this is now decided by Me Myself, because I restrained the formerly rebellious will for a certain time of higher development so that it slowly returns to a state of 'life' although in a state of compulsion... i.e., during this time it has no free will, but has to move according to My will, in order to then, after an infinitely long path of development, reach a state of free will once again. And this process of development involves passing through all creations on earth.... it is a process which becomes understandable to you if you imagine that every work of creation is animated by individual substances of soul, which formerly belonged to the once fallen being and which, in its dead state, was dissolved into countless tiny particles, which thus carry out their designated task within the creations according to My will.... according to the divine law of nature.... You humans are only intended to get a rough idea of what Creation fundamentally consists of.... you should know that it did not arbitrarily arise without meaning and purpose but that it has a tremendously significant purpose indeed: to contribute towards awakening all that which is dead into life.... For that which once deserted Me were **beings** which I externalised as images of Myself, which I wanted to make supremely happy and, at the same time, find My happiness therein as well.... They had been My love's living creations, which I will never abandon and which I also want to help out of their self-inflicted state of death, which I want to guide into everlasting life.... And since My love for My once created beings has not diminished I will not slacken in My efforts to bring these dead creatures back to life. Yet one day they will also receive their free will again, and then they will have

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to complete the work of My love **themselves**.... They must strive towards Me again of their own free will, just as they once turned away from Me.... Thus they must choose a state of life themselves, for their final perfection is not determined by My but by their will. And if this will fails, then the being itself will indeed extend the duration of its state of death, but one day I will reach My goal with certainty, for I will leave nothing in a state of death which once emerged from My love into a free life in light and strength....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Awakening to life.... Duration of time.... A thousand years are like one day....

B.D. No. **5476** August 31th 1952

want that you all become happy.... that you find your way out of the state of death to eternal life. I Lewant it and I shall also achieve it, for My love is your guarantee for this, which applies to you for all eternity.... Yet you, too, must do your part, you must want to live, you must not feel comfortable in the state of death or you will be unable to escape it. Therefore you yourselves determine the duration of the state in which you still dwell, the state of lifelessness, although you still possess earthly life. But your spirit is dead and I want to awaken it to life so that you will be eternally happy. I promise you eternal life but I do not determine your will.... And therefore you can live but also reject My offer. As long as you oppose Me with your will you therefore cannot be happy either, and therefore My love is always intent on changing your will, on guiding your thoughts such that you recognise the state you are in and voluntarily change it. And this can only be achieved by providing you with the truth, which you can still reject but which can also make you reflect, which already signifies a gain. And therefore I shall never cease to give people the truth, I shall constantly give what can bring you humans spiritual advantage, for even if the greatest number of people still reject My gift there are always a few who will accept it and to whom I can give eternal life again.... But for Me there is no time, for Me a thousand years are like one day.... and what I do not achieve on this earth shall be brought about by a new period of redemption, to change the will of the one who is still opposed to Me until he longs for My love and strives towards Me of his own accord.... For I will not rest until even the last spiritual being, which once originated from Me, has found its way back to Me. My will is unchangeable, My love shall never cease and My wisdom and might shall create all possibilities for the return of the spiritual substance. But its will is determined by time.... It can remain distant from Me for endless times and thus be doomed to spiritual death for endless times, but once it will awaken to life.... Once it will know and recognise Me as God and Father from eternity, and then it will also make use of every opportunity to reach Me, and then it will live an eternal life in bliss....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

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

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August 4th 1955

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

Now make sure that you return to that realm fully laden with treasures which you can use again. Then you won't enter your home poor and miserable but radiant with light and richly blessed with spiritual possessions.... Because you can acquire all these things during your earthly life. No matter

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how and where you walk on earth you can always increase your spiritual wealth with deeds of love if you don't allow yourselves to be tied to worldly possessions and always keep in mind that they are transient and that you cannot take them with you into the realm on the other side. But you can acquire many spiritual possessions during your time on earth because people are in great need and you can always ease their suffering, spiritually as well as materially.... What you give in earthly life you will regain as spiritual wealth.... and therefore you should give, help wherever your help is asked for.... And you should also ease suffering without being asked and where it is evident and you will be richly blessed after your physical death because 'as you give you will receive again....'

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

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Transformation from death to life.... helper Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. **6789** March 23rd 1957

'hrough God's strength you must attain life even though you are still in deepest darkness, in a state ▲ of death, for it awakens everything that is dead to life. But the fact that God's strength touches you is necessary for the time being, for it can only touch you when you allow this touch. Even in the state of death your will is not determined.... This applies to the being which has already regained ego consciousness.... i.e. the human being.... and also for the being which, after its earthly change, entered the kingdom of the beyond in an immature state and then sank into the abyss.... whose abode is therefore the dark kingdom of God's adversary. But as long as this being still has its egoconsciousness, as long as it is still aware of its existence, it still has the possibility to change its dead state. It can come back to life if it allows itself to be touched by God's strength. But because its will is free, there is an equally great danger that it will **not** give up its resistance to God's illumination of love. Then it will sink deeper and deeper, its spiritual substance will harden, it will lose its selfawareness and will be banished again into works of creation.... And in order to avert the fate of the new banishment, in order to protect as many beings as possible from it, those souls of darkness are constantly influenced. A work of redemption of such great magnitude is underway as has never taken place before in the spiritual kingdom. God's love seeks to save what can still be saved, and the work of redemption is carried out by the beings of light with such a loving heart that it is not without success. Again and again messengers of light approach the dark beings but they do not appear in their radiant light but, as it were, adapt themselves to the darkness and, with gentleness and patience, persuade those souls to follow them to where it is less agonizing. And again and again individual souls detach themselves from their surroundings, even if reluctantly at first, but the love of their saviours already begins to take effect and they leave themselves to their guidance. If only one of these souls can be saved, then the spiritual kingdom will receive one more helper who will continue the work of redeeming the souls with such eagerness that he will never work in vain. For all torments and their cause are now known to him, and therefore he also knows how to touch the unhappy souls properly and also convince them more quickly. The redeeming activity now only consists of informing the souls about Jesus Christ and His work of redemption.... to introduce them to the saviour and redeemer Jesus Christ, to show them that only He can place them into a state of happiness and that He therefore has to be approached. And Jesus Christ Himself supports all efforts to rescue the souls from darkness even before the end by coming to the aid of all who do not completely turn to Him in repulsion. As soon as just one questioning thought arises in the souls about Jesus Christ and His act of salvation, a cross flashes before those souls, at first only like a glimmer which, however, becomes increasingly brighter to finally be clearly visible to them when their thoughts dwell longer on the

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saviour and redeemer of the world. All these are already grants of strength, but they must not force and are therefore adapted to the behaviour of each individual soul. But inevitably the soul reaches life which only desires to live. And after the state of endless torment in darkness the desire for life will always increase in those souls, and more and more souls will emerge from the darkness when they are called upon by souls wanting to help to follow them. And their guides will always lead them to where they can receive a small light whose benefit they feel, so that they mostly don't want to move away from the light anymore either. And even if their state is still very deficient and worthy of pity, but they have detached themselves from the deepest abyss, and that also means safe ascent, for now they spare no effort, they make good use of even the slightest grant of strength and are in turn ready to help again, and countless souls are preserved from the new banishment, countless souls take the path upwards after an infinitely long time....

Amen

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False doctrine: soul sleep

The sleep of the soul.... Misguided teaching....

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It is extremely wrong to deem the souls of the departed as being in an eternal sleep until the arrival of Judgment day.... This idea proves total ignorance of the soul's process of development, furthermore, it proves a wrong attitude towards Me or a person could not think so wrongly.... and it proves that there is no belief in the soul's life after death, for an eternal sleep of death, as presumed by people, cannot be described as 'life after death'.

But this misguided thought is also a great disadvantage for the departed souls, because prayers will not be offered for them and thus they will not receive the help which they need so badly. But people who adopted this doctrine and were taught wrongly will not accept being taught otherwise, and yet they hold on to the error as if it was gospel truth. Here, too, My adversary's work is obvious, who particularly wants to stop people from praying for the souls, because such prayer could help to set them free, which he tries to prevent. But even when these misguided teachings are confronted by the truth, people will not take the only path which could provide them with clarification.... They need only ask **Me** for an explanation, if they do not want to believe those who would like to correct their error.... they need only approach Me Myself. But they won't take this path, and therefore they are beyond help and refuse to let go of their error.

However, these departed souls suffer immense hardship if they are not remembered in prayer. And people on earth cannot receive instructions for the better from the **spiritual** kingdom either, because they do not believe in a connection between the world of light and people on earth and therefore do not make themselves mentally available to the knowing powers. They are only concerned about their earthly life as human beings until death. Their idea of an 'eternal sleep of the soul' until 'Judgment day' only proves that they lack all knowledge about the spirits' process of redemption, about My fundamental nature, which is love, wisdom and omnipotence, and about Jesus' act of Salvation.... Their knowledge is very limited and does not correspond to the truth in the slightest, and when truth is brought to them they resist it. And yet they try to prove their point of view with the Word of God, with the Scriptures, but it is not their 'awakened spirit' that finds those references, rather, My adversary himself makes use of My Word when he wants to cause confusion.... But he is only successful when a person merely uses his **intellect** and does not ask **Me Myself** for enlightenment through the **spirit** when he asks for an explanation.

The letter kills, only the spirit gives life.... Anyone who does not entrust himself to **Me** first, so that I can guide his thoughts correctly, will truly be killed by the letter, since My adversary can use the letter too but will interpret its meaning completely differently and thereby make the biggest error seem acceptable to people.... The doctrine about the soul's sleep of death is a truly **dubious** teaching.... a teaching which also causes great indignation in the needy souls of the beyond, who 'live' and yet are so weak that they would be grateful for every gift of strength a loving prayer could impart on them. People should frequently remember those souls in their prayers, whose family members on earth believe this misguided teaching.... so that they can gather strength, ascend and mentally help them in turn. Although a life of love on earth will soon provide the souls with clear understanding, they first have to let go of erroneous teachings before they can be assigned to a field of activity themselves.... since every activity in the spiritual kingdom consists of spreading the pure truth.

Hence, a soul that lived a life of love on earth is blessed indeed, it will easily detach itself from misguided attitudes and wrong spiritual knowledge. The others, however, will find themselves in utmost adversity, because every misguided teaching has damaging effects on the soul, but especially

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the teaching about the eternal sleep of death, since it can actually lead to a kind of darkness similar to death, and at the same time reduce the opportunities for help due to the belief that prayers are futile.... However, anyone who sincerely turns to Me Myself will become clearly aware how misguided this teaching is....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The doctrine of the soul's sleep....

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The fact that you are willing to support My Word, which is sent to you from above, gives Me reason to inform you of an error you have advocated up to now. It concerns the doctrine of the sleep of the soul, which gives you a completely wrong idea about the soul and its state when it enters the spiritual kingdom. This doctrine is substantiated by the assertion that there is no mention of an immortal soul anywhere in the Scriptures.... which, however, can be refuted with the Words 'Whosoever believes in Me will have eternal life....' And sleep is a brother of death.... thus someone asleep will not be alive but dead, in the darkness of night he will fall into the state of death, consequently a life in eternity is out of the question. Those of you who depart from earth with this idea will be in dire straits, for you really lack all knowledge and will take a long time to gain a glimmer of understanding. In fact, you will depart from this earth in complete blindness and will receive only little light in the beyond, if you lived a life of love on earth.

But until you let go of this misguided teaching you will not know that you have died either, since you are still in the state of self-awareness, which is your consciousness of continued life. You merely believe that you were transported into different surroundings but will never be able to find rest.... the kind of rest you associate with the state of sleep. And so you will still live but not in a state of beatitude, rather, you will live in the confusion of thought which corresponds to the teachings you advocated on earth.

Everything that emerges from Me remains immortal for all eternity, but it can enter the kingdom of the beyond in a state of death. And all of you who spread this misguided teaching choose this state of death. You do not strive for the life that should be your destiny when you enter the spiritual kingdom. Because only this is the beginning of your life, providing you live a life of love and are able to let go of this misguided teaching. If you believe in a 'resurrection on the day of Judgment', when all who rest in their graves will be awakened, then it will also be your fate not to come to life until you realise the foolishness of this teaching. And your existence in the beyond will be the same, you will linger in an eternal state of inactivity, in a state of sleep, or you will find yourselves in a world you believe to be earth, which you left a long time ago.

Particularly you humans who advocate this misguided teaching, have no idea what anti-spirit you have accepted, and you will have to muster an enormous amount of love in order to suddenly recognise the reality of things. Consider yourselves fortunate if you leave someone behind on earth who will pray on your behalf, who will help you gain the right insight. However, your degree of love is always the decisive factor as to whether or not you recognise the truth in a flash when you pass away from earth. But since you do not believe in the 'immortality of soul' you do not believe in communications from the spiritual kingdom either, which would provide you with knowledge. And that is your disadvantage, because it would inform you of the constant ascent of souls who enter the spiritual kingdom, and you would reject this misguided teaching as satanic and only intended to prevent you from ascending in the beyond, which would soon result in the true life you are all meant to reach one day....

Amen

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Judgement day

Judgement day.... the lot of the good and the bad in the afterlife....

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t the gate of paradise you will stand at the last day and seek entrance, and the living and the dead will be judged. Those who were full of life and faith will be admitted into the kingdom of eternal glory, but woe to those who are dead.... who lack faith and who have thus made themselves unworthy of the heavenly paradise in depravity. These will find no welcome, but will be cast down into the deepest darkness. The lord gave them enough advice on earth so that they would find their way back to Him, yet His words went unheard and they added to their own unbelief by trying to destroy all faith in others and rejoicing in their accomplished goal. Oh woe to them.... To push one's own soul into the abyss is unspeakably sad and reprehensible, but to be complicit in the damnation of fellow human beings or their souls is irresponsible and will be punished by the divine avenger with His wrath here on earth and in the hereafter. Glory will be enjoyed by those who have found God.... who have faithfully served Him and united with the divine father-spirit. Bright light will shine for them in the hereafter, and everlasting joys will await them, for the father's love is immeasurable and prepares all the delights of heaven for them. And so all will receive their just reward in eternity, the righteous will live in the lord, and all those who act contrary to His commandments and refuse to recognize Him as their creator and father will be cast out from the presence of the lord. And this distance from the father will be their greatest torment, for all light will be taken from them and their portion will be deepest darkness. The measure of their inadequacy will oppress them and create a painful state of remorse, and they will rebel against the inexorable power that holds them in bondage. But it is now the task of those good spirits from God to begin their work of redemption on them and, through their tireless love, to bring these souls up to the light. Such a beginning is unspeakably protracted and resistance of all kinds opposes the loving spiritual beings. Those who recognize and repent are not irretrievably lost and, even if they suffer agonizingly, slowly reach the heights. However, hatred and vice often block the path that could lead from eternal darkness to the light with all their will. There, the state is then immediately the greatest misery. For an indescribably long time, such souls have to pass through the fire of their passions until the mercy repeatedly bestowed upon them is accepted.... But eternities can pass over it.... And in the same eternities the fire of divine love shines for the children of God.... They are united with the eternal deity, the primordial beginning of all existence....

Amen

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Judgment day.... closed gates to the afterlife....

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hether you live to see the last day is of decisive importance for eternity. For on that day there will only be living and dead, thus only people who will enter eternal life or be damned. Then there will no longer be a death which can only be addressed as a purely physical death, where the soul, although imperfect, enters spiritual spheres where it can still develop further upwards. On the contrary, on the last day the gates will remain closed in the kingdom of the beyond, for then there will only be living people who are transferred to the new earth, thus do not taste bodily death, and dead people who are devoured by the earth, i.e. who find their bodily death in the work of destruction and whose souls experience re-embodiment into solid matter. And thus the last day on this earth has come, which signifies an end for all spiritual beings dwelling on earth and where a judgement takes place, where everything that lives on earth as a human being will be called to account.... This is the day which has

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been proclaimed since the beginning of this redemption epoch, which seers and prophets foretold, which is doubted by all who do not believe and therefore also do not have the right knowledge. It is the day when every guilt will find its atonement and when there will probably be no human being apart from My own who will not be found guilty. Yet for the believers this day will be an end to all earthly adversity, for them it will be a day of triumph where they will see Me in all glory and be raptured from earth; but for the others it will be a day of terror, for they cannot escape their fate, they have no faith to call for Me in their adversity. And thus they only see certain death before their eyes and don't know that they are now banished from My proximity for an infinitely long time, because they in no way acquired the right to My kingdom, whose ruler I am, which can only accept souls which have accepted My fundamental nature, thus have become love. And all earthly terrors precede the last day, for I still want to admonish people in the last hour to stretch out their hands towards Me so that I can seize them before they sink into deepest darkness.... before they are banished from My proximity for eternal times. Everyone can still come to Me if he makes good use of the last time, and everyone is entitled to unmeasured grace, yet I don't force anyone to make use of My grace but leave everyone his freedom. But the last day will be a reckoning for everyone.... Love and bliss for My own and death and destruction for all who belong to My adversary, for they will be cast down into darkness and have to atone for their sins according to divine justice....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The dead shall rise.... guilt of sins....

B.D. No. **4888** May 1st 1950

C in will be revealed on the last day.... The dead will also rise in their works, i.e., the souls which are spiritually dead will look back and experience every bad deed, every evil thought and will which they allowed to arise in their earthly life, as if written with fiery script, and then the soul will recognize its own hardness and also that it is not worthy for a life in the kingdom of light, because it will only be pleasing to God when it has complied with His wishes and decrees on earth. (3.5.1950) The dead will rise.... Nothing will remain hidden, good and evil will be revealed, everything man has done and thought on earth will come to light, and woe to those whose deeds were evil.... Every sin will find its retribution, provided it has not been deleted by Jesus Christ, that is, it was already forgiven on earth by the human being who, recognizing his guilt, carried it to the cross of Christ and requested absolution from Him. These are redeemed from sin through Jesus' exceeding love and grace. And these need not fear the last judgement. But how few are they.... Faith in Jesus Christ and His act of salvation is truly so rare to find, for mere words do not yet testify to Him as long as He is not alive through love. Hence only those people can be considered redeemed through Christ's blood who live a life of love.... who found Jesus Christ through love and recommended themselves to Him in their spiritual adversity. For only love recognizes Him as God and redeemer of the world; but anyone who does not have love within himself only speaks empty words when he professes his faith in Jesus Christ. Anyone who does not have love within himself will not approach Him in profound humility and confess his guilt to Him, for anyone who does not have love within himself is still a slave to God's adversary who stands against Jesus Christ and thus prevents his heart from turning towards Him. And therefore much sin will be revealed at the last judgment, only a few will belong to those redeemed through Jesus Christ's blood, and people's guilt of sin will be enormous when the dead rise from the graves to justify their actions and thoughts, i.e. when the souls of those will have to confess their guilt because nothing will remain secret any longer what once happened.... All those who died without Jesus Christ, all those who did not acknowledge Him on earth and thus did not avail themselves of the blessings of the act of salvation, will have to answer for themselves, for without living faith in Him they will still dwell in deepest darkness in the beyond, even if endless times pass over it. For they cannot ascend without Jesus Christ because they do not have love within themselves and even in the beyond an ascent is only possible through love. Even in the beyond they still have the opportunity to recognize Jesus Christ, yet only a few change into love of their own free will, only a few take hold of

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His saving redeemer's hand when He descends to them in order to help them ascend to Himself.... Without love they don't recognize Him and don't let Him help them. For sin pulls them down and holds them in the depths as if with chains. Only One can free them from it, and they do not recognize this One in the blindness which is the consequence of sinfulness. But the last judgement will separate the spirits. Even then the merciful father's hand will reach out to the sinners, and whoever grasps it and allows himself to be pulled up will be saved from the punishment of hell of a renewed banishment in the solid matter of the new earth. Sin will be revealed and also the will of those who have sinned, and the fate of the souls will be in accordance with this will after the last judgment, for God is a God of love and mercy but also a God of justice....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Notice to the near end.... judgment day....

B.D. No. **5159** June 26th 1951

ou shall all experience My grace and in the last days be clearly informed of the end by being **L** able to perceive many changes around you, the passing away of earthly possessions, the sudden passing away of fellow human beings who are torn from the midst of life, strange changes in nature and all in accordance with ancient prophecies which I always and constantly sent to people through seers and prophets in order to draw their attention to this last time. You humans will all be prompted to think and the question will be put to you as to what fate you yourselves are facing. Earthly and spiritually you will be troubled, for earthly events will frighten you and also give rise to spiritual thoughts, because you humans unconsciously feel that your order is very poor. All earthly events would not frighten you if you had established spiritual order, but you look for a substitute for the spiritual in the earthly, and since the former now seems uncertain to you, your thoughts are nevertheless directed towards the question: How will I survive when everything is over?.... And this question shall arise in you, this is why I allow so much adversity to befall people, for you don't have much time left but still enough if you seriously want to change. All the strokes of fate that still affect you before the end are means of grace, even if you don't want to accept them as such, but they can still bring you to your senses how miserable you are in the event of a sudden recall from this world.... Pay attention to all events around you, keep your eyes and ears open and prove to yourselves that there is still a spark of responsibility in you; don't be indifferent, look into yourselves and quietly reflect on your intrinsic value if you are to justify yourselves before Me on the last day. For the last day is for everyone the day of his body's death, which is closer to all of you than you realize and will befall some of you even more quickly, for much still lies ahead for all of you. You cannot prevent the death of the body when your hour has come, yet you can stop the death of the soul, indeed, you can give the soul true life which lasts forever, which can never be taken away from you once it has awakened to the life of the spirit. That is why I so often hold bodily death before your eyes, that is why you so often see it around you; you see everything pass away that was worthwhile to you and gave you joy, you see dear people pass away from where no return can be expected. I let you see all this so that you become thoughtful about your own ego, so that you give yourselves an account of what you have to record in order to secure eternal life for yourselves when the body passes away and nothing remains on earth. And if you think about it and only listen a little to the voice within you, you will have made use of a means of grace, for I cannot help you in any other way. Everything that comes from Me must look as if it comes from within you, only then will you accept it. You will still often have cause to think about it, and you should always remember that the last time brings extraordinary phenomena with it, so that all those who still have a good will can achieve in a short time what they otherwise have a lot of time at their disposal for. But the end is approaching with rapid steps and I still want to win many before the end comes. For this reason My grace is constantly distributed to you, anyone who recognizes it and makes use of the means of grace will not be lost on Judgment Day, even if it comes suddenly or only at the end. He will not need to fear it because My grace has saved him from spiritual death....

Amen

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Resurrection to life

Right love is life....

B.D. No. **6311**July 14th 1955

he law of order is love, the epitome of blessedness is love, and God in His primordial substance is L love.... And everything that submits to this law will be blissful and united with God. And that means to be in possession of strength and to stand in the light of truth.... It means to be able to create and shape as a divine being in supreme wisdom and to be able to rule over worlds and their inhabitants which are handed over to the care of a being which has become perfect through love, which can now work on them in a redeeming sense. Perfection can therefore only be achieved through love, and perfection includes the uninterrupted reception of light and strength from the original source.... from God.... Such a state of perfection cannot be approximately described to the human being on earth as long as he himself is not close to this perfection.... He can still reach it on earth, for every human being can live in love.... Yet no human being is forced to do so, and only few voluntarily strive towards this aim, for their wrongly directed love prevents them from doing so, and this wrongly directed love is therefore the wall between light and darkness, between beatitude and torment.... between fullness of strength and complete weakness and inability to do happy things.... Where love is still wrongly directed neither light nor strength can enter, for wrongly directed love is the most effective means of God's adversary to prevent the return to Him and thus to make the source of strength inaccessible to people.... Misdirected love is the inherited evil which has afflicted people since Adam's fall and from which they will not be released until they call upon the one for help, Whose love was rightly directed and Who calls upon all people to follow Him.... He taught people where to direct their love, He proclaimed the right gospel to them when He walked on earth, He exemplified **right** love to people, and He died on the cross for the strengthening of people's will in order to show them what right love is capable of and what it results in.... the resurrection to eternal 'life'.... For life means to be able to work and create in possession of light and strength in supreme bliss, because the eternal source of life now continuously emanates light and strength onto a being which has completely joined Him through love. This source of strength has been made accessible to you humans through Jesus' death on the cross. But you have to practice love yourselves in order to reach that source which now continuously nourishes you, which gives you eternal life in bliss.... Therefore fight against selfish love, against the wrongly directed love which only knows as its aim everything that belongs to the adversary of God.... fight against it, for it only brings you death.... But ask Jesus Christ to help you live in the love He preached.... Ask Him for strength and fortification of your will, join Him and follow Him, and your earthly path will safely lead into the valley of life, for this is why He died on the cross, so that you can be given the strength for this which you, as fallen beings, lack as long as you are still in the bonds of the one who is God's adversary.... Jesus Christ will release you from these bonds, Jesus Christ will lead you the way to God, to the final union with God, which He Himself had already found on earth.... For the man Jesus lived a true life of love on earth and thereby shaped Himself into a shell which God Himself could now occupy.... in order to suffer and die for people so that they might attain eternal life....

Amen

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Death and resurrection.... life....

walked the path which was marked out for Me, but which I had to travel voluntarily in order to ▲ reach the aim.... to be completely united with the father from eternity. I walked the path through death to life.... through darkness to light.... And I proved the light and the life to men through My resurrection on the third day.... I had to suffer death in order to enter into eternal life, for 'life' is only in union with God, Who in Himself is 'eternal life'. It is about far greater things than you humans easily understand by the word 'life'. It is the divinization of that which has been created which has been set as the aim for that which has been created, and in order to achieve this complete divinization, the depths must be overcome, a path must be travelled which leads over death to life.... And death is everything that is far from God.... The path to **life** is the path to **God....** and since once the created 'fell' in plurality, it must now 'resurrect'.... And it must return from darkness to light.... it must emerge from the night of the grave in which it languished for eternity and step out into the light of day. I have risen from the dead, I have given you humans the proof that you too can rise to life, even though you suffer earthly death.... I have proven to you that death can be overcome, that you can all step out of the night of death into the light of day if you follow Me.... if you live as I lived on earth: if you lead a life of love.... For then you will strive to come closer to God, then unification with God can take place, and then there can no longer be death for you, because you have united yourselves with 'life' after all but still have to discard the earthly body which is only a hindrance to you for a life in freedom and bliss.... Thus you have to die earthly, your soul emerges from the grave which previously kept it locked up; it enters radiantly into the kingdom which is its true home.... it rises from darkness to light.... what happened to Me will also happen to you, and therefore you need no longer fear death, because I have taken away all its terrors.... I rose from the dead on the third day, made visible to My disciples, who were to behold My spiritualized body, so that they themselves might believe and go into all the world proclaiming that I live.... But before My crucifixion people still remained in the abyss after their death, the path had not yet been cleared for their entry into the kingdom of light, and therefore I also had to descend into the abyss after My death and also build the bridge from there upwards into My kingdom, and all souls which languished in the abyss were allowed to follow Me. My love also called them to follow Me.... The day of resurrection had also come for the souls in the depths, they too could attain life through My act of salvation.... For death was overcome through My work of love, and all souls will rise to eternal life who, like Me, seek union with the father from eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

New birth means resurrection....

B.D. No. **6593** July 12th 1956

The day of your new birth is also the day of resurrection for you.... As soon as your soul reflects on its purpose of life on earth, as soon as it makes contact with Me, with the spiritual kingdom, as soon as it begins to strive towards Me and My kingdom, it emerges from its grave of darkness, it awakens to new life.... For the new birth of the soul is precisely the change from the realm of My adversary into My realm. The soul still dwells on earth but it was born into darkness at the beginning of its embodiment as a human being and of its own free will has made its way to the light, thus it has emerged from its grave as soon as it was able to liberate itself from its shell with the help of Jesus Christ, as soon as it has now attained a spiritual rebirth and its thoughts and aspirations are now spiritually directed.... So it has also experienced a resurrection from the night of death to the light of day.... Thus the 'day of resurrection' refers to this change which the soul can still make on earth and which also guarantees it a 'life' in light and strength in the kingdom of the beyond.... whereas souls can also remain in the state of death after their departure from this earth but still have not passed away.... For no soul will be able to pass away, no matter how immaturely it departs from this earth, it will only be in a death-like state, without strength and in densest darkness.... It exists but is not resurrected to life.... A resurrection is certain for every person who makes an effort in earthly life to establish the

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connection to the spiritual kingdom.... who thus strives for an ascent upwards of his own will, who does not allow himself to be satisfied with earthly existence alone but acknowledges a higher being, entrusts himself to Him and completely surrenders himself.... whose soul thus experiences a new birth when he carries out this inner transformation and surrenders himself to Me of his own free will.... And such a soul will not need to fear earthly death either, for it merely escapes the external shell, the body of flesh, and enters the kingdom of the beyond with a transfigured body, because it is once incorruptible and because it has also overcome death, the darkness and powerlessness which exclude 'life' in the spiritual kingdom.... and because something living is also visible to the equally living.... And the soul is happy to be able to get rid of its body of flesh, which was only a fetter for it as long as it lived on earth. But immature souls also discard this bodily cover and yet remain bound, they remain in their grave, in darkness, in a state of ignorance, to their own torment and hardship.... But they, too, can still rise to life in the kingdom of the beyond, they, too, can come out of their grave, they, too, can attain to the light with the help of Jesus Christ, if they call upon Him, Who rose from the dead, Who conquered death, that He may roll away the stone before their grave, that He may take away the guilt of sin which held them in the night of death, in the grave.... so that they too may come out into the light of day.... All men can rise from the dead, but Jesus Christ must give them succour.... And if He is already called upon on earth for His help, for redemption from sin and death, the soul can also already experience its resurrection on earth, and it will then never die again, even if the human being suffers earthly death. Yet every soul is immortal.... i.e., it no longer passes away, and no matter how much it is in the grave of its sin, it must endure the darkness of its grave, it must realize its complete lack of strength to be able to rise from its grave.... it cannot and is dependent on help.... And if it therefore accepts help which is offered to it in love, then it will also remember Him Who alone can help it to resurrection.... it will call upon Jesus Christ, Who Himself rose from His grave, Who overcame death and Who can loosen every fetter.... Who offers His hand to every soul so that it can rise from the grave and now enter into life, which it can no longer lose either....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Resurrection.... Decomposition of the flesh....

B.D. No. **7262** January 21st 1959

Everyone of you living on earth will physically die, but your soul will either arise into life or remain dead, if it did not strive for life on earth. Thus, resurrection is assured to all of you who desire to live.... For those who do **not** believe in the resurrection do not **desire** life for their soul either, instead, only the life of their physical body is possibly desirable for them, which they seek to prolong as far as they are able to do so. But they will die and remain dead for an infinitely long time to come, even though one day resurrection will be assured to them too.... However, anyone who seeks and strives towards attaining life for his soul can also be certain that it will rise from the dead after the death of the body, for Jesus Christ provided the evidence for this, Who arose from the dead on the third day, Who had conquered death and the one who had brought death into the world. Admittedly, His resurrection is being doubted by believers and unbelievers, for even the believers are unable to grasp this greatest of miracles and are often inclined to harbour quiet doubts as long as they merely 'believe' but have not yet brought this faith alive properly. But as soon as My spirit can work in the human being these doubts will be clarified and Jesus' resurrection will be the clear evidence of his own resurrection for him, he will know that he will not die but only enter from this life into the kingdom of the beyond, where he will live forever.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a constantly disputed problem amongst people, for on the one hand they want to doubt it, on the other hand they want to deduce from it a resurrection of 'the flesh' because they believe that Jesus also arose in the flesh on the third day.... They don't yet realise that Jesus only made Himself visible to people in order to help them to believe, but that they only ever saw his **spiritual** body which presented itself to them visibly. All the substances of his physical body had spiritualised themselves through His crucifixion, and thus the 'man' Jesus had put on a spiritual

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garment when He visibly approached His disciples.... And you, too, will put on this spiritual garment at your resurrection into life.... The physical body stays behind and its substances continue the path of higher development; hence the body of flesh decomposes and its substances animate other forms again which are still at the beginning of their development.... Thus they will never enclose the soul again, they will never be the shell for the soul again and be resurrected with it at the same time.... And yet the soul will arise from the dead if it has fulfilled My will on earth, if it strives to enter the life I promised it when I lived on earth as Jesus, the human being. A resurrection is assured to all of you, yet you determine the time yourselves. However, you must gain the right understanding of a 'resurrection of the flesh', for the works of your flesh will certainly be judged and according to these will be your resurrection.... either to life or, if your works give evidence against you, to death, the banishment into hard matter. And this is once again an infinitely long lasting state of helplessness and darkness, a state of death which, however, you aspired to on earth yourselves because you lacked the faith that you are destined for life and not death, which you caused yourselves.... For this reason I arose from the dead in order to provide you humans with this evidence.... And yet, you can only believe it again if you, through a life of love, awaken your spirit which will subsequently explain and instruct you about everything, and then you will also be able to believe with conviction what cannot be proven to you. Strive towards life and you will never ever need to fear death, you will live forever in strength and light and freedom....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Resurrection to life....

B.D. No. **8794** March 30th 1964

You, too, will rise from the dead, that is, you will only leave your earthly body but the soul will enter the spiritual kingdom.... And I gave you the evidence of this, I let the process take place visibly in Me, for the whole world was to take note of the fact that I had overcome death, that there need be no death for the human being who has procured the state of maturity for his soul on earth, that it can enter the kingdom of light as spiritualized after its departure from this earth.... But this 'resurrection into life' must always be preceded by redemption through Jesus Christ, otherwise the soul will remain a slave to death, for as long as it is still in My adversary's power it has no life, it is bound and completely inactive, it is truly a state of death in which an unredeemed soul finds itself. But I acquired eternal life for it through My death on the cross.... It no longer needs to fear death, for I gave it life which lasts forever, I merely release the soul from its body of flesh and it can enter the kingdom on the other side in freedom, the soul rises from its grave, it enters a state of light which is completely opposite to the bound state before. That is why I therefore gave men a proof through My resurrection on the third day, because no-one believes in it that there is a further life after death, and because they therefore led their earth life indifferently and lukewarmly and did nothing to secure a resurrection in light for the soul. And I had to prove it to them through the fact that also My body rose, that it broke the fetters of death, that I emerged from the grave to appear to Mine again and to prove to them the fulfilment of My promise that I will rise again on the third day. All of you men are to believe that you are not only created for earth, that with your death not everything is over, but that the actual life only then begins. And you should shape your nature in such a way that you still spiritualize yourselves in earthly life, that not only the souls but also your bodies can rise again out of the grave after death, that they can enter into true life, and that such is possible, for this I gave you the proof.... The ignorance of those men at the time of My walk on earth, their spiritual blindness was so great that they themselves knew nothing about purpose and aim of their earth existence, and they thought to be extinguished again with the moment of death, and accordingly they also only lived purely worldly directed sense; they did not think of their soul's salvation and did not fear the responsibility before their God and creator. And that is why it was necessary to give exactly these men a proof, which indeed was also only accepted by the good-willed as credible, while the others tried to explain to themselves in all possible ways the disappearance of My body out of the grave. But My own were strengthened in their

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faith, to whom I appeared as I had predicted to them and whom I also sent out into the world with a mission.... To carry My gospel out into the world, to proclaim the teaching of love and to make people believe in life after death and to preach about My resurrection from the grave to all who were of good will and listened to My disciples. Men were to be strengthened in their own responsibility for the guidance of their life; they were to consciously strive for a resurrection after death, and as soon as they believed in Me and in My work of redemption, which I have accomplished for sinful mankind, they could also believe in My resurrection and now also go towards their own resurrection without fear and in trust in Me, Who will raise them up one day in eternity. Because I Myself have given you the promise: Whoever believes in Me will live for eternity.... And even if his body dies.... his I, his soul, cannot die, it only changes its abode and enters the kingdom of the beyond, but which is now constituted according to his way of life.... And if I Myself can awaken the soul from its sleep of death, then it will also be granted a life of bliss.... For as soon as it believes in Me it has also found Me in earthly life and carried its sins under My cross.... And then it is free of all guilt and enters the kingdom of the beyond carefree, where it will now live and can never ever lose this life either....

Amen

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The life of the soul in the hereafter

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

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

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

State of souls after death.... light - twilight - darkness....

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June 8th 1951

Nothing remains hidden, everything will be revealed on the last day.... Consider, you humans, that you will have to answer to God's judgment seat when you enter the kingdom of the beyond,

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when your soul has left your body, when your last day has come. And the eternal judge decides your fate in eternity, the eternal judge gives every soul what it has earned and truly judges according to justice. And blessed are those who are surrounded by a glow of light, who can show deeds of love which cover them in a ray of light which makes their degree of maturity recognizable.... blessed are those who sought the truth and thereby betrayed their striving towards God; blessed are those who endeavoured to fulfil God's will, who stand in the right relationship as children with the heavenly father and are therefore accepted by Him and taken into His kingdom.... But what darkness surrounds the souls which are devoid of all love. These, too, are widely recognizable, for they stand before God's judgment seat grey and lightless, in greatest poverty, and their darkness characterizes their loveless life, their unbelief and their affiliation to satan, and they turn away from God and seek to flee from Him. They don't recognize Him but they fear the one Who wants to judge them for their deeds, and it becomes increasingly darker in them and around them, and an exceedingly meagre and charmless region takes them in where they feel unhappy and rebel against their fate which, however, has justly affected them.

And again souls stand in light twilight, they are unable to recognize anything, yet they are not tormented by extreme darkness, yet they lack light. They long for it and cannot find their way in their surroundings, although every now and then a slight twilight plays around them, which they push towards in their distress.... These souls have not been bad, but they have been careless on earth and have neglected to provide themselves with a bright, shining garment through deeds of love; they lived thoughtlessly, did nothing bad, but also nothing good. Their faith was dead and they did not think of their souls and now arrive miserably in the spiritual kingdom, fearing darkness and wanting to escape from it by anxiously striving towards the light, while the souls of darkness flee the light, although darkness is also torment for them. But they cannot tolerate light in their state until they have changed their will. Every soul is considered according to law and justice.... for no soul can conceal its nature, because the whole way of life lies openly and clearly before God's eye and the spiritual kingdom does not allow any concealment of the actual nature, because all of the human being's deeds on earth create the state of light or darkness itself and therefore every soul is recognizable and also where it belongs. Have mercy on the souls which are still in twilight, for a loving prayer from you can already bring about a change for them, for this signifies a flash of light, it signifies a small grant of strength and the right guidance of their will, and only the love of people or beings of light brings them salvation from their unhappy situation, which they feel unusually hard and would like to improve. The souls of darkness also need your help, but in their obduracy they often reject such help. Yet unceasing intercession for such a soul will not remain without success, for it is like a flow of strength which touches these souls and which they feel beneficially. But you humans don't know in which kingdom you should look for your loved ones, and therefore you do well to remember everyone with love, even those who are still imprisoned by the kingdom of darkness.... You should diligently intercede, you should remember all your loved ones who have passed away, you should know that they all still need much strength and sincerely thank you for such an influx of strength which a prayer of love means for them. Through this you will remain in constant contact with the people who were close to you and will also experience their concern for you as soon as they have awakened from their spiritual lethargy, as soon as they have understood that they have to and can make up for much in the kingdom of the beyond, where love is also the only means of salvation and the souls willing to help can advance in order to leave the kingdom of darkness and twilight into the kingdom of light.... You humans, help them, for they need your help because they are too weak-willed on their own and God's love and justice can only give them such abundance of light they have acquired through their way of life on earth. But you can give them light as soon as you remember those in need with a loving heart and want to help them....

Amen

The works of the flesh will be revealed.... Beyond....

he actions you accomplish on earth have an effect in the spiritual realm.... These are therefore works carried out by the flesh, which can be beneficial or evil, depending on which impulse caused them. For the human being can listen to the voice of his spirit but also to the voice of the world, which tries to influence the body and the body's desire more often than not contradicts the urging of the spirit. The spirit, however, urges loving actions, and if the human being, who lives on earth in the flesh, acts accordingly he will accomplish works of love and subsequently also receive his reward according to these works, whereas the body's desire is always based on selfish love and the works of self-interest will likewise be remunerated in the beyond, albeit not in a way that denotes happiness. Yet people who merely selfishly create and work in order to improve their body's sense of well-being have already received their reward.... they have created their earthly fate of pleasures and enjoyments and are not entitled to be rewarded in the kingdom of the beyond because they are lacking love, which alone is valued by God.... And thus a person can live on earth in affluence and happiness, if he does not use his wealth for kind-hearted activity then no good works will follow him and he will enter the kingdom of the beyond in a poor and wretched state, then the works of the flesh will be evident and he will be judged according to these works.... For he did not lack the strength on earth to be active according to God's will. But if he arrives in a deprived state on the other side he will also lack the strength to catch up on what he neglected to do on earth, then he will be dependent upon help to receive what he is in need of. Nevertheless, even this help presupposes his will as it did on earth, and a soul's will in the beyond is rarely different from what it was on earth. And on earth it was only his will which prevented him from carrying out kind-hearted activities, because his selfish love was too strong and he did not rise above himself. As you work on earth in the flesh, that is how your reward will be in the spiritual realm.... And what you neglected to do on earth, even though you were able to do it, will likewise be taken into account as a shortcoming, for which you will have to justify yourselves one day. Therefore create and work for eternity, don't value earthly life too highly, consider the soul's fate after the body's death and create for that life, make sure that only works of love will be revealed on the last day, on the day you depart from this earth when you will be judged according to your works.... for you can only be rewarded for works of love, because these works will follow you into eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Life in the hereafter perpetual regulated activity, no state of rest....

B.D. No. **1623** September 20th 1940

ife on earth is the preparation time for eternity. If now this time is used in such a way that life ✓after death is always thought of and therefore life is lived consciously, then man shapes himself so that he can register a certain maturity at the end of his earth life, and then this has earned him the success that he can now enter the eternal kingdom and can again fulfil the tasks there, which wait for him. For life in eternity is a perpetual activity; it is not a state of rest but only then truly blissful when it is filled with constant activity. If a person is accustomed to lively activity on earth, he will be able to fulfil every task that is set for him in the beyond, and therefore a busy life on earth is a good preparation time for the actual task in the beyond. No hour should remain unused and the strength from God, which is imparted to the human being, should spur him on to fulfil all the demands that earthly life places on him. For one day even more will be demanded of him and it will only ever depend on his will which work he is assigned. For now again he is free to be active, only the state of happiness depends on what his will tells him to do. For being active in the beyond means receiving and distributing.... being active means constantly receiving new knowledge and passing it on, i.e. instructing souls who lack knowledge. Anyone who has already practiced caring for others on earth will have a very large field of activity in the beyond, for he will always carry out what he is told to do because love urges him to give what makes him happy and what he constantly receives. He will want

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to help to spread the light, he will be undauntedly active, and love will always underlie all activity, for love is strength which wants to express itself and thus expresses itself in lively activity. And therefore the human being should never find joy in an idle existence in earthly life, for this will burden him one day and he will hardly be able to fit in with regular activity which, however, is the epitome of that which signifies eternal happiness for the beings.......

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Life in eternity.... connections.... reunion....

B.D. No. **1772** January 10th 1941

he surroundings in which a soul that has departed from life in faith in Jesus Christ now lives are ▲ indescribably charming. It can be called a paradise in comparison to the valley of the earth, it is an extraordinarily beautiful region, which is also reminiscent of earthly realms, although it has an incomparably happy effect on the soul. What seemed particularly attractive to the soul on earth it will certainly find in its present surroundings, only far more beautiful and perfect. The soul can lead the same life in the beyond as on earth, as long as this has brought it redemption; thus as soon as earthly life was not an obstacle to spiritual maturity it can dwell in the spiritual atmosphere and therefore its happy state can consist of the joys it longed for on earth. However, advanced souls in particular usually no longer desire such a sojourn. They are already too alienated from the world because they were spiritual seekers. Hence the soul's present environment will be the kingdom of light, and the children of earth have little access to this kingdom, i.e. it cannot be visualized to them. They are unimaginable creations of a magical abundance of light which are devoid of all earthly works of creation. The soul is guided into the new home in a truly caring way by the beings of light coming towards it, everything around it is radiant light, and the spiritual eye sees the strangest creations of gigantic beauty, always adapted to the previous perception, so that therefore the soul must be happy because it sees and hears and is allowed to possess what gives it greatest happiness. And it will never enjoy happiness alone, but beings will always be together with it, which have the same feeling, the same spiritual maturity and are to fulfil the same tasks. This spiritual concurrence of the sentient life of several souls delights the soul to the utmost. The souls that are spiritually on the same level unite intimately and thus form a harmonious whole without any discord or spiritual conflict. Rarely, however, can it be assumed that such a soul will see again many of its relatives who have gone home before. For rarely have they all had the same spiritual endeavour, and thus the surroundings of these souls are also quite different. And according to their fullness of light they also stay close to earth, i.e. with the souls spiritually related to them. Hence all these souls can also find earthly creations around them, however, only those souls will desire them which are still attached to earth and its possessions. Hence the descriptions of such spiritual reunions should not always be regarded as erroneous, it is just that this sphere should not be considered a goal for a striving soul.... What is comprehensible to people on earth is also still very earthly, very human.... but what goes beyond that is again not so comprehensible to people. These spheres are so overwhelmingly beautiful and harmonious that their inhabitants do not like to come back to earth and also rarely approach their relatives, because this proximity is an unfamiliar atmosphere for them, which they leave again as quickly as possible and turn to their actual home, which offers them so many marvellous things and where through the union with spiritually mature beings ever more radiant light is spread, and this is therefore unimaginable for the children of earth, who themselves still pay far too much attention to the world than that they could penetrate into the purely spiritual area. How life in eternity takes place after death can only be conveyed to very few through spiritual vision, but this much is certain, that only rarely the same connections are made in the beyond that existed on earth. For in the rarest of cases the same spiritual attitude, the same spiritual maturity and the same eager striving towards God can be found in people who belonged together on earth, consequently, only the same spiritual relationship of maturity will result in the unification of the beings in eternity, but these can be human souls who are complete

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strangers on earth who find each other there in order to be unutterably happy by practising works of love which, in turn, apply to the still imperfect beings on earth and in the beyond....

Amen

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Spiritual death

'Whoever loves his life shall lose it....'

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The will to live means guaranteed victory over death.... Admittedly, you cannot prevent bodily death, but even physical death can be the transition into life if the human being's will is strong enough for him to gain eternal life. This will to live has My approval, even though I said the Words 'Whoever loves his life shall lose it, and whoever loses it will gain it....' Anyone who only thinks about how he can preserve his physical life will very soon realise that he is completely powerless and taken from this earth without being able to oppose it. Thus it is not this kind of will to live which will enable someone to be victorious over death....

The soul's true life has to be desired, and the human being's will has to use all its strength to acquire it, then there will be no more death for the person for eternity, then he will live in light and strength and be able to be constantly active for his own happiness. Then he will have truly conquered death, and the soul's separation from its body will be an awakening into new life, unburdened by the physical shell, free from all matter and yet with an inconceivable abundance of strength. This is the life people on earth should learn to love and only endeavour to gain one day, then they will long for their death, then they will want to relinquish their earthly life for the sake of true life in eternity. But people are still far too attached to their bodily life, they fear to lose it, they love earthly life and therefore will lose it and their fate will be death.

And again, not physical death is meant by this but the death of the spirit, into which the earthly life-loving soul will descend without fail. This death is worse than a human being can imagine, for he will then have lost himself, he will have lost his earthly life and his soul will be without light and strength, totally helpless and in profound darkness.... Spiritual death is an indescribable torment for the soul because it is conscious of itself, thus it is aware that it was not obliterated at the moment of death but continues to exist in an agonizing condition. The desire for pleasing activity can only ever be fulfilled by the living soul, for this requires strength which is only inherent in a living being, whereas a being without strength is dead.

However, what the human being accomplishes on earth with his inflowing energy of life need only consist of worldly activity, which will certainly increase material commodities but they are worthless in the spiritual kingdom.... Or it can consist of spiritual activity, which will produce everlasting treasures and thus also guarantee a life in eternity. And for this reason, the human being's will should seriously strive towards eternal life, so that he then utilises his energy of life for the acquisition of spiritual strength.... then he will be victorious over death, then eternal life will be certain for him and he will not taste death for eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Spiritual death.... term "life"....

B.D. No. **4088** July 22nd 1947

The human being can live and yet be spiritually dead, but conversely he can also die and yet enter eternal life, except that this is a spiritual life, whereas the former only concerns the body, whereby the soul is in a state of lightlessness and consequently also without strength, thus a state of death is its fate, even if it lives in the midst of a joyful environment. For earthly life is only an illusory life which does not last, yet the human being who is spiritually dead is also without realisation and

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therefore places the illusory life before the actual life, the life of the spirit in eternity. But what are you human beings basically and really? You are spiritual, only enclosed by a material cover, and as soon as this cover falls, which is transient, the spiritual in you is free, no matter in what state the soul leaves the body.... It is free from its outer form, but not every soul is free to will and able to create. But wanting and being able to create out of itself is its bliss, it is the state which was its original purpose and which has been lost. Wanting and being able to create, however, is synonymous with life.... being able to be continuously active according to its will.... On earth, too, 'life' means being able to be active unhindered by physical weaknesses and infirmities, for an earthly life which is accompanied by the latter is not fully valued and is regarded as a shortcoming as long as the human being does not have the right knowledge about his earthly task. On earth, however, even the inactive person usually compensates himself by fulfilling earthly desires and thus helps himself to overcome his state of weakness or conscious inactivity.... idleness.... taking himself day by day, which was given to him for the upward development of his soul. In the spiritual kingdom, on the other hand, the soul must do without any anaesthetic, it must feel the state of its inactivity oppressive, it must become a torment to it so that it seeks to escape from it. Its lack of strength prevents it from changing its state on its own authority, it is poor in every respect and has to live in want until help is brought to it in its adversity through the prayer of people close to it on earth. For where love sends such a prayer after it into eternity, a glimmer of realisation will come to the soul in a flash. If it uses this, the light around it will soon become stronger and the dreadful torments of lightlessness will subside. But the desire for life now awakens in it and stimulates it to activity, but activity in the beyond is: to work in love, just as the soul can only gain eternal life on earth through a life of love, which only gives its soul the right life. And thus death need never frighten a person who endeavours to live a life of love on earth, for he will not die but live in eternity. But for the others, who only value earthly life alone, death will retain its sting, for they are truly in the state of death after their demise, only that they are not completely extinguished but that the awareness of their existence clings to them extraordinarily and often such that they only think of themselves and pay no attention to the hardship of the souls around them. And then they are in deepest danger of having to remain in the state of death for eternities, for only love can give life, because the law of love has to be fulfilled on earth as well as in the beyond, because without love there is no life and the human being can never be saved. Life and death can therefore be close together, a person's passing away need not signify his death, just as a person's life on earth can only be called life if the spirit is constantly active, if the person sets himself a spiritual aim and eagerly pursues it; if he works with love as his spirit tells him to do, for he will not die but live for eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

Sleep of death.... rising from the graves on the judgment day....

B.D. No. **3916** October 27th 1946

The dead only rest according to the body, i.e., the body is relieved of all earthly activity, and the earthly-material fulfils its purpose assigned to it by the creator by still granting residence to innumerable living beings in its process of dissolution until it is completely dissipated again as spiritual substance. The human soul, however, no longer has a share in the body's state of rest; it can indeed dwell in the beyond without activity, yet this state is not a state of rest but a state of impotent awareness of its existence, a state of greatest powerlessness which is agonizing because it is consciously felt by the soul. Therefore, it is not possible to speak of a state of rest for the dead and even less so for souls which have reached a degree of perfection that they can enter spheres of light. For these souls are constantly active and are blissfully happy in their activity. And therefore it is wrong to speak of the sleep of the dead until their awakening on the last day.... A raising of the dead will certainly take place on that day.... the spiritually dead on earth will awaken from their sleep when they recognize God in His greatness and might and when they have to answer to His justice. But this awakening will be dreadful. And so, too, many who rest in the graves, bodily and spiritual, who already dwell in the spheres of the beyond, will be called to account because they prefer the rest of

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death to life-giving activity.... On the day of judgement those souls will also be sentenced to renewed banishment in matter, so that they can now taste the state of rest which seemed desirable to them and yet from which they were able to escape. For if a soul regresses in the beyond it will strive towards matter itself and its will will be complied with.... thus the raising from the graves on the last day will have to be understood.... The body of flesh has certainly found its rest insofar as it no longer needs to serve the soul, yet its spiritual substances must also continue to fulfil their purpose according to divine destiny. But the souls are to be pitied if they cannot enter the state of life after the death of the body, and the resurrection on the last day to eternal life or to eternal damnation is only to be understood in such a way that the realization will suddenly come to those living on earth, the awakening from deepest spiritual sleep, but to the evil for judgment; For good people who are turned towards God and fulfil God's will know about the state of life after bodily death and do not fear the latter, and they also enter eternal life. But many souls will also have to go the renewed course of development on the new earth through their creations, which have long since departed from this earth, which had time in abundance in the spiritual kingdom to change their will and become active, but which remained in their powerless state and preferred the tranquillity of death and therefore became increasingly more powerless, so that the spiritual itself hardened and is ripe for renewed banishment in earthly creations. These arise from their graves, as it were, for they are again offered a new opportunity to come to the light of day, albeit after an inconceivably long period of time. All that is dead in spirit will awake on the last day, yet not to life, but to judgment.... Blessed are those who do not rest in this sleep of death, blessed are those who are constantly active on earth or in the spiritual kingdom and whose activity does not consist in earthly toil but serves their spiritual development.... blessed are those who live in the spirit, who do not give themselves over to slothful sleep, who do not seek rest, for they will live in bliss and need not fear the day of resurrection....

Amen

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Eternal life

Promise of Jesus: eternal life....

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November 16th 1951

You shall live for ever and ever.... But life can only be promised to you by Him Who is lord over life and death, Who Himself is life from eternity and Who has conquered death.... Jesus Christ, the son of God and redeemer of the world, Who came forth from the strength of the most high as an independent being, equipped with strength in full measure, Whose love moved Him to bare His strength and, as a weak helpless human being on earth, Who was subject to the law of death, to fight against death and to defeat it in order to liberate all people held captive by satan from his bondage. For death had been brought into the world by satan. Death is a powerless dark state that is the consequence of the former sin against God.... Light and strength mean life, powerlessness and darkness, on the other hand, condemn the being to stagnation in inactivity. People on earth would have to expect this rigid state after their physical life, they would sink hopelessly into darkness and would not be able to free themselves from it.... they would face eternal death unless a saviour approached them Who was stronger than death, Who was able to defeat it and give people the life again which they had possessed in the beginning as spiritual beings and which they had lost through the sin of their former rebellion against God.... (16.11.1951) Life had been lost to them, i.e. everything that enabled them to be happily active, for life is incessant activity according to wise law; life is the use of divine strength

Jesus Christ promises this life to all people, but under certain conditions. He **can** certainly **give** life, but people must also desire it and do everything to make themselves worthy of true life, of life in the spiritual kingdom. They must want out of the state of death, they must take possession of the strength which secures eternal life for them, they must make contact with the source of strength, they must fight the death of their souls **with Jesus Christ** and defeat it, which is only possible **with Jesus Christ**. For it is the death of the soul they must fear, because the death of the body is unimportant, but the soul, the essence in the human being, does not perish, only in a state of complete lack of strength and light, i.e. spiritual death, it can become a slave to immeasurable, endless torment....

according to divine principle and therefore a state of unlimited bliss.

But you shall live.... What comforting words these are for you humans.... Jesus Christ does not want you to meet death, He wants you to live, and He has promised you this life.... because He alone can give it to you, Who has overcome death. But your will is free.... Don't forget that you can achieve everything, that there is nothing impossible, that Jesus Christ has also shown you all ways and means, but that you must want it yourselves, because what is to make you blissfully happy cannot be given to you against your will. Eternal life is the most beautiful promise He could give you, that all fear of death will disappear, that an unspeakably blissful future lies ahead of you which will last forever if you want it yourselves and fulfil the conditions Jesus Christ attached to His promise.... that you believe in Him.... For then you will comply with all His words, you will fulfil His commandments, you will live according to His divine teaching of love and accumulate divine strength within yourselves, love will awaken you to life even if the body's strength weakens and your shell approaches bodily death. The soul will then release itself, it will break through the barrier of death with all its strength, it will free itself from the bonds of the one who wanted to give you death, it will become blissfully aware of its strength and now be able to be constantly active, the spiritual kingdom will receive it where there is only life, where all beingness is active in God's will, where new life is constantly generated, where there is eternally no more death... where everything is blissfully happy in and with Jesus Christ....

Amen

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Eternal life.... activity.... power from God - love....

B.D. No. **5017**

December 10th 1950

he power which awakens life is and remains love, for it alone establishes the connection with the L original source of love, which is also the original source of power. Without God there is no life, therefore whoever wants to attain life must receive it from God, which can only happen through activity in love, through which God unites Himself with the human being and this union also results in an overflow of strength which guarantees life. The process of transmitting strength can take place in different forms.... It can manifest itself through the impulse to increased activity of love, it can be expressed as spiritual striving but also be felt as direct transmission of strength, as reception of the divine word, which is strength in itself and has a particularly life-awakening effect. As soon as the soul rises into spiritual spheres through thoughts or desire for God it begins to live; it is born anew and the spirit in it becomes active, and activity is life, thus a spiritual life begins for the soul, it enters a stage of its ascent development which never remains unsuccessful because something living is constantly active and constant activity signifies an increase of wealth which consists of spiritual treasures and is therefore of utmost importance in the spiritual kingdom, after earthly life. Therefore, Jesus Christ promised eternal life to the person who believes in Him and follows Him out of this faith, i.e. who lives a life of love on earth. This person will live eternally.... there will be no more death for him, for once he has become a recipient of strength from God he can no longer remain inactive, because the strength from God stimulates him into spiritual activity, into love and into constant striving upwards. But the connection with God always has to be established by the human being himself, which only love can achieve, but then the reception of strength is guaranteed and there will be no more death for the human being, then he will live eternally as God has promised....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Aim of God: eternal life.... free will....

B.D. No. **6108**

November 14th 1954

iving you eternal life is the aim I have set for Myself from the very beginning.... For I want to Jshape you into beings which are active in eternal bliss, which therefore live and create in full possession of light and strength. My aim is for you to achieve this bliss.... And yet, you must carry out this transformation yourselves, which is the prerequisite for eternal life.... For although My power is unlimited I nevertheless cannot shape you like this out of My power, because it is not My aim to have will-less creatures close to Me, but I want to have children around Me who have freely attained perfection, whose bliss I can continually increase and in whose bliss I Myself also want to take pleasure.... Children of My love you shall become in free will.... This is My plan of salvation from eternity, which I will also pursue until I have reached My aim. But endless times will still pass until everything that has come forth from Me, everything created, will have reached perfection. However, since it is not My work alone but remains your own work, My love is always anxious to help you, to guide you onto the right path, to inform you of your task and to influence you in every way so that your will now carries out what results in your and also My beatitude. And this is only ever possible through My word, which clearly and understandably informs you of My will, the fulfilment of which is also equal to the fulfilment of your earthly task.... I, as your God and creator of eternity, constantly remain in contact with you, My living creations, through My word.... And My address also proves to you the one Who created you. My address is for My children who shall recognize their father in Me, who shall feel My love so that they learn to love Me and long for Me.... If I have achieved that they show love towards Me, then they will also strive towards Me, and then I will have won them for eternity.... For then they will also reach the degree of perfection which will let them become blissfully happy.... then they will shape their nature in free will towards love, and then I will have achieved My aim.... But I do not force a person to accept My word.... And that is why so many people still hold

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back from Me; they don't give Me the opportunity to let My love shine upon them; they turn away from every gracious opportunity; they flee the places where they could receive unmeasured if they were willing. These prolong the time of their distance from Me Myself, and I must respect their will.... Once, however, I safely reach My aim.... Yet to their own sorrow My creatures prolong the time of their wretchedness, for they are in a state of death, and only when they desire to **live** do they withdraw the life force from My word.... Only when they let Me Myself speak to them will they be permeated by My strength of love and begin to live.... But then they will also be blessed and remain blessed for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

You will live forever....

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You will live forever.... you will not lose this life anymore.... Is there a more enjoyable promise than that I want to give you eternal life and that you will thus be eternally happy? For life is blissfulness, because life is a state in freedom, light and strength, because 'life' is the state for which I have created you, which guarantees your perfection.... And this perfection will have been endeavoured towards by your own free will, otherwise no life would be possible, for prior to that you were in a state of death and only your free will was able to and can change this state of death into 'life'.... Furthermore, life means permanent union with Me, Who nourishes you with the necessary strength to live, which flows to you without restriction and will never again be limited.... Life is working and creating with Me and in My will.... and yet also in keeping with your will, for you have completely entered into My will because you are perfect, because you have become My images and will no longer think and want anything other than Myself and therefore you will also be incomparably happy.

And that is the final goal of the beings which once emerged from Me and My strength as living creations, which were indeed supremely perfect, since nothing imperfect can come forth from Me, but which voluntarily relinquished their perfection, fell away from Me and then had to travel an infinitely long path of development in order to achieve the highest level of perfection again, in order to thus return to Me, yet no longer as a 'living creation' but as 'My child', into which it will have voluntarily shaped itself through love.... which is indeed its fundamental substance because it came forth from My love, but which its free will had to arouse into the brightest of blazes.... but then eternal life in supreme happiness will also be guaranteed.... And this is the life I have promised you.... I Myself want to grant you this blissful life, and thus I will never cease in supporting you to achieve this said high degree of love, whenever it may be.... One day you will attain life and then never lose this life again.... This is truly the most glorious promise, for you can hope. You need not fear to be lost; you need not remain in the state of death forever, for I have told you 'You will live forever....'And My Word is truth.... only you yourselves determine the time when you will enter into life; you determine the time when you escape death, when you return to Me, unite with Me again and then also arrive at the life which lasts forever....

And thus you can also endlessly prolong the state of death if you misuse your free will again, if you oppose My loving support which stimulates your love. And then you will prolong your state of misery too, for only life is happiness. Yet you have free will, and this prevents Me from giving you life against your will. For you have to attain perfection yourselves, which guarantees you life in eternity, otherwise you would eternally just remain My 'living creations', but the goal of becoming My 'children' requires striving for perfection in free will. As long as you humans are still in the state of death, as long as you lack light and strength because you lack realisation and the influx of My strength of love, you are also in a state of unkindness, for voluntarily practised love would also result in light and strength, and that also means an 'awakening to life'. And then you will no longer be able to fall back into the state of death, because you will be enlightened and also recognise the purpose of your earthly life and consciously strive for it. And this is why love has to flare up in you if you want to

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attain the life which lasts forever. And I, the Eternal Love, will leave no stone unturned in order to lead you to this life, for I can only unite Myself with life but never with death.... and therefore I will first awaken the dead to life, which My infinite love will indeed achieve sooner or later....

Amen

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Utilizing the time on earth to become blessed

The correct use of time on earth....

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February 6th 1955

Earthly life is but short yet time in the beyond is infinitely long.... Hence you humans should use this earthly time well, you should accept every difficulty and utilise all your strength for the salvation of your soul. You should renounce all comforts of life and with your rejection ensure your claim for spiritual wealth which determines your fate in eternity after the death of your body, which is the only beneficiary of earthly possession but may not keep them forever. Compared to eternity earthly life is but a moment and you should not consider this moment so important.... and yet consider it extremely important for your soul.... thus constantly evaluate it spiritually. Although during your time on earth you have a concept of time by which your days and years appear to be long.... but consider that infinite periods have already preceded this earthly life and eternity will follow.... You, however, are only conscious of your lifetime on earth and therefore it means everything to you.

Nevertheless you know that your body has to die.... you know, that everything earthly is transient, you know, that everything your body had found indispensable and gave it a sense of well-being cannot be of any use to you after your death. Therefore consider this first and consider what to expect after the death of your body.... You can prepare an extremely wonderful existence for your soul during your earthly life but also a state of agony and darkness.... Time and again you are told that you will live on.... You are not without knowledge of this even if you don't want to believe it.... Consequently consider the possibility and make provisions.... Live virtuously on earth and don't set your heart on material things which, after all, will be taken from you again.... Don't consider the body at the expense of your soul.... First care for your soul then your body won't go short either, but don't let your thoughts move into the wrong direction and let the soul go short because of the body. For your soul is your true Self, the Self which is immortal and one day can be blessed if you work for and accomplish this bliss on earth....

The happiest hours on earth pass like intoxication, earthly pleasures don't make you happy forever, earthly life slips by fast.... but you cannot avoid your fate in eternity and that will correspond to your life on earth.... Eternal life or spiritual death.... you alone choose the conditions for yourselves in eternity because it is up to you what kind of life you live on earth. Evaluate your earthly life correctly.... so that it leads to the maturity of your soul and is not just used for the well-being of the body.... because you only stay briefly on this earth yet eternity is infinitely long....

Amen

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Free will is fundamental eternal law.... Attaining beatitude....

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January 22nd 1952

are imperfect of their own volition. I cannot grant them eternal life as long as they prefer spiritual death. I can do everything apart from enslaving the will of that which I created out of My strength of love. For I created perfect beings which are inconceivable without free will. However, the fact that they gave up their perfection, that they therefore also lost their realisation and strength, was the result of their free will, which could just as well have increased the perfection insofar as that My created being could have striven freely of its own accord for light and strength, thus demonstrating its perfection lawfully, i.e., of its own free will. Freedom of will allows for moving upwards as well as

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downwards.... Hence, the fact that the spiritual being fell was its own fault.... Now it must voluntarily strive upwards again in order to attain the original state, and I can never take this free will away from the being again, otherwise I would offend against Myself, against the fundamental law of eternity. Do you now understand why I cannot arbitrarily help you humans to ascend? Why you must achieve the transformation from the abyss into higher spheres yourselves? Do you now understand why I can only ever influence your thinking so that you direct your will towards Me and thus consciously strive to reach Me? Do you understand why My love is constantly concerned that you, who had already spent an infinitely long time before you were allowed to embody yourselves on earth, will finally reach your goal?

You were truly granted an extensive period of time in order to achieve this change of will and nature, yet one day even the longest space of time comes to an end, and you are facing this end.... I cannot arbitrarily shape you such that you can enter eternal life, you must lend a hand yourselves, for it is always My will to accept you into My kingdom, My will would never reject your will if it desires to reach Me, just as it once turned away from Me and pulled you into the abyss.... Worlds will vanish before the last spiritual being has accomplished this transformation of will.... Nevertheless, My love wants to help you humans so that you will not remain distant from Me for eternities to come, so that you will not remain for eternities in a material form, which either keeps your will bound or, as a human being, gives you the final opportunity to reach your goal of uniting yourselves with Me again.... You should know that you, as a human being, are at the last stage of your development on earth, that you can release yourselves from the material shell in order to then enter eternity as a blissful spiritual being. Know that you can become blessed if you want it, but that I cannot help you attain beatitude against your will.... Let yourselves be admonished and warned by My Fatherly love, take advantage of this short time and shape yourselves such that you can unite with Me, that you become what you were in the beginning, blissful beings who were able to be work in an abundance of light and strength.... Consider your purpose and seriously strive to reach your goal as long as you live on earth, for the day will come which concludes your earthly course of life, the day will come when the time has expired which you were granted for your complete redemption, for your ascent into the kingdom of light.... Use the time before it is too late....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Working of love.... using of God's gift of power.... "He who abides in love...."

B.D. No. **4629** May 4th 1949

A gain and again love must be preached to you without which you are and remain powerless. Loving activity puts you in possession of strength, but this does not mean the vitality which every person possesses even if he does not observe the commandment of love. But this vitality enables him to work with love, so that he can therefore also easily gain possession of spiritual strength with which he then succeeds in the soul's ascent development. For this reason love should also be preached to people, because everyone is capable of performing works of neighbourly love if only he wants to. And he should use this in order to secure something for himself for the time after his death, when his vitality is withdrawn, whereas the spiritual strength, which he has thus acquired through loving activity, remains with him and he can use it to work in the spiritual kingdom on his own perfection and on the souls which are still under him in their development. Fulfil the commandment of love.... This admonition cannot sound urgently enough to you, for you are lukewarm and indifferent and don't attach much importance to My commandments. But you don't realize that every act of neighbourly love results in an approach to Me, that this is, as it were, inherent in a work of love, that if you love you draw Me to yourselves, otherwise you would consciously strive for an approach to Me and gain an unspeakable amount for your soul, for eternity. To work with love is already to make use of My gift of strength which is granted to you if the will awakens in you to carry out a work of neighbourly love.... Therefore, working with love is already a joint activity with Me, and if you imagine that I am always present to you when you are lovingly active then the desire for Me and the awareness of My

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nearness must already impel you to constantly work together with Me.... You can achieve nothing without love, nothing is of value before My eyes without love, and if you achieve everything on earth and are without love in your heart you need not take pleasure in it, for it is worthless for eternity, it is of no use for the development of your soul, and poor and empty you will enter the spiritual kingdom.... No works of love will follow you, and one day you will bitterly regret this.... The loving human being, however, can be poor on earth, earthly goods and earthly happiness can remain denied to him, yet his soul can rejoice and exult because it has found union with Me, because I am constantly close to it and every work of love proves My presence: "He who abides in love abides in Me and I in him...." Without love there is no union with Me, only love unites. The loving human being aligns his nature with My fundamental nature, which is love in itself; he will be able to work with greater strength on earth and in the beyond because love is strength which emanates from Me and enables ever new deeds of love. Use the strength of life and be active in love.... Again and again I call this admonition to you, for only love redeems you, it sets you free from the adversary's shackles and earns you unity with Me, Who is eternal love Myself....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

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

B.D. No. **4455** October 9th 1948

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

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

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

Amen

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You are to acquire life for yourselves, you are to escape the state of death in which you humans dwell, and thus an elivir of life must be accounted. dwell, and thus an elixir of life must be offered to you, forces in you which lie idle must be released through it, a new stream of life must flow through you, and everything must be set in motion which previously rested inactive and rigid in you.... You must awaken from a sleep of death lasting ages.... There is a reliable remedy for you to awaken to life.... It is the living word, it is the water of life which pours out from God and which radiates a power that is sufficient to give life to the dead. For this water of life, God's word from on high, is the direct irradiation of divine love which is of such strength that nothing touched by it can remain in a lifeless state.... But one thing is necessary, namely that this irradiation of love is not resisted. The length of time in which the awakening to life takes place depends on the willingness of the creatural. For by 'life' is not meant what is regarded as life by people on earth. Humans, animals, and plants also have a life.... But this life only serves to reach real life, which is to be understood as an eternally never-ending state of light and strength and is the goal of all creatural, because it signifies eternal bliss. And only God's word gives you this 'life', but you humans must willingly listen to it, ponder it and act accordingly. Then all of you will feel its strengthening effect on yourselves, then you will understand that God's word can be called the true elixir of life and that there can be no eternal life without this life-giver. For to be dead means to fall into a hardened state completely devoid of light and strength.... And yet this state is agonising for the being, because the term 'death' must not be confused with 'non-being'. The creatural suffers immeasurable agony, for what once came forth from God can never ever cease to exist, it could only fall into an immeasurably agonising state because it gave away its life.... because it lost light and strength, thus the condition for activity, and fell into a state of hardening.... And it should free itself from this, it should strive for its former life again, it should acquire strength and light again, and it can do this by allowing the light of Love from eternity to flow into it and by now kindling itself with it.... by receiving the word of God and following it by practising love.... Thereby it becomes a power station itself, for love is power in itself.... The power begins to become active and what was dead awakens to life.... to a life it can never lose. Without God's word this process of change from death to life is not possible, for by 'God's word' is meant not only the direct address or impartation of spiritual knowledge, the human being can also be spoken to emotionally so that an urge for love expresses itself in him.... God can also speak to people in the form of feelings.... But the irradiation of divine love is always necessary for the dead to change into life.... God's word is indispensable and conveys the knowledge of His will to the being. For God's will must be followed if the dead being wants to attain life. God's will is love for Him and for the neighbour. But love is light and strength, love is life, and where it is active the state of death must change, the being must be stimulated into activity, and activity gives proof of life.... And God will not rest until all dead has returned to life, for it was originally created in light and strength, something living had been brought forth from God Himself.... And this life, which it once possessed and voluntarily gave away, must be regained irrevocably, otherwise the being would have to persist eternally in wretchedness and torment....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

Utilizing the divine word....

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Everyone 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

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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

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Spiritual rebirth

Spiritual rebirth.... grace....

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The act of grace of spiritual rebirth is evidence of the rightly utilized free will.... For this spiritual rebirth is not accomplished by divine will, otherwise no human being would remain in spiritual darkness, because God loves every one of His living creations and this love never grows cold. But the spiritual rebirth is a sign of progress, it is a step towards perfection, and this can only be achieved in free will. Nevertheless, the spiritual rebirth is an act of grace, i.e. divine grace has brought it about, for without grace the human being is incapable of progressing even one step further on the path of perfection. So free will has evaluated the divine grace available to the human being in the right way, he has let it work on him, free will has desired it and received it, and the effect of divine grace is spiritual rebirth. Hence, only someone who has consciously turned his will towards God, who strives towards Him and enters into contact with Him through heartfelt prayer and who therefore opens himself to receive His gift of grace.... His word and with the word of His power.... And thus the awakening of the spirit in man is an act of grace.... a manifestation of divine love, which now reveals itself to the human being through His spirit. Without the human being's will the awakening of the spirit does not come about unless the soul is bound by the strong power of satan, who controls it against its will.... In that case God can break satan's power and liberate the spirit in the human being without his conscious intervention, since in such a possessed state he is deprived of his free will. Nevertheless, the soul then already has a certain maturity and is no longer resistant to God, thus as soon as the human being can dispose of his will again, he also turns to God. Then God's grace appears even more obviously, because at the same time the revival of the spirit is connected with a healing of the sick, which must always be considered (evaluated?) as a gift of grace from God. But once the spiritual rebirth has taken place the human being's will has to remain constantly active, the human being has to constantly ask for the influx of grace, he has to constantly open himself to this grace and make use of it, because the awakening of the spirit actually means a constant receipt of that which God's love bestows upon people for the attainment of perfection.... And all this is grace.... but it can only ever be received by the human being if he opens himself to it of his own free will. Free will requests grace, free will accepts it, grace again awakens the spirit to life, and the spirit's activity is again the imparting of gifts of grace.... For everything divine, if it is made accessible to the human being, is grace, because the human being in his lower state of maturity is not worthy to come into contact with divine gifts. Yet God's love overlooks the human being's unworthiness and grants him divine gifts as soon as the human being is willing to accept them. The will is manifested through prayer and through loving activity, for the latter is the direct connection with God which increasingly earns the human being grace.

(23.9.1944) If the human being is spiritually reborn, God's grace has therefore become effective in him, and then the human being will also remain in His grace, for the spirit now guides and leads him and stimulates him into constant activity of love, as a result of which God's grace constantly flows to him. And therefore a spiritually reborn person can no longer fall, he can no longer distance himself from God because this is prevented by divine grace, by God's love, which keeps and constantly cares for the human being. The human being truly does not deserve the abundance of grace which is at his disposal, for as long as he lives on earth he is not so good and perfect that he would be entitled to claim it, yet he can become so if he uses grace, for it is the means at the human being's disposal to become perfect. Everything that helps the human being to develop upwards can be called grace. And so suffering is also a grace which, if used properly, can bring infinite blessings and ensure spiritual progress for the soul. Suffering must also be accepted by a person whose spirit has awakened to life,

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who is therefore spiritually reborn, for suffering is meant to mature him, it is meant to purify him, because no soul, not even the spiritually reborn, is already so clear and pure that it no longer needs a purification process. And that is why suffering is also to be regarded as grace, like everything else that helps the spiritually awakened to higher development. For to attain the highest possible maturity on earth should be the aim of the one who is spiritually reborn. But without God's grace he cannot reach the aim, but with His grace he is able to do everything. God, however, leaves it up to him which measure of grace he wants to acquire, which measure of grace he requests and wants to receive by opening himself. The spiritually reborn person, however, will not slacken in prayer for the granting of grace, and therefore he will constantly strive towards God and be seized by His love, which will never ever let him fall but constantly help his soul to ascend....

Amen

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Spiritual rebirth....

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piritual rebirth is the human being's objective on earth, otherwise the soul will also be without life When the body dies, but since it is immortal it cannot entirely fade away. Spiritual rebirth means life for the soul, but life for the soul without spiritual rebirth is impossible. However, the human being will be spiritually reborn when he seeks contact with the spiritual realm of his own accord. The human soul is no longer content with the body's life, but it cannot find fulfilment of its desire in the earthly world either and aspires towards the realm to which it really belongs, and depending on the sincerity of its will the human being will be reborn sooner or later. Kind-hearted activity is absolutely necessary for the attainment of spiritual rebirth, since this revives the person's spirit. Through actions of love the dormant spiritual spark within the soul unites with the eternal Father-Spirit, it becomes active, and activity is life.... If, by his deeds of love, the human being gives the spiritual spark within himself the opportunity to become active, he will have become spiritually reborn and can no longer descend into the state of death. Once the spirit is awakened it will never disregard him, it will constantly influence its surrounding shell, i.e. the spirit will influence the soul and through it also the human being's body, urging him into kind-hearted actions and thereby advancing the soul's higher development. Spiritual rebirth cannot be intellectually achieved, neither will nor words can make it happen, only a will that is put into action results in it, and these actions need to be deeds of unselfish love for other people. A person's spirit will only come alive through love, it will only move into action through deeds of love, and thus only through love can the soul achieve eternal life, which is the consequence of spiritual rebirth. But anyone who has love also lives in constant contact with the Eternal Love, and thus the eternal Father-Spirit will also constantly influence the spiritual spark in the human being.... Eternal Love will draw to Itself what is striving to shape itself into love.... And then there will be no more death for the soul.... Then there will only be life, i.e. uninterrupted activity in strength and light; then the shackle of death has been removed, then death has been conquered....

Hence a spiritually reborn person will never fear his body's death because his soul knows the transience of all earthly things as well as the immortality of everything in the spiritual realm, it does not fear its earthly death because its eternal life is guaranteed. It does not merely believe in the soul's life after the death of the body but it has become certain of it, because it is instructed by the revived spirit, because the knowledge it receives from the spirit results in profound conviction.... Hence its faith has become unwavering because it carries the evidence within itself.... the awakened spirit, which is part of the eternal Father-Spirit. A spiritually reborn human being has no further doubt in regards to spiritual knowledge, because the working of the spirit within him also includes ever-increasing understanding, recognition of the eternal Deity and His reign and activity, as well as the knowledge of God's eternal plan of Salvation.... His imparted knowledge is not mere faith, since the wisdom of what is presented to him is so self-evident in the eyes of the spiritually reborn person that he needs no further evidence but he is fully convinced of its truth, which he can now call his own mental concept because his heart and intellect have absorbed it. Therefore the spiritually reborn person

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need no longer search, through love he has found what he was looking for. Thus love is the key to wisdom, and wisdom is knowledge which corresponds to truth, which emanates from and leads back to the spiritual kingdom....

However, a human being can only be reborn in spirit if his soul ignores the body and merely strives to bring the spirit to life who, thus, even if unaware of success, relinquishes what the body desires of his own accord, in order to give it to those who suffer hardship and are in need of spiritual or worldly help. Giving away worldly goods for the sake of selfless love will bring him spiritual wealth. However, distributing spiritual wealth will result in immense growth within himself, because God's spirit can then work in the human being without restriction, He will give truth, which signifies eternal life.... Life, however, is uninterrupted activity.... The spiritually reborn person can no longer be inactive, but will then diligently work for the kingdom of God.... he will take part in Christ's act of Salvation for erring souls on earth, because the spirit in him does not rest, like his eternal Father-Spirit it is always and forever active.... And thus spiritual rebirth will always result in the human being feeling urged to work for the spiritual kingdom. He will take little notice of worldly life but keep his attention constantly focussed on spiritual life in the knowledge of its importance and in the desire to help where understanding is lacking. Because the spiritually reborn person knows of the darkness on earth, of the lack of strength in people who attach too much importance to worldly life. He knows of the souls' hardship, of their spiritual death even on earth and one day in eternity, where they are far more conscious of their helpless state, where it is an agonising state for them and the soul can no longer be helped if it continues to reject all advice as it had done on earth. The spiritually reborn human being is aware of his mission and will follow it with love and eagerness. He radiates light, and good for him who is not offended by this light.... good for him who takes notice of the person who wants to bring him light, who seeks to awaken him into life too.... Spiritual rebirth can be recognised by everyone who is spiritually orientated, because true wisdom is recognisable by every willing person, because where there is will the spirit's strength gets activated.

Let your spirit come to life and you will have reached the goal on earth which you were given in the beginning. As soon as the soul detaches itself from the body you will enter the spiritual kingdom with a wealth of strength and knowledge, and all you will leave behind is immature matter which has not yet spiritualised itself on earth.... But you yourselves will enter the realm of the blissful spirits in a free state and nothing will deter you from actively forming and creating, for the love in you will prompt you to do so and cause a state of bliss in you which you are unable to comprehend on earth. Because you will be able to unite with the eternal Father-Spirit Who will draw His children to Himself with burning love to make them eternally happy....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Spiritual regeneration and renewal....

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You waim and desire should be to experience spiritual rebirth, then you will also enter into union with Me and your ascent will be assured. You were born into the flesh and the spark slumbers in you, which is My share, but this spiritual spark does not yet have life, even though you live on earth, you first have to give it life, thus the spirit in you has to experience its birth, and this is just your work. It is your task, on the fulfilment of which your life in eternity depends. To be born anew in the spirit therefore means to give the spirit in you the opportunity to enter into your life completely independently of physical life, thus to take part, as it were, in everything you think, speak and act. The spirit within you, which is My part, wants to have a say in your earthly life, it wants to advise, guide and instruct you, it wants to make itself heard and draw the soul over to itself and thus help you to find union with Me so that you will be saved. But how do you awaken the spirit in you to life? By doing the will of the One Who gave you life and Who placed the spiritual spark in you in order to establish the connection with you through it, who are still distant from Me and yet should find union with Me

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while still on earth. And it is My will that you keep My commandments, that you love Me above all else and your neighbour as yourselves. Then the rebirth of the spirit will take place very quickly and it will be able to work in you.... And for the time being its activity consists of organising the thoughts which now turn towards the spiritual kingdom.... Your thinking will be spiritually directed.... In contrast to the earthly life before you will occupy yourselves with spiritual matters, you will no longer give the world special emphasis but your desire will be for matters concerning the life of the soul, you will think about life after death, you will seek Me and I will let Myself be found.... For the spiritual spark in you seeks unification with the father-spirit and wants to cause you to strive in the same way, it wants to detach you from the world and open up the charms of the spiritual world to you, and it will succeed in all of this if you give it the opportunity to work.... Then you will be born anew of the spirit, and then you will also safely reach your aim, for I am eternally united with the spiritual spark, and consequently you are also united with Me if you let yourselves be drawn by the spirit within you, if you once awaken it to life and then hand yourselves over to its influence.... Soul and body will now take advantage of the connection with the spiritual spark within you, soul and body will relinquish the earthly world in order to connect with the spiritual world, and soul and body will push towards Me, because the spiritual spark now determines thinking, feeling and willing and the spiritually born anew human being completely hands himself over to the influence of the spirit. Thus anyone who is born anew of the spirit will no longer walk in darkness for ever, he has found the light.... he has come to life and will never lose his life.... he will live for eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

Awakening to life....

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want to awaken you to life.... My spirit shall come alive in you, then a rebirth is accomplished, the ▲ soul has entered a new stage of consciousness, it starts to work on itself, to dissolve its outer cover always in communion with My spirit, which gives it the guidance for it, which imparts strength to it and to which it now subordinates itself and seeks to shape itself according to My will.... Look at the little plants on earth, how they unfold and spread as soon as a ray of sunlight touches them, how they strive towards this light, open up and grow and flourish.... In the same way the soul is touched by the ray of My spiritual sun and surrenders to its effect, it unfolds, all forces within it are awakened and active, for My spirit will now never let it go, My ray of love touches it as soon as it only turns to Me as the eternal light.... it bursts the shackle, the coverings which still surround it, it frees itself from everything which could prevent the influx of My light of love, it works on itself and crystallises as it were with My support, it also knows that I Myself guide and lead it, for My spirit within it instructs it correctly.... And it shapes itself into love.... As a result, the strength from Me also becomes overwhelming in it, it is filled by My spirit to the same extent as it is filled by love for Me and for its neighbour, it has awakened to life and will never die for eternity, for the soul, once it has entered into real life, can no longer sink back into the death of the spirit, My strength works too powerfully in it and this strength keeps flowing back to Me. At the beginning of your embodiment as a human being you are still dead in spirit, the soul is still inactive, it only pays attention to bodily life, it has only directed its senses towards the world, and the spiritual spark in you rests in complete inactivity. It is indeed a part of Me, and what comes from Me is life.... My spirit never rests and yet I do not influence a person's soul against his will, thus My spirit only touches his soul when it becomes active with love through its will, thus it opens itself to My emanation of love, which causes the part of Myself, the spiritual spark in the human being, to become active, which he then no longer relinquishes. For once My radiation of love has been able to touch the soul it has already entered the stage of life, and it rejoices in its life and no longer gives it up. What I have created will not cease to exist but there is a state of death which is extremely agonising for the spiritual substance.... This is why I want to awaken it to life so that it can enjoy its existence, so that it experiences life as bliss, so that it can be active with light and strength. This alone means life, the utilisation of the strength from Me with love and

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wisdom, and you humans shall all gain this life.... I Myself will bring you life if you want to accept it from Me.... Therefore be willing and you will live for eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

Serious reminder to remember death....

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I one of you humans knows how long you will live on earth, none of you knows when the hour of your recall will come, and none of you knows whether you still have the time to prepare for your end. And you humans should always remember that you could already stand before your judge tomorrow, that He will demand an account from you for your earthly way of life, for the use of your will, for your actions and omissions.... And you should also imagine the consequences of your conduct on earth and therefore seriously endeavour to live in such a way that you need not fear the hour of your recall, your last day. The fact that you are allowed to live on earth is a grace which you should make use of or you will bitterly regret it, for you can gain an infinite amount on earth but also lose an infinite amount. You have the strength to work for a blissful life in eternity, but if you use this strength wrongly, so that you only want to make your earthly life beautiful, then your recall from earth will be a misfortune for you, because you will lose everything you own and will not be able to display any of the possessions which are of value in the world of the beyond. Then you will never be able to return to make up for what you have missed, you will have to create a bearable fate for yourselves with great difficulty because you lack the strength which was abundantly at your disposal on earth. You are still alive and indifferently ignore indications of your end, admonitions and warnings, the life of your body makes you secure but you don't think about the life after death.... Seriously consider the hour of your departure from this earth and ask yourselves what you may take with you, ask yourselves what spiritual possessions you have acquired. Will you have much to show for it? Will the thought of death frighten you? Will you be able to stand before your judge without fear because you have lived according to His will? Seriously consider your situation and change it if it does not seem satisfactory to you, for there is not much time left and no one knows when he will be called away.... None of you can prolong his life by just one hour when his time is up, but each of you can achieve it that there is no hour of death for him but only an entrance into eternal life.... Everyone can gather riches on earth which he takes with him, which are imperishable and guarantee him a life in the kingdom of the beyond.... and what is therefore possible for you, that you should try to achieve, for on the other side it will be unspeakably difficult for you to make up for the shortfall you have through your own fault if you don't recognize your purpose of earthly life, if you only work for the life of the body but not for the life of the soul on earth.... Use every day that is still given to you, for all too soon the hour of death will come for you when you stand before your judge....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

"I want you to be blessed...."

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I want you to become blessed.... My aim is not earthly bliss, for earthly life is only short compared to eternity. But you shall be granted an eternal life of bliss, and this eternal life shall be the price for your probation on earth. Nothing on earth shall seem desirable to you anymore, your gaze shall be directed towards life after death, and if you can give up everything with a light heart you will be ready for eternity. Your heart must be able to detach itself from earthly things, you must be able to sacrifice what is dear to you on earth, you must strive with all your heart and soul for what belongs to the spiritual kingdom, goods which are denied to you by the earthly world, which no-one can offer you but Me alone and which I offer you because I want to make you blissfully happy. Learn to value spiritual goods and despise earthly goods.... and be certain that I will provide you with the earthly

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goods you need in order to be able to fulfil your earthly task. Make yourselves completely My own and I will take care of you in every way, I will provide for you earthly and spiritually and not let you go hungry, yet in order to become blissfully happy your soul first requires spiritual nourishment which will ensure its life in eternity. You humans put earthly needs first and believe that you cannot exist without over-anxious worry.... But I know that you lack spiritual nourishment much more, and you have to strive for this yourselves because I cannot impose it on you due to freedom of will. Earthly food and earthly drink only ever sustain your body for a short time and can never prolong your earthly life if I call you away from earth. Spiritual nourishment, on the other hand, ensures your eternal life.... And what you have once received in spiritual nourishment will never ever perish or become ineffective; you take it with you into eternity and build your life on it. In order to be able to live eternally in beatitude you also have to carry out a pleasing activity and therefore need capital with which you can work, which you can distribute to those in need, you need spiritual wealth which does not diminish but always increases the more you give of it. And I want to give you this spiritual wealth so that you will become eternally happy. But you can only accept it if your heart is completely empty, where My treasures can spread out, for spiritual treasures are not compatible with earthly treasures, a heart cannot contain both, and it is up to you which goods you want to keep your heart free for. But if I love you and want you to become blissfully happy, I, as a wise father, must also advise My children and help them to cleanse their heart chambers of unsuitable goods which displace the true treasures and make it impossible to receive them. And thus I will help you to detach yourselves from what the world offers you, what your heart still desires but is a hindrance to you for eternal life.... And therefore consider all earthly failures as an aid on My part to detach yourselves from the world and its illusory goods, recognize My care in it which only applies to your final aim of making free, exceedingly happy beings out of you who will know no more sorrow and worry in eternity but will only ever be blissfully happy and live.... i.e. be continuously active in loving activity. I want you to become blissfully happy, I want to be able to provide you with spiritual nourishment because you need it for eternal life....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Easter message....

B.D. No. **5363** April 13th 1952

Let Me arise in your hearts and then walk with Me in blissful togetherness. As long as you still walk the path without love I am dead for you.... but you, too, are dead in spirit, you live well on earth but move in spiritual darkness, in a state which is equal to death, for the life of the body can be taken from you at any hour, then you, i.e. your soul, will be enveloped in a dreadful silence of the grave, in darkness, and it will be completely devoid of all strength.... Awaken it to life already on this earth by joining Me, by providing your soul with strength from Me.... Let Me come alive in your heart and you will never die again, there will be no more death for you forever. Seek to be spiritually reborn, thus to experience a spiritual transformation, so to speak, so that you can leave the grave of your physical shell at any time and step out into eternal life in the most radiant light....

My resurrection on the third day has provided you with the evidence that death can be overcome by every person who follows Me in truth. He, too, will rise who has accepted Me into his heart through love, for he will be powerful and full of light.... he will be able to break through the material shell and now live a spiritual life, he will not be able to die according to his soul but only leave the body behind which was only a shackle for him. And I will receive him in My kingdom, I will introduce him and show him the glories which no human eye has ever seen and no human ear has ever heard of; I will prepare a dwelling for him as I have promised. The glories of the heavenly father shall be revealed to him, and he shall live forever.... Let Me rise from the dead in your hearts, only then you too can rightly say: Jesus Christ died for Me, Jesus Christ redeemed Me.... Only then will you no longer need to fear death, for there is only one life for you, you have been taken up from the grave of your sin into the light, you can walk in heavenly realms, you can enjoy the bliss of the spiritual kingdom united

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with Me, you experience the nearness of Him Who redeemed you, everything that covers your spirit has fallen away from you, you are free and you will live for eternity....

Amen

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